



Shirley "Gayle" Bruckner

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Shirley "Gayle" Bruckner, 90, of Sullivan, Illinois, formerly of Decatur, passed away February 27, 2026, at Aspen Creek Assisted Living Center.

Gayle was born in Abilene, Texas, on March 21, 1935, the daughter of Lewis and Gwendolyn (Hines) Crowder. She married Arthur Pierce Bruckner on February 8, 1957 in Abilene. He preceded her in death on May 28, 2016.

Gayle was a grade school teacher and an enthusiastic volunteer. She was a faithful, active member of First Presbyterian Church in Decatur. She was passionate about her service to the Garden Club of Decatur, where she earned the distinction of being a Lifetime Member. She served as a volunteer for many local organizations. Most of all, Gayle loved and cherished her family, especially her grandchildren, who considered her the very best Grandma in the world. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Gayle is survived by her children David (Ann) Bruckner of Argenta, IL, and Debbie (Mark) Tucker of Windsor, IL; brother Joe (Susan) Crowder of Abilene, TX; grandchildren Josh (Solange) Patterson, Julie (Greg) Hale, Jaclyn (Chandler) Wescott, Jordan Breeden, Jacob Bruckner, Rachel (Cory) Sharp, and Jill (Christopher) Schutt, and Jan Yuhas; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and 2 brothers.

Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home is providing cremation services for Gayle. A memorial visitation will be held from 10am to 11am on Friday, March 20, at First Presbyterian Church in Decatur. A funeral service will immediately follow the visitation at 11am in the church. Private burial will be at a separate time.

Memorials may be directed to the Garden Club of Decatur or First Presbyterian Church of Decatur. Condolences may be shared with the family at

<https://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>.



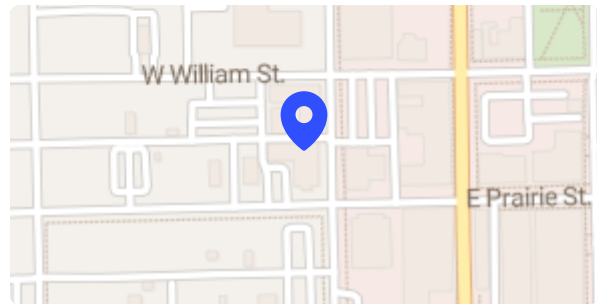
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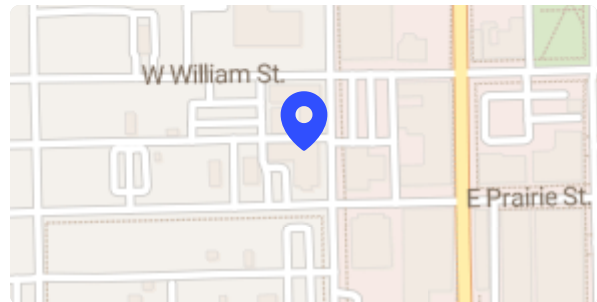
Memorial Visitation

- Friday**, March 20, 2026
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- First Presbyterian Church**
204 W Prarie, Decatur IL 62523



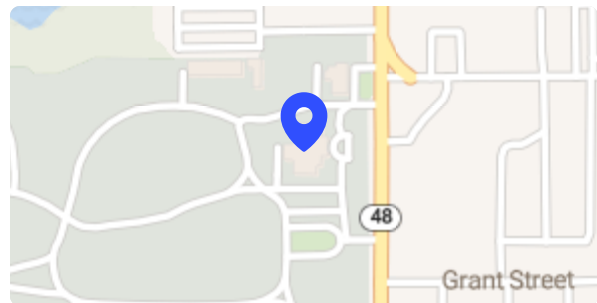
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Cemetery Details

- Graceland Cemetery**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526
- (217) 615-0724**





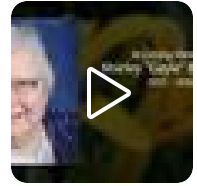
Tribute Wall

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Graceland Fairlawn shared a **Video**.



March 16 at 10:53 AM



Joni Metcalf-Kemp posted:

David and Debbie and family, Our families shared many good times together when we were growing up. When I was engaged, Gayle had a lovely shower for me at your house. She had such a good sense of humor and beautiful smile—sure she continues to smile at her grandchildren! Love, Joni Metcalf Kemp

March 21 at 11:37 AM



Media

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