



# **Barbara (Bobbie) Gainer Hawkins-Gilbert**

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**B**arbara (Bobbie) Gainer Hawkins/Gilbert, 84, of North Fort Myers/Fort Myers went home to be with her Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday July 17, 2015. She was the daughter of Franklin S. & Lucille C. Gainer of 7269 Coon Rd. North Fort Myers, who predeceased her. Mrs. Gilbert was born on August 23, 1930 in Marlinton, WV. She was united in marriage to Mr. Earl Hawkins, Sr. on April 16, 1949, who predeceased her after 51 years. She is survived by her husband of 2 1/2 yrs. Ernest E. Gilbert, Jr., her two brothers Richard (Lois) Gainer of Lutz, FL, Edward Gainer of Mount Crawford, VA and her sister Violene (James) Heatwole of Las Vegas, NV. Bobbie and Earl had three sons, Carlton (Belinda) Hawkins of Augusta, ME, Earl (Michele) Hawkins of San Carlos Park, FL & Donald (Brenda) Hawkins of McGregor, TX. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and many great grandchildren, and five nieces and four nephews. She was a member of Bayshore Chapel on Samvile Rd. North Fort Myers, FL for many years. She received her education at Bridgewater High School, Bridgewater, VA, and she received her Associates Degree at Edison College and University of South Florida in Tampa, FL. She also received her Cosmetology license as a hairdresser in 2000. She retired from the Lee County School District in 1999. After her retirement, she became a substitute teacher in the Lee County School District. She worked with the deaf children for many years and was adept in sign language. She was a very caring and loving person and was always ready to help where she was needed. All one had to do is say, "HELP." A Visitation for Barbara will be held from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM in the Chapel of Memories at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery on Monday, July 20, 2015. A Memorial Service celebrated by Pastor Mark Means will thereafter take place at 1:00 PM also in the Chapel of Memories. At the conclusion of services friends and family will recess to the adjacent cemetery where Barbara will be laid to rest in the Devotion Garden. Those who wish to share a story, leave a tribute or offer condolences to the



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family at this difficult time should visit Barbara's memorial webpage at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com) and sign the guestbook.



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AN

**Anna Lee Minnich Newman** posted:

Sincere sympathy to all of the Gainer Family. I have many memories of us growing up in the Pleasant Valley Area. Violene family memories and school memories. We were the little pest when Bobbie and Dorice were growing up. Thinking of you all in our thoughts and prayers. Larry and Anna Lee Newman

July 20 at 8:43 AM

CN

**Catherine Neron** posted:

Bobbie enjoyed running at one time in her life. My daughter, Kelly, went with her to Vegas to run in a 5-k. It didn't work out exactly like they hoped, but the warm memory is still with Kelly to this day. Blessings to all during this time. Kind regards to all, Catherine Neron

July 18 at 11:45 AM

BS

**Bernadette Simmons** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Barbara (Bobbie) Gainer Hawkins-Gilbert

July 18 at 8:14 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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