



Gayle Shields Craig

January 26, 1957 - December 16, 2025

Gayle Shields Craig, 68, wife of the late Gary Lee Craig passed away at her home on December 16, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Gayle was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt who cherished time with her family above all else. She was also a proud and dedicated member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 8666 of Carlisle, where she faithfully served for twenty-five years.

She is survived by her children; Angela (Jessy) Gonzalez, Gary Dewayne (Erica) Craig and Larry Lee Craig. She also leaves behind her grandchildren: Jessy Lee Craig, Aylisa Craig, Casie (Will) Lowe, Ethan Craig, Dylan Purvis, Megan (Logan) Kinder and Jayden Purvis, Vanessa Tyler Hunt, Katie Smith and Matthew Smith, along with many great-grandchildren who brought her immense joy.

Gayle is also survived by her sisters: Molly Craig, Ramona (Jay) Evans and Anita (John) Evans, a special nephew Donnie Wayne Sapp and her special friends, Penny Lemons and Steve and Jenny Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gary Lee Craig, her mother Almedia Shields Watkins, her father Elva Ray Shields, her stepfather Melvin Watkins, a brother Elva Lee Shields and her sisters Diana Shields Foster and Lisa Watkins Sapp. Gayle will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who were blessed to know her.

Funeral services will be held at 1 pm Friday December 19, 2025, at Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home with Bro. Steve Smith officiating with burial following in

the Carlisle Cemetery. Visitation Friday 11 am-1 pm. Pallbearers are Gary Craig, Larry Craig, Jessy Craig, Ethan Craig, Jessy Gonzalez and Dougie Hunt. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren will serve as Honorary bearers. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Carlisle Cemetery

361 West Main Street
Carlisle, KY 40311

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home
203 Eastern Ave
Carlisle, KY 40311
(859) 289-5707
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Service

DEC 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ You were a very nice lady.

You said you were not feeling well. I didn't realize it'd be the last time I saw you.

It's a quarter of a century in, my friend. Recently I watched, "Heaven's Gate" (1980), "Kid Vengeance" (1970s), "Big Lebowski", "On the Waterfront (A 1951?)", "Navalny" on HBO Max, and "20 Days in Mariupol" on the net. I thought of you and friends.

No More Tears,

Alexander Smirnov

Alexander Smirnov - February 15 at 08:33 AM

MC

“ Michael Craig lit a candle in memory of Gayle Craig



Michael Craig - December 19, 2025 at 02:04 PM

RM

“ Rita Myneer purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gayle Shields Craig.



Rita Myneer - December 17, 2025 at 11:02 AM

 Debra Kelly

“ I will miss Gayle so much even tho me and Gayle didn't see each other much that does not mean I didn't love her we had so much fun when we was younger I know she is happy in heaven now with Gary they loved each other so much but I want to say you was my best sis in law and best friend and you will always be in my heart forever I love you Gayle RIP.

Debra Kelly - December 17, 2025 at 06:46 AM

DE

“ Debra lit a candle in memory of Gayle Craig



Debra - December 17, 2025 at 06:35 AM

 Paul Treadway

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Paul Treadway - December 17, 2025 at 06:17 AM

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“ Gayle was a good friend just like family we share many memories of good laughs and going to her last class reunion this year she was a good lady I will miss her sweet spirit she shared rest in peace my dear friend

Paul Treadway - December 17, 2025 at 06:16 AM

RJ

“ *Ruthie Jolly lit a candle in memory of Gayle
Craig*



Ruthie Jolly - December 16, 2025 at 11:47 PM