



Nettie "Gaye" O'Hair

July 7, 1933 - December 28, 2025

Nettie G. "Gaye" O'Hair, age 92 years, a resident of Vienna, Illinois, passed away Sunday evening, December 28, 2025, at 10 P.M. at Hillview Senior Living and Rehabilitation in Vienna.

Gaye, as she was known to family and friends, was born July 7, 1933 in Newport, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Jesse James Abner and Mary Nancy (Maines) Abner.

Gaye was united in marriage to John O'Hair. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by: a daughter – Mary Ann Martin; grandchildren and great grandchildren; a sister – Virginia (Jim Bob) McBride and a brother – Ernst "Ernie" (Susan) Abner all of Vienna; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Gaye also is survived by her beloved canine companion, Bentley.

In addition to her parents and husband, Gaye was preceded in death by: a son – Johnny O'Hair; and siblings – Hubert Lee Abner, Jess "Junior" Abner, Beulah Evelyn Davis, Stanley Edgar Abner, Mary Elizabeth Averitt, and Minnie Marie Pedigo; as well as an infant sister – Alice Frances Abner.

During her working career, Gaye was employed in a variety of occupations.

However, she treasured time spent working in a Children's Day Care Center in Kentucky. Later, Gaye moved to Illinois to provide care for her older sister, Beulah.

Gaye enjoyed raising flowers and watching the birds, particularly hummingbirds, at her many feeders.

Gaye was of the Pentecostal faith and regularly attended church, as long as her health permitted.

A graveside service honoring the life of Nettie Gaye O'Hair will be conducted Saturday afternoon, January 10, 2026, at 2 P.M. at Gilead Cemetery, 4385 Gilead Church Road, Simpson, Illinois. Those attending the graveside service are invited to gather at the cemetery at 1:45 P.M. Saturday, January 10, 2026.

Brother David Gillespie will officiate.

Interment will follow.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1905.

Cemetery Details

Gilead Cemetery

4385 Gilead Church Road
Simpson, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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4385 Gilead Church Road
Simpson, IL

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Patricia Harner lit a candle in memory of Nettie "Gaye" O'Hair



Patricia Harner - January 09 at 09:08 PM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Nettie "Gaye" O'Hair



Bobby Rentfro - January 06 at 07:02 PM

JS

“ John Slack lit a candle in memory of Nettie "Gaye" O'Hair



John Slack - January 06 at 10:21 AM

NW

“ Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Nettie "Gaye" O'Hair



Neal & Carol Watkins - December 31, 2025 at 11:41 AM