



Eva Gaither Thornberry

June 10, 2013

Thornberry, Eva Gaither, age 77, die Monday June 10, 2013 at Baptist Health. Eva was born in Grayson County, KY on August 26, 1935, the only child of Floyd E. and Ruby (Hayse) Gaither, who moved to Louisville in 1939. She was raised in the old Elliott Park Neighborhood and attended F.T. Salisbury Elem.; Western Jr. High and Shawnee High School. She was a member of the old 23rd & Broadway Baptist Church. Eva worked for AT&T, the Louisville Civil Service and the Adams Company. She married her childhood sweetheart, Charlie Thornberry, and lived 50 years in the Prairie Village and Windsor Forest neighborhoods. Eva was one of the founders of the national organization, The Society of John Gaither Descendants, and served as newsletter editor, historian and treasurer. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution since 1966 and belongs to the Russell Springs Chapter, Leitchfield, KY. Also a member of the Society of the descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge; Society of Maureen Duval of Maryland; Haycraft Society of Maryland; The Filson Club; Grayson County Historical Society; Kentucky Historical Society; Honorable Kentucky Colonels; Shawnee High School Alumni Association; National Arbor Society; The Kentucky Derby Museum; Scottish Clan MacLeod; Abraham Lincoln Society; The Jamestown Society; Daughters of Union Veterans; Friends of Valley Forge; Friends of Andersonville Prison and the Abraham Lincoln Library, Springfield, Illinois. Eva's favorite pastimes, besides her family, were researching for nearly Sixty years all the branches of the Gaither family back to 1599 and compiling the

most complete history on the family nationwide and how they connected to one ancestor, John Gater, born 1599. She and Charlie spent their retirement traveling and enjoying plays, shows, festivals, ball games and life together. Besides her Husband, Eva is survived by her Son: Mark Thornberry of Louisville, and Daughters Kim Moore (Clyde) of Louisville and Kelly Thornberry of Georgetown, KY. Also Seven Grandchildren: Ashley Moore, Brittany Miller, Bradley Thornberry, Jon Thornberry, Clay Upchurch, Taylor Upchurch and Landon Upchurch; and Four Great Grandchildren. Funeral Services will be 10: AM Friday at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy with burial in Louisville Memorial Gardens West. Visitation will be Thursday 2 – 8 PM. In lieu of flowers please send donations to: The Grayson County Historical Society, P.O. Box 84, Leitchfield, KY 42754

Tribute Wall

JL

“ I have not heard from Eva in a long time and wondered how she was. I knew she was a busy person. Sorry to hear of her passing and trust she was not sick and suffering long.

You are in my thoughts and prayers now and will continue to be in the days ahead. May our Lord comfort, strengthen and give you peace.

Sincerely with love and prayers, Jonell G. Lewis

Jonell Gaither Lewis - June 28, 2018 at 04:46 PM

CA

“ Dear Cousin,

I am going to miss our sharing genealogy and all the help you have given me over so many years.

Catherine

Catherine Gaither Allison - June 28, 2018 at 04:46 PM

JC

“ Eva you will be greatly missed. A very interesting lady that was so full of Gaither knowledge. You were a big help to me in my Gaither research. My thought and prayers go out to you family. May you rest in peace.

Janet Cook - June 28, 2018 at 04:46 PM

FD

“ Charley and Family,

*Sending my condolences. Eva was a vivacious lady and I was so happy to have met her, my only regret, it was only 10 years ago by accident. She knew so many members of my family and areas that paralleled our childhood and youth but we just hadn't met. Loved sharing many old memories with her.
God bless all of you.*

Faye Dale - June 28, 2018 at 04:46 PM

HM

“ *I just received an email today about Eva Mae's death. I am so sorry we didn't get to have lunch one day together.
I remember Eva Mae from The Twenty-third & Broadway Baptist Church when we were VERY young. My parents were married there and that was where I first attended church.
We have been exchanging emails for some time, but never actually spoke or met face to face in years. I didn't know she was ill.*

I have you and the family in my prayers.

Hilda-Gay Mayberry - June 28, 2018 at 04:46 PM

TW

“ *Really got to enjoy meeting Eva last year at a small reunion in Kentucky. She told me about her childhood memories of living with my grandmother(that I never met). She shared so much family history with me. I am grateful to her. I know she will be missed sorely by Charley and her children. It was wonderful to be akin to her. Praying for God's comfort and peace at this time. With
Sympathy, Tammy(Lee) Wright & family*

TAMMY WRIGHT - June 28, 2018 at 04:46 PM