



## Naomi Gaye Samples

March 28, 1937 - November 10, 2014

Naomi Gaye Samples, 77, of Scott Depot went home to be with the Lord on November 10, 2014 with her family by her side.

She was born in Teays, WV on Easter morning, March 28, 1937 to the late Everett Ambrose Rooper and Reba Faye Meadows Rooper. In addition to her parents, Gaye was preceded in death by her brother, Jack Rooper.

Gaye was a 1954 graduate of Hurricane High School and earned an Associate of Arts degree in psychology from Morris Harvey College. She was also a graduate of the Charleston School of Commerce and worked as a secretary for Capital Finance Company as well as for the West Virginia State School Superintendent in Charleston.

After her children were born, Gaye devoted her time to her family, volunteering and serving on various church and school committees. For years, Gaye served as coordinator of the children's nursery department at Bible Center Church. She later joined Twin City Bible Church in Nitro where she taught children's Sunday School classes. She and her husband became active with the Twin City teen youth group and traveled with them to numerous camps and mission trips around the country. In addition, she was actively involved in her children's academic and extracurricular pursuits and took pleasure in seeing them achieve their goals.

Gaye enjoyed being outdoors, and could often be found on her front porch swing regardless of the weather. In later years, she learned to snow ski and took ice skating lessons which she pursued with a passion. She was a member of the United States Figure Skating Association as well as the Charleston Figure Skating Club which allowed her to perform in local productions at the Charleston Civic Center Ice Arena.

Her highest calling in life was serving her Lord by ministering to inmates in local prisons. She faithfully participated in weekly church services at South Central Regional Jail where she led many inmates to Christ. She not only ministered to these inmates, but also to their families. Countless hours were spent writing encouraging letters to the inmates, as well as taking telephone calls from them or a family member, day or night. She freely gave to them and to their families the spiritual, emotional, and financial support that so many others could not.

She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, John Dale Samples; daughter, Lisa Powell; son and daughter-in law, John and Pamela Samples; grandchildren, Jed Powell, Kenny Powell, John Samples, Bill Samples, and Jack Samples; sisters, Ramona Erwin and Janet Hill; and son-in-law, David Powell.

A celebration of Gaye's life will be held on Saturday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane with Pastor Scott Bandy officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Samples family.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
3941 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
(304) 757-7531  
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<https://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Naomi Gaye Samples*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I got to know Gaye from her years of ice skating in Charleston. She was so much fun and not afraid to try anything. We never saw her as an adult but as one of the gang. She had such a beautiful spirit about her and was always so kind and giving. She was truly a gift to all who knew her. God bless her family*

**Bill Webb** - September 13, 2020 at 12:01 AM



“ *Sherry L. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Naomi Gaye Samples.*



**Sherry L.** - November 14, 2014 at 02:35 PM



“ *Lisa, I'm so very sorry for your loss. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. We love you all!*

*Brittany Martin (Bowman)*

**Brittany M** - November 14, 2014 at 12:56 PM

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“ *Loved Gaye in High School. Have visited her in the nursing home and I know she is much happier today with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!! Prayers for the family.*

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**Ruth (Call) Crawford** - November 14, 2014 at 12:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Naomi Gaye Samples.*



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November 13, 2014 at 04:42 PM

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“ *Dear Lisa & Family, We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of your mother. We understand how a mother's love is irreplaceable, which makes her passing incredibly painful. She will always be with you by keeping her memory alive. Our thoughts and prayers are with all. Love, The Talley's Tom, Daryl, Amanda & Gage*



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**The Talley Family** - November 13, 2014 at 10:08 AM