



Mrs. Gayl Margaret Jackson DeMeo

September 12, 1954 - September 18, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that the DeMeo family announces the death of their beloved mother, Mrs. Gayl Margaret Jackson DeMeo, 71.

Mrs. DeMeo, the widow of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo, entered into rest on Thursday, September 18, 2025. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A private celebration of life will be announced to close friends and family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to the Darlington County Humane Society, 580 Washington Ave, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Gayl was born and raised in Manhattan, NY, to Constance and Donald Jackson on September 12th, 1954. The oldest of three siblings, she was a natural caretaker, often babysitting her younger siblings, Ellyn and Carl, as well as neighboring children.

After high school, Gayl worked a few secretarial jobs until she met her future husband, Johnny. Together, they had their only child, Sabrina. Soon after her birth, the couple moved to South Carolina, where they wed in Bennettsville. Not long after their nuptials, they settled in Hartsville, where they lived together for many years.

She was an avid crafter and talented baker, often able to bake from scratch with no recipe required. She was also a gifted singer, lending her talent to the choir at South Hartsville Baptist Church, where she was a member for many years. She loved to read and care for animals, of which she had several over the years.

Gayl lent her culinary skills to the seafood section of Winn-Dixie in Hartsville, SC, until the establishment shut down. She then worked for many years at the local Walmart Deli until her health no longer allowed it.

Due to her failing health, she became a long-term resident of Magnolia Manor of Rock Hill, SC. Her final days were spent at Bennettsville Health and Rehab in Bennettsville, SC, until her passing.

She will be fondly remembered as a nurturing mother and wife.

She is survived by her daughter, Sabrina Gabrielle Grant (Richard Landon Grant); stepmother, Marilyn E. Jackson; sister, Ellyn Cara Giordano (Vincent Giordano); and her brother, Carl William Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her father, Donald William Jackson; her mother, Constance Margaret Jackson; and her husband, Johnny Ervin DeMeo.

Cemetery Details

Private

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Gayl Margaret Jackson DeMeo*



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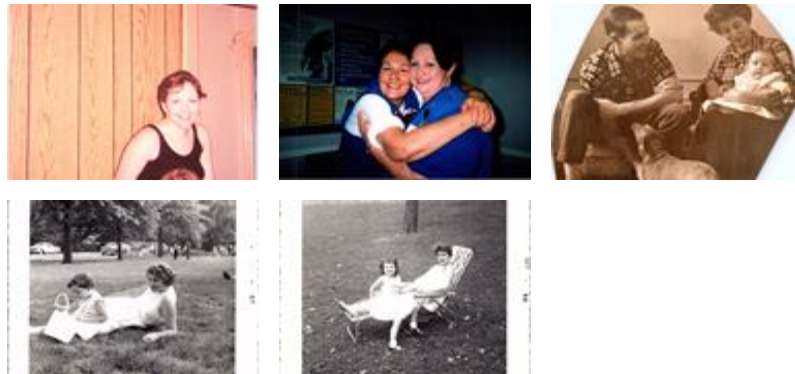
“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayl Margaret Jackson DeMeo*



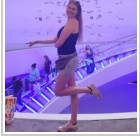
Rebecca Skinner - September 27, 2025 at 10:42 PM



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Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - September 24, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ Love you Sabrina. I'm here if you need anything <3

Heather Schmeltz - September 22, 2025 at 02:35 PM

DP

Sabrina, I am so sorry for your loss. It is hard when your mom is gone. You were a great daughter.

Dee Pierce - September 25, 2025 at 07:24 AM

RD

“ Sabrina, you're in our thoughts and prayers.



Rhonda Dixon - September 22, 2025 at 01:45 PM

JS

Sabrina I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Love and prayers. 🙏

Jean Stratton - September 22, 2025 at 02:26 PM