



## Mildred "Elaine" Gossett

December 25, 1926 - April 29, 2026

Mildred "Elaine" Gossett, of Fort Wayne, IN formerly of Mattoon, IL peacefully passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne, IN.

A funeral service in her honor will be held at noon, Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Reverend Todd Krost will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow in Mound Cemetery in Charleston, IL. The visitation will be held the same day from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Elaine was born on December 25, 1926, in Harristown, IL to the late Albert Lysander and Mildred Maude (Crawford) Black. She married Edwin "Dale" Gossett on March 30, 1968; he preceded her in death on April 30, 2014. She is survived by two sons, Max Eugene "Gene" McKee and wife Christi of Las Vegas, NV, Mark Allen McKee and wife Beth of New Haven, IN; two stepchildren: Erin Sherer and husband George of Paris, IL, Joseph Gossett and wife Kathleen of Springfield, IL; daughter-in-law, Diana Gossett of Mattoon, IL; eight grandchildren, nine step grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Michael McKee; two daughters, Patricia Sullivan and Christine McKee; one stepson, Michael Gossett; three brothers, Albert Jr., Robert and Mildrehn "Major" Black.

In 1971, Mildred retired from General Electric in Mattoon, IL before joining the catalog department at JC Penney. A dedicated community member, she served as a past treasurer for the Paradise Unit of the Coles County Home

Extension and volunteered her time with the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Volunteer Guild. She also enjoyed visiting residents in local nursing homes.

A woman of unwavering faith, she was a longtime pillar of the First United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the Chancel Choir, St. Mary's Circle, and the Champion Sunday School Class. In her quieter moments, she found joy in traveling, genealogy, and tending to her flower and vegetable gardens.

Above all, she deeply loved her family and will be profoundly missed by all who knew her.

Memorials in her honor may be made to Mattoon First United Methodist Church, 1601 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Cemetery

1275 West State Street  
Charleston, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
[contact@mitchelljerdan.com](mailto:contact@mitchelljerdan.com)  
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## Service

MAY 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 58 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home** - May 04 at 06:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mildred "Elaine" Gossett.



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May 04 at 02:44 PM



“ *Elaine and my late mother, Virginia Beasley, enjoyed each others company while serving at the UMC-such a gracious lady. My condolences to her family.*

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**Sue Meyer** - May 01 at 09:03 PM

JH

“ James H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mildred "Elaine" Gossett.

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James H. - April 30 at 08:46 PM

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“ James H. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mildred "Elaine" Gossett.



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