



## Alma Gayle Bodell

October 3, 1952 - February 17, 2020

Alma Gayle (Henson) Bodell, 67, of Martinsville, unexpectedly passed from this life into the arms of Jesus on Monday, February 17, in her home. She was born on October 3, 1952, in Indianapolis, to the late Aaron and Sarah (White) Henson.

Adopted and raised by her aunt and uncle Johnie and Elbert Henson in Indianapolis, she graduated from Ben Davis High School in 1972. Gayle was the owner and teacher of Gold Star Dance Academy, located on the west side of Indy for twenty-eight years.

She worked for Morgan Hospital/IU Health in Martinsville, then transferred to Bloomington, before retiring this past April after twenty-seven years of service. The family moved to Martinsville in 1995.

Along with her birth parents, Gayle was preceded in death by her adopted parents Johnie and Elbert Henson; and siblings, Burl, Joe, Mike, Herb, Kenny, and Doyle Henson.

Gayle leaves behind her best friend and loving husband of forty-six years, Don Bodell of Martinsville; sons, Kyle (wife, Trish) of Mooresville, Kurt (wife, Chantel) of Mooresville, and Kris (wife, Mandy) of Indianapolis; siblings, Alvin, Ed, Dan and Steve Henson, Donna Wilder, Nora Brawner, Betty Davis and

Barb Wand; and beloved grandchildren, Brock, Bryce, Malina, Emma, Carter, and baby Liam who will enter the world sometime in March.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 21, from Noon until 2pm at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia, with A Celebration Of Life Service beginning at 2pm. Pastor Brian Oliver will officiate, and burial will follow at Clayton Cemetery. To share a favorite story, sign the online guest registry or light a candle in her memory please visit [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Clayton Cemetery

90 W. County Rd. 600 S  
Clayton, IN 46118

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends & Family

FEB 21. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
(317) 996-2101  
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gayle was a wonderful person and a big part of my young life. I am saddened to hear of her passing. My heart goes out to her family.*  
*Racheal Crouch*

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**Racheal Crouch** - February 22, 2020 at 01:51 AM

SH

“ In dance your teacher in her creativity picks out a lot of music that you perform too. Today I choose for you Aunt Gayle...

*I hope you never lose your sense of wonder  
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger  
May you never take one single breath for granted  
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed  
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean  
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens  
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance  
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance*

*I hope you dance  
I hope you dance*

*I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance  
Never settle for the path of least resistance  
Livin' might mean takin' chances, but they're worth takin'  
Lovin' might be a mistake, but it's worth makin'  
Don't let some Hellbent heart leave you bitter  
When you come close to sellin' out, reconsider  
Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance  
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance*

*I hope you dance (Time is a wheel in constant motion always rolling  
us along)  
I hope you dance*

*I hope you dance (Tell me who wants to look back on their years  
and wonder)  
I hope you dance (Where those years have gone?)*

*I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean  
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens  
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance  
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance*

*Dance*  
*-Lee Ann Womack*

*I hope some day we will rejoice and dance once again!*  
*Love, Shell*

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**ShelleyHenson** - February 21, 2020 at 09:06 AM

TM

“ Terri (Lockard) McWilliams purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Alma Gayle Bodell.



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**Terri (Lockard) McWilliams** - February 21, 2020 at 01:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alma Gayle Bodell.



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February 20, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alma Gayle Bodell.



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February 20, 2020 at 02:01 PM

MD

“ MSD Technology Department purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Alma Gayle Bodell.



MSD Technology Department - February 20, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Cross Wind Chime - Bronze was purchased for the family of Alma Gayle Bodell.



February 20, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ 105 files added to the album Life Tributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - February 20, 2020 at 10:50 AM

MH

“ To know Gayle was to love her. She was the youngest sister of my mom and my babysitter along with Aunt Johnie when I was little. So many of the very best times of being a kid are linked to being with Aunt Gayle. She made everything more fun. I went camping for the first time with her family. Hanging out with her family was always my first choice. Aunt Gayle was a dreamer, and had the best big ideas of fun things to do. She showed me how to love life as a kid and I thank her for all the hours teaching me dance and watching her teach others was a treat. I loved being at her studio. She cared for all of her students and their families.

As I grew up, moved away, got married and got busy caring for my own 3 kids and household, the times we all got together were still the highlight. She was a terrific cook and I loved seeing her dote on her grandchildren. She was so special and loved by her family and friends. She is forever in my heart and my love goes to Donnie, Kyle, Kurt , Kris and all of their wonderful family. I pray for their comfort and peace during this time.

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**Melissa Halcomb** - February 20, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Alma Gayle Bodell.



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February 20, 2020 at 09:43 AM

CG

“ *Citizens Energy Group purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alma Gayle Bodell.*



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**Citizens Energy Group** - February 20, 2020 at 09:38 AM

DM

“ *Del and Sara Morris purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Alma Gayle Bodell.*



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**Del and Sara Morris** - February 20, 2020 at 08:37 AM

TP

“ *The Martinsville Elementary Principals purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Alma Gayle Bodell.*



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**The Martinsville Elementary Principals** - February 20, 2020 at 08:28 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Alma Gayle Bodell.*

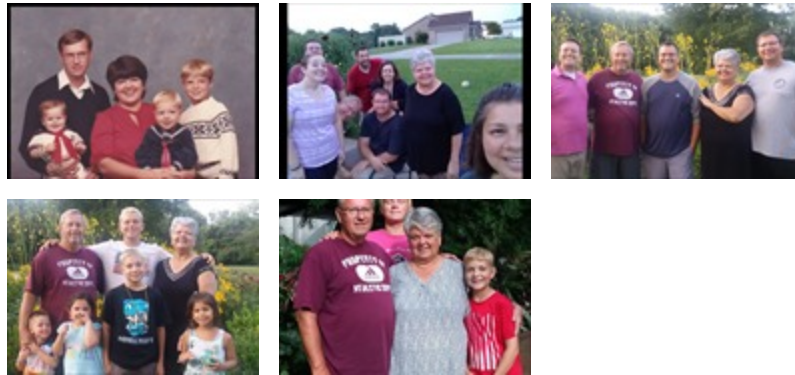


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February 20, 2020 at 03:44 AM



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Kurt Bodell - February 20, 2020 at 01:17 AM

MH

“ 🕊️ *May you enjoy eternity, I'll see you again. ❤️*  
*Gayle was such a blessing to me in my childhood and taught me much more than dance. Her heart loved others well. Thank you Father for allowing us to enjoy time with her this side of heaven. All my love and appreciation to you Gayle for being a beautiful human being. 😘😊*

Misty D Hayes - February 19, 2020 at 11:43 PM

TR

“ *Gayle was such an important part of my young life. She was not only my dance instructor; she was my mentor and my friend. I regret that I lost touch with her, but I e never forgotten the great lady that she was. (Tami Lockard Repass)*

Tami (Lockard) Repass - February 19, 2020 at 09:35 PM

TH

“ Aunt Gayle was so loving and full of life! She taught My mom to dance and to perform. My siblings and I went on to perform in show choirs and dance as well. If my mom had not learned from the best I don't know that we would've had that shared interest. I remember In 4th grade she let me practice letter writing to her. I used to write her about the horses by her home and I always thought that was so funny looking back. I used to laugh going through old pictures with my Grandma Donna because she could never tell if it was her or Gayle in the picture, they looked so much alike. She's truly left her mark on so many lives. She will be so incredibly missed. My heart goes out to her entire family!

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**Taylor Halcomb** - February 19, 2020 at 09:07 PM

LS

“ Gayle grew up down the street from my family. Our boys went to school together and dance class. I am so sorry for her family.

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**Linda Bennett Romero Schortemeier** - February 19, 2020 at 08:42 PM

VM

“ Gayle was the best friend a person could ever ask for. She was a sweet, sensitive caring person who brought out the best in everyone. Her family was the center of her life. She loved them all and cooked many a dinner for the whole gang. She kept her family together by providing a warm, welcoming home. She made them a closely-knit supportive family. She loved her grandchildren. They were the light of her life. When I was in the hospital, she was the first one in the door to check on me. I will have an empty place in my heart for a long time, but hopefully I will see her if I make it to heaven. She is and was an angel. I will miss her surely. I love you Gayle.

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**Vivian Morehous** - February 19, 2020 at 07:47 PM

BH

“ My wife’s loving Aunt Gayle, shewas a wonderful lady who made everyone in her presence feel welcomed & loved. Her and I hit it off immediately after meeting when Melissa and I were newly engaged over 24 years ago. We we knew we had a bond when figuring out we shared the same birthday (October 3rd). She will be missed by many and I pray that her husband Donnie and her three sons find peace knowing that she will not be forgotten. We all love you Gayle may you Rest In Peace! God Bless you Bodell family! 🥺

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**Brian Halcomb** - February 19, 2020 at 07:08 PM

TF

“ Soo sorry to hear. She was a good friend. Her mom sold my mom Avon. We studied with the same dance instructor..Mrs Garrison. My daughter studied a year with her. 😭❤❤❤❤

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**Terri Fitzgerald** - February 19, 2020 at 06:48 PM

KM

“ Gayle taught my girls dance! She loved each and everyone of her dance kids, and they loved her! I remember Kyle, Kurt and Kris in their cute dance costumes! My condolences to the family! Kathy Dotts Mork.

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**Kathy Mork** - February 19, 2020 at 06:11 PM

HE

“ Thank you Gayle for teaching Shelley and Erica how to dance. We will miss the family roasts in October. Love and miss you. Shelley, Erica, Helen and Ed.

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**Helen** - February 19, 2020 at 05:23 PM

BZ

“ *Bobbie Zimmerman sent a virtual gift in memory of Alma Gayle Bodell*



**Bobbie Zimmerman** - February 19, 2020 at 03:10 PM

DK

*Grew up in the same neighborhood you were a positive example for many young ladies. Rest in peace*

**Debra Kinnett** - February 19, 2020 at 04:45 PM

TB

*I loved Gayle! She was definitely one of the best ❤️... she will be missed by many!*

**Tammy J Burkett** - February 19, 2020 at 09:04 PM

TF

*My bother Tim and Steve grew up next door to Gayle. We lost touch as we all grew and moved away. I still remember running around the yard with her, playing with the hose on hot summer days (all before any of us had A/C). It is and to lose a loved one and especially your mother and wife but remember the blessing of her life and the reward she now shares with God. Bless you all in the time of grief but take solace that in time it will be better.*

**Tony Freund** - February 29, 2020 at 08:34 AM