



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Loving Memory



Neta Gannaway

1932-2026

*In Memory
Of
Neta Gannaway*

Service

Saturday, April 4, 2026

2:00 pm

First Baptist Church

Winnsboro, Texas

Officiating

Dr. David Rose

Special Music

"In The Garden"

"Amazing Grace"

"I Can Only Imagine"

"How Great Thou Art"

Pallbearers

Rick Gannaway, Gordon Gannaway, Austin Redwine,

Danny Gannaway, Bruce Guthrie, Gary Akright

Interment

Lee Cemetery

Winnsboro, Texas

Neta Joyce Gannaway, 93, went to be with her heavenly father on March 11, 2026, in Shallotte, North Carolina.

A native of Winnsboro, Texas Neta was born on September 19, 1932, to Henry Guthrie and Opal Swords Guthrie. She set off to make her way in the world at a young age demonstrating her strong independent spirit. In 1951, she met and married Jack Gannaway on May 18. Jack was in the US Navy, and they lived in Portland where their first son Steven was born. After a stint in Los Angeles, they settled in Dallas where their second son Richard was born.

She began her decades long career with IBM in Dallas as a switchboard operator and stayed with them through her retirement from the Tyler office as an Administrative Manager in Human Resources in 1986. Life in Dallas revolved around her family and career until Jack's retirement in 1984 when they built their log cabin on Lake Winnsboro. Returning to her hometown she enjoyed many years of fishing, gardening, traveling, nurturing lifelong friendships and doting on her grandchildren.

Neta was an active member of First Baptist Church in Winnsboro serving on the hospitality committee, Sunday School teacher and Grief Share coordinator. She and Jack also volunteered with Meals on Wheels for many years. Neta moved to Shallotte in 2022.

Her surviving family will miss her terribly, son Richard and daughter-in-law Liz, daughter-in-law Shelly, grandchildren Amanda, Gordon, Carey (Austin) and Rick (Sarah) and great-grandchildren Connor, Hayes and Hollis, and many nieces and nephews.

Neta was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved granddaughter Jody, husband Jack, son Steve, brothers James (Buddy) Guthrie and Gary English.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Coastal Pointe and Amedisys for their compassionate care and love.