



Flora Vista McKinnon Gutterman

December 16, 1930 - January 17, 2022

North Augusta, SC - Memorial Services for Ms. Flora Vista McKinnon Gutterman, 91, who entered into rest January 17, 2022, will be conducted Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in the Posey Funeral Chapel. Dr. T. Joseph Lusk officiating. Her ashes will be scattered by her children at places she loved and cherished.

Ms. Gutterman was born in Clintwood, VA, the daughter of Ida Russell McKinnon Steele, an elementary school teacher and Neil McKinnon, Jr., a Methodist minister. She was their only child. She graduated with a B.S. degree from Radford College, Radford, VA, worked as an airline stewardess for Trans Texas Airways, and then began her career in education, as a high school teacher.

Flora married Albert Gutterman, and had two children, Laura Copeland (Nashville) and Lee Koehler (North Augusta), divorcing in 1969. As a single mother rearing two young daughters, she ensured that both of them graduated from college, while simultaneously earning her M.S. and Ed.D. degrees from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and serving as an elementary school principal in the Metro Nashville Public School system. Her love for educating children and her first years as a principal were during the era of school desegregation in Nashville, which served as the basis for her doctoral dissertation.

After Flora retired, she moved to North Augusta in 2003, and enjoyed wonderful times with her grandchildren as they were finishing high school, graduating from college and moving into their careers. She also travelled, twice through trips hosted by her son-in-law, Paul Koehler, and sponsored by the National Audubon Society. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

As her health declined, she became a resident of NHC Healthcare North Augusta in 2010, and was beloved by the community there. The family wishes to thank the long-time support of the caregivers at NHC for their loving care for her over the years.

She is survived by her two daughters, Laura (Michael) Copeland, and Lee (Paul) Koehler, her grandchildren, Jessica Koehler (Chris Garrick), and Colby (Brianda) Koehler, and her two great-grand-children, (Carson and Connor).

The family will receive friends following the Memorial Service.

Memorials may be made to the Community Ministries of North Augusta, 531 Belvedere-Clearwater Road, North Augusta, SC 29841 or a favorite charity.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at www.PoseyCares.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Flora Vista McKinnon Gutterman



Posey Funeral Directors - January 20, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Flora Vista McKinnon Gutterman



Posey Funeral Directors - January 20, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ Flora Vista McKinnon Gutterman

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Flora Vista McKinnon Gutterman

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ I love you Lee, Laura and family. I will always remember Mrs. Gutterman & I am forever thankful for the opportunity to work as her Social Worker while at NHC. You all made such an incredible impact on my life. Thank You for allowing me to be apart of her life.
With Love, Montrell A. Patterson, SW



Montrell Patterson - March 02, 2022 at 01:04 PM

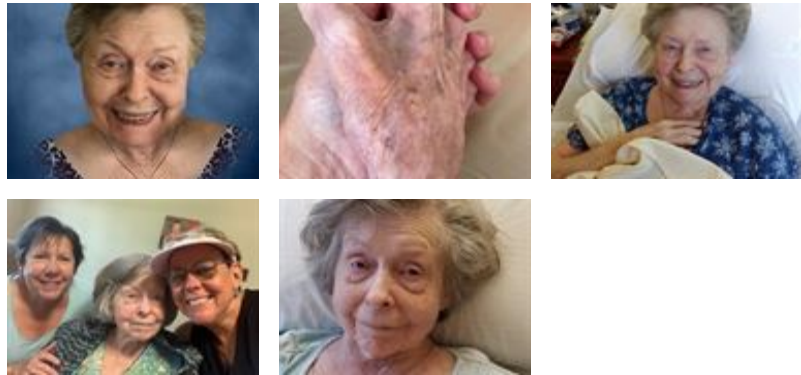


“ [https://www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"; target="_blank">Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Flora Vista McKinnon Gutterman.](https://www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518)

January 22, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ 103 files added to the album LifeTributes



Posey Funeral Directors - January 20, 2022 at 08:54 AM

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Flo was such a lovely woman. I still have (and cherish) a Betty Crocker cookbook she gave me 35 years ago as a wedding gift. I've read, and re-read her inscription in the front of the book that provided a wonderful sentiment about living my life to the fullest.

Cindy Roberts - January 22, 2022 at 10:21 AM

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“*Dear Paul, Lee, Jessica, and Colby,
The Sadlers send our condolences to you and the entire family. You certainly have so many memories to hold onto that will keep her life fresh in your mind always. I will always remember just thinking how sharp she was for her age and will never forget how enthusiastic she once was to keep up with the basketball brackets each March with her predictions. We will all be out of town this weekend and will miss seeing you all at the service, but do know you have our thoughts and prayers. Much love.*

Melinda Sadler - January 20, 2022 at 06:40 AM