

"I'll Fly Away"

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*I'll fly away, oh glory
I'll fly away (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*When the shadows of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*I'll fly away, oh glory
I'll fly away (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*



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BELOVED WIFE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER
ELAINE MADDEN JOHNSON GUNTER

MARCH 25, 1947 — MAY 22, 2026

Obituary

Mrs. Elaine Madden Johnson Gunter, 79, of Elberton, wife of 51 years to the late James 'Larry' Gunter, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital following a sudden illness.

Elaine was born in Elberton on March 25, 1947, daughter of the late Alonzo Wilton Johnson and Lizzie Lee Madden Johnson. She was a graduate of Elberton High School and was a member of Fortsonia Baptist Church.

Elaine worked as an LPN for most of her life. She spent many years in the OBGYN department at Elbert Memorial Hospital where she helped deliver countless babies, as well as in the emergency room. Elaine also worked at Hart County Hospital, Ty Cobb Memorial Hospital, Elberton Medical Center, Heardmont Nursing Home, and Nancy Hart Nursing Home. She retired from Spring Valley Nursing Home where she worked for many years.

In her free time, Elaine spent many hours cultivating beautiful flower gardens throughout her perfectly manicured yard and tending to her many house plants. She never passed up an opportunity to go shopping or play games, with a special love of rummy. Her favorite downtime was spending time at beach.

Elaine is survived by her two sons: Mark Gunter and his wife Jennifer of The Dalles, OR and Van Gunter of Elberton; brothers: Max Johnson and Johnny Johnson, both of Elberton; grandchildren: Ryan Gunter, Will Gunter, Masyn Gunter, and Adisyn Gunter; great-grandchildren: Amora Jane Gunter and Zeke Gunter; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Along with her husband and parents, she is preceded in death by her siblings: Phyllis Jones, Patricia Rice, Hilda Allen, and Phillip Johnson.

Funeral services celebrating Elaine's life will be conducted on Thursday, May 28, at 11:00a.m. in the Memorial Chapel of Berry Funeral Home with the Rev. Andrew Danals officiating. Burial will be in Elmhurst Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in her memory to Fortsonia

"Let Me Go"

When I come to the end of the road
and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room;
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love we once shared,
miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take,
and each must go it alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
miss me, but let me go.

-Christina Rossetti

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