



Gretna O. Sansom

August 24, 1930 - May 15, 2018

Gretna O. (Blankenship) Sansom, 87, of Coloma, died Tuesday morning, May 15, 2018 at Royalton Manor with her loving husband and sons present.

Services celebrating her life will be at noon on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Apostolic Tabernacle, 1881 Greenly, Benton Harbor. Bishop Billy Long will officiate. Cremation will follow the service. You are invited to meet with her family and friends on Friday, May 18, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the church and again from 11:00 a.m. Saturday until the time of the service. Memorials may be made to the Apostolic Tabernacle. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Gretna was born in Vulcan, West Virginia on Aug. 24, 1930 to Oscar and Lilly (Daugherty) Blankenship. She married Johnie Sansom, Jr. in Williamson, West Virginia at the Williamson Dry Cleaners, and together they have celebrated 66+ years of marriage. Gretna was wholly devoted to the Lord and to her family. She especially cherished time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Additionally she enjoyed fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ, preaching and singing to them. When she was young she thoroughly enjoyed pitching horseshoes. Above all, the Church was her life. While sitting in the porch swing playing her guitar, her lessons to her children included teaching them to pray, strength toward family ties and caring for each other. She was a wonderful wife and a great Mom.

Gretna's family includes her husband, Johnie; her sons: Dexter (Delia) Sansom, Randall (Debby) Sansom, Dennis Sansom, Danny (Maxine) Sansom, and Johnny (Darla) Sansom; Grandchildren: Regina (Clint) Payne, John (Lisa) Sansom, Jerry (Kathy) Tomes, Brian (Carrie) Tomes, Amanda (Steve) Hansbro, Nicole (Tony) Sansom, Mark (Angel) Villa, Luke (Mel) Villa, Angel Braxton, Dennis Sansom, Sheila Sansom, Linda Sansom, Dana Long, Crystal (Will) Wood and Abby (Kevin) Davidson; Great-grandchildren: Tanya, Leah, Bryana, Johnathan, Sierra, Leland, Allan, Kylie, Bradley, Dahlia, Stephen, Nicolas, Christopher, Precious, Marcus, Tia, Tori, Emily, Kayla, Sommer, Sha'Quaylah, Little James, Katelyn, Nathan, Alex, Austin, Christa, Hannah, Garrott, Jacob, and Abigail; Great-great-grandchildren: Madison, Aiden, Jacob, Olivia, Tyler, Jayden, Nathan, Austin, Logan, Cruz, Colton, Ariana, Azalea, Aiden, Justice, Lily, Levi, James, Colton, and Aleah; and many nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Cremation will follow Service

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Apostolic Tabernacle
1881 Greenly Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Visitation

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Services Celebrating Her Life

MAY 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Luncheon

MAY **19**. 1:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Miss Gretna's passing! I had the pleasure of meeting her a year ago, after she had broken her hip and was in recovery at Caretel. She was my mother's roommate while the two recuperated for a couple of weeks. Lovely lady she was! She adored her family and the Lord and she was a true ray of sunshine. I pray for comfort for her loved ones!

Heide Briggs - May 19, 2018 at 08:59 PM

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“ Gretna, Johnny used to sing at church. She loved to Praise and Honor Our Savior. Played the guitar. One day in eternity we may sing again. Have many wonderful memories. Praying that the funeral won't be so sad on the family. She is gone home and in a Beautiful land where she will never be sick again. This is really a Celebration! But pray for her family! Love all of them. Sister Betty Hall Dotson

Betty Hall Dotson - May 18, 2018 at 11:18 AM