



Flower Bearers
Family and Friends

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Acknowledgement

The Character Family gratefully acknowledges the outpouring of love, kindness, and support from family and friends during this time of loss.

The Family

Better Place

*She's in a better place right now
Than she's ever been before;
All pain is gone, she is now at rest;
Nothing troubles her anymore.*

*It's we who have the burden of
sadness and our grief;
We have to cry, to mourn our loss
Before we get relief.*

*We know we'll connect with her
at the end of each life's road;
We'll see her cherished face again
When we release our earthly load.*

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IN LOVING *Memory*



Mrs. Norma Gene
CHARACTER

FEBRUARY 4, 1939 - JANUARY 3, 2026

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026 AT 12 NOON
ADAIRSVILLE BODY OF CHRIST
255 ST. ELMO CIRCLE, ADAIRSVILLE, GA 30103
PASTOR RUBY FORD, EULOGIST
PASTOR KENNETH BENHAM, PRESIDER

Through Memories

the one we love, lives in our
Hearts Forever

THE LIFE & LEGACY

Mrs. Norma "Gene" Character

FEBRUARY 4, 1939 - JANUARY 3, 2026

Mrs. Norma "Gene" Character - Age 86, of Adairsville, Georgia passed away peacefully Saturday, January 3, 2026. Norma was born on February 4, 1939 to her late parents, Teavious Whatley, Sr. and Johnnie Mae Wylie Whatley. While living in Minnesota, she volunteered as a Candy Striper at a local hospital. She later met her husband, the late William Character, and the couple moved to Seattle, Washington where they birth three sons. After living in Seattle for a number of years, the family moved to Georgia where she was employed by Goodyear and earned her way through faithful dedicated work as a janitor to retire as a Supervisor for the Goodyear Company. Norma was a member of Kaiglers Chapel United Methodist Church, Adairsville, GA. Norma, affectionately known as "Gene" by her family, enjoyed cooking, crocheting, painting, traveling abroad, and spending time with her beloved family most of all.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, William Character; parents, Teavious Whatley, Sr. and Johnnie Mae Wylie Whatley; siblings, Cynthia Crawford, Teavious Whatley, Jr., Robert Whatley, Donald Whatley, and Alwin Whatley.

Those left to cherish Norma's memories are her sons, William Character, Kevin (Ingrid) Character, and Michael (Chantelle) Character; a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Tina Whatley and Christine Whatley; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends

ORDER OF *Service*

Saturday, January 10, 2026
12:00 Noon

Adairsville Body of Christ Church
255 St. Elmo Drive
Adairsville, Georgia 30103



- Presider.....Pastor Kenneth Benham
Adairsville Body of Christ Church, Adairsville, GA
- The Processional.....Ministers and Family
- Final Viewing.....Sealing of Remains
- Reading of Holy Scriptures.....
- Old Testament.....Minister
- New Testament.....Minister
- Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Billy Harris
- Musical Selection.....
- Expressions.....(2 Minutes Please).....
- Acknowledgements.....
- Reading of Obituary.....Mia Character
- Musical Selection.....
- Eulogy.....Pastor Ruby Ford
Kaiglers Chapel United Methodist Church, Adairsville, GA
- Recessional.....

Committal, Closing Prayer and Benediction

Feel No Guilt In Laughter

Feel no guilt in laughter, she'd know how much you care.

Feel no sorrow in a smile that she is not here to share.

You cannot grieve forever; she would not want you to.

She'd hope that you could live your life the way you always do.

So, talk about the good times and the way you showed you cared,

the days you spent together, all the happiness you shared.

Let memories surround you, a word someone may say

will suddenly recapture a time, an hour or a day,

that brings her back as clearly as though she were still here,

and fills you with the feeling that she is always near.

For if you keep those moments, you will never be apart

and she will live forever locked safely within your heart.