



Gaynor Mae Ray Chandler

February 27, 1933 - June 27, 2025

Heaven just got a little livelier.

On June 27, 2025, at the age of 92, Gaynor Mae Ray Chandler traded her Earthly Home for her Eternal One, built by Chuck Chandler, no doubt. She lived boldly, loved fiercely, and made sure no one left her presence without a warm hug and at least one good laugh.

Born on February 27, 1933, in Huntington, WV, Gaynor lived life with both feet planted firmly in her faith and her heart wide open to everyone she met. A devoted Christian woman with a quick wit, a beautiful smile, and a zest for life, she never met a stranger. She was sure that everybody “just loved her,” and she was usually right about that!

She married the love of her life, Charles Ray Chandler, and together they shared 50 years of marriage filled with love, service, communities of faith, travel, and endless adventures. Raised in Barboursville, WV, she graduated as valedictorian of Barboursville High School’s Class of 1951. After high school, she worked as secretary to the vice president of Columbia Gas but later chose to leave her career to raise her daughters.

She attended Bridge Church and loved being pastored by her grandson, Matt, for the past few years. Though her eyesight and hearing began to fail her, and

she couldn't always hear what Matt was saying, she still told everyone how great a preacher he was. She loved to sing in the choir and attend Sunday school. Her faith was truly her anchor, but she didn't just talk about Jesus, she lived Him out in every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, every prayer, and every delicious meal she served for her family, friends, or anyone in need.

She is survived by her daughters: Renee Chandler and Robyn Davis (Jack); her five beloved grandsons: Evan Young (Brooke), Matt Davis (Eliza), Jared Davis (Brooke), Ethan Young (Isaiah), and Bryan Davis (Kristin); and her eleven great-grandchildren: Sophia Young, Ava Young, Marley Young, Hallie Davis, Sydney Davis, Everly Young, Olivia Davis, Eleanor Davis, Cooper Davis, Landon Davis, and Vivienne Davis. She is also remembered by a large extended family of cousins, church friends, neighbors, YMCA buddies, and anyone who ever had the privilege of sitting at her kitchen table.

She was preceded in death by her husband and best friend, Charles Ray Chandler; her mother, Glesnor Bunn Ray; her father, Garland Ray; and brother, Glenn Ray.

A Celebration of Gaynor's Extraordinary Life will be 1:00pm Wednesday July 2, 2025 at Bridge Church 6496 Teays Valley Road Scott Depot, WV 25560 officiated by Pastor Matt Davis.

Visitation is from 11:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m., at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks memorial donations be made to one of her three favorite ministries: Bridge Church 6496 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526; Camp Appalachia 62 Camp Appalachia Way Scott Depot, WV 25560; or Teays Valley Christian School 6562 Teays Valley Road Scott Depot, WV 25560.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Gaynor's tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Chandler family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
Saint Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bridge Church
6496 Teays Valley Road
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Funeral Service

JUL 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bridge Church
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Scott Depot, WV 25560

Tribute Wall

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“ *Gaynor was a huge part of my childhood/teenage years. Lake Chadesa Drive is a sadder place without, but Heaven's bells are ringing—my sincere condolences to the family—much love and prayers. Robin McClure*

Robin L McClure - July 02, 2025 at 09:29 PM

JR

“ *Joan rogers lit a candle in memory of Gaynor Ray Chandler*



Joan rogers - July 01, 2025 at 10:14 AM

CW

“ *Cindy Wandling lit a candle in memory of Gaynor Ray Chandler*



Cindy Wandling - July 01, 2025 at 07:30 AM

HF

“ *Harry & Cheri Musgrave and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gaynor Mae Ray Chandler.*



Harry & Cheri Musgrave and Family - June 30, 2025 at 07:22 PM