



Nola S Gatling

July 24, 1943 - February 11, 2026

NOLA SUE (CRAIG) GATLING

Nola Sue (Craig) Gatling went home to be with the Lord on February 11, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born in Windsor, North Carolina, she was the sixth of fifteen children born to the late Lewis and Katie Sue (Swain) Craig. Like many during that time, she moved north to be near family and settled down in Wilmington, Delaware where she raised four children with her former husband, Donnie Gatling.

Nola was known for her unconditional love for family and friends. She lived a full life with so much to be proud of but her greatest joy was being Mom and Grandmom. Nola gave birth to four children whom she cherished deeply, and she extended that same love to many others by providing more than 30 years of childcare.

She had a love for children, family, cooking, short walks, word search puzzles, soap operas, and an occasional music video. Everyone was welcomed into her home, always greeted with a warm heart and an even warmer hug. Her house was cozy—she kept it toasty—and no one ever left without enjoying a home-cooked meal.

She is survived by the love of her four children: William Wayne Burke (Lolita), Katie Lavie Burke, Donald Tyrone Gatling (Michelle), and Christopher Michael Gatling (April); along with 18 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends. She is also survived by the love of six sisters and two brothers: Thelma Brown of Virginia; Lewis Craig of Connecticut; James Craig of North Carolina; Catherine Cherry of Illinois; Elizabeth Oliver, Virginia McGill, Joann Craig, and Lois Craig of Connecticut. In-laws: Sarah Simon, Sandra Conkey, Kathleen Shephard (Tyrone), Alice Watson (Bob), Rose Mary Vaughan, Russell Gatling (Cleo), and Carney Gatling (Jackie).

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Katie Sue (Swain) Craig; her late husband, William O. Burke; siblings Mary Craig of New York, Margaret Weaver, Joseph Craig, Otis Craig, and Florence Lockhart of Virginia; Shirley Rogers of Connecticut; sister-in-law Cathie Gatling of Delaware; and grandchildren Donald and Chertye Gatling.

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Memorial Cemetery

2220 N Dupont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 28. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Ezion Fair Baptist Church
1400 B Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Celebration of Life

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Burial

FEB 28 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CK

“ *Mrs Nola was a beautiful person. She pierced my ears when I was younger. My prayers go out to her family.*

*Love,
Carolyn Kent*

Carolyn J Kent - February 28 at 12:48 PM

KW

“ *Karen Williams lit a candle in memory of Nola S Gatling*



Karen Williams - February 27 at 03:20 PM

FF

“ *From Sandra Williams-Conkey and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Nola S Gatling.*



From Sandra Williams-Conkey and family - February 27 at 03:09 PM

JW

“ *Joyce Jones Webb lit a candle in memory of Nola S Gatling*



Joyce Jones Webb - February 26 at 06:57 PM

RR

“ Truly a beautiful soul has left us and went home to be with the Lord. I will never forget her. Praying for the family during this difficult time..

Rebecca & William Ricketts



Rebecca Ricketts - February 26 at 01:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nola S Gatling.

February 26 at 12:10 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nola S Gatling.



February 26 at 12:10 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nola S Gatling.



February 25 at 09:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nola S Gatling.



February 25 at 05:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nola S Gatling.

February 25 at 05:26 AM



“ Lizzie (Mary) Smith & Antoine Smith purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nola S Gatling.



Lizzie (Mary) Smith & Antoine Smith - February 24 at 01:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nola S Gatling.



February 24 at 12:47 PM

CC

“ *Crystal Collins lit a candle in memory of Nola S Gatling*

Crystal Collins - February 24 at 12:15 AM

SW

“ *Sharon Williams lit a candle in memory of Nola S Gatling*



Sharon Williams - February 23 at 06:37 AM

RP

“ *Miss Nola. What an amazing cook. You always made me feel welcome in your home. You will be missed. Rest peacefully Miss Nola.*

Rob

Robert Perkins - February 22 at 11:04 PM

KA

“ *Kaytina lit a candle in memory of Nola S Gatling*



Kaytina - February 19 at 04:32 PM