Gwendolyn Abshire Hanks

October 12, 1940 - November 3, 2021

Gwendolynn “Gwen” Abshire Hanks, 81, lost her battle with Alzheimer’s on November 3, 2021, with her loving family at her side in the comfort of her home in Morse, Louisiana.

Gwen was born in Beaumont, TX on October 12, 1940, to Herbert and Eva Jewel Abshire, and had two siblings; Anita and Wayne. Gwen moved to Morse, Louisiana, and married Alvin “Dale” Hanks on December 17, 1960. They had three children, Leticia, Tracy, and Brad. Gwen worked for Fogelman Truck Line for 20+ years as a payroll and office clerk, and then retired from Acadia Parish Tourist Commission as Executive Director for 20+ years.

Gwen is preceded in death by her parents Herbert Abshire and Eva Jewel Vatter Abshire; In-laws Alvin “Beb” Hanks and Allie Menard Hanks; Aunt Ruby Lee Greenwood; and Sister-in-law Suzette Abshire.

Gwen is survived by her husband, Alvin “Dale” Hanks; Daughter Leticia and husband Tommy Carlson; Daughter Tracy and husband Byron Guidry; Son Brad and wife Deborah Faulk Hanks; Step daughter, Priscilla “Titta” and husband Lawrence “Tony” Breaux; Sister, Anita and husband Kenneth Luquette; Brother, Wayne Abshire; Sister-in-law, Margaret and husband Lee Ray Richard; Uncle, Robert “Bobby” Vatter; Grandchildren, Heath Carlson, Tyler and wife Christian Carlson, Amber and husband Roger Touchet Jr., and

Tyron Guidry; Step- Grandchildren, Shanlyn and husband David “Dick” Dequeant Jr., Sharisa and husband Cody Kibodeaux, Hubert Guidry, and Nicholas and wife Kacy Guidry; Great grandchildren, Rianna Carlson, Porter Carlson, Reese Carlson, Luke Carlson, Eva Jewel Touchet, Lydia Carlson, and Roger “Tripp” Touchet III; and Step great grandchildren, Lana Breaux, Lily Dequeant, Beau Dequeant, Ava Kibodeux, Chase Kibodeaux, Connor Guidry, Alaynie Guidry, Peyton Guidry, Azalei Guidry, Lydia Guidry, and Lily Guidry.

Carrying Gwen to her final resting place will be Heath Carlson, Tyler Carlson, Tommy Richard, Ryan Richard, Roger Touchet Jr., Dale Mathiew and honorary pallbearer is Tyron Guidry.

Visitation and Rosary will be held at Matthew and Sons Funeral Home in Gueydan on Sunday, November 7, 2021, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM with the rosary recited at 6:00 PM. Visitation will resume on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on November 8, 2021, at 11:00 AM at St. Peters Catholic Church and will be officiated by Father Clint Trahan. Burial will follow at Hanks Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in Gwen’s name to Lamm Family Care or to The Alzheimer’s Association.
The family of Gwen wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Kat Ashworth, Missy Guidry and Suzette Trahan who cared for Gwen at the end of her life. The family would like to give special thanks to Lamm Family Care for the services they provided to Gwen for the past year, and a special thanks to Krystal Boudreaux who served as her nurse.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at

www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Hanks Cemetery

Hanks Cemetery Rd
Morse, LA 70559

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **7**. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - GUEYDAN
514 Second Street
Gueydan, LA 70542
(337) 824-4420
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Rosary

NOV **7**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

NOV **8**. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **8**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Main St.
Gueydan, LA 70542

Tribute Wall

Gwendolyn Abshire Hanks

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM

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Rest In Peace ❤️ Gwendolyn "Gwen" Hanks

Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission "Acadia Parish Tourism Center" has lost its longest reigning Executive Director. Gwen Hanks was the voice and face for Acadia Parish Tourism Promotion for more than 25 years. She was renowned by the State Tourism Departments of the Lt. Governor's Office. She represented Acadia Parish Tourism around the State of Louisiana and in East Texas with dignity and style. With her leadership and commitment to promote Acadia Parish Tourism, the industry grew leaps and bounds. She operated the Acadia Parish Tourism Center alone for many years, first sharing space with the Crowley Chamber of Commerce, then three standalone locations before the present Tourist Information Center was opened on Tower Road at the East Crowley I-10 Exit. She made that Tourist Information Center a gem. The design and layout was done in conformance with the style of homes in "French" Acadian style. She made sure it was clean, well decorated for the season and fully stocked with the latest tourist information for Acadia Parish and the State of Louisiana.

Gwen was the biggest reason that the tourist industry grew 20 fold over her 25+ years of dedicated service. She will be missed, but not forgotten.

Leticia Carlson - November 06, 2021 at 09:54 AM

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Article was written by Mr. Paul Broussard who was on the Board when Mom started this job. Thank you Mr Paul it is a beautiful testament of her loving her job.

Leticia Carlson - November 06, 2021 at 09:58 AM

Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Abshire Hanks.

November 05, 2021 at 11:44 PM

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Leblanc's Towing and Recovery purchased the Cl assic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Gwendolyn Abshire Hanks.

Leblanc's Towing and Recovery - November 05, 2021 at 01:42 PM

Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Abshire Hanks.

November 05, 2021 at 09:49 AM

Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Abshire Hanks.

November 05, 2021 at 09:45 AM

Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Abshire Hanks.

November 04, 2021 at 07:20 PM

Yellow & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Abshire Hanks.

November 04, 2021 at 10:26 AM

Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Abshire Hanks.

November 04, 2021 at 09:00 AM

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Leticia, Tracy , Brad and Mr. Alvin we are so very sorry for the loss of Mrs. Gwen. Our prayers are with all of you. Eternal rest grant to her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Janice and Peter LeJeune - November 04, 2021 at 06:17 AM