



## Leila Evelyn Gears

November 21, 1931 - March 1, 2012

Evelyn Gears of Chestertown, MD, passed away surrounded by her loving family on March 1, 2012, at Chester River Hospital Center in Chestertown. She was 80.

She was born on November 21, 1931, the daughter of the late James Franklin and Mary Lillian Usilton Williams. She was educated in Chestertown and on April 3, 1949, she married James Henry "Pop" Gears. They made their home in Chestertown where she raised her family to whom she was entirely devoted.

She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Chestertown; a life member of Chestertown Fire Company, where she was involved with the Ladies Auxiliary and enjoyed bingo; and a member of the Sgt. Preston Ashley American Legion Post #228 Ladies Auxiliary in Rock Hall, MD.

Her husband predeceased her in 2006, along with a grandson, James Evans "Jamie" Neal in 1988. She is survived by her three daughters, Darlene Neal and husband Bruce of Chestertown, Sarah Henrietta Maloney and Buster Blackiston of Chestertown, and Loree Kaye Morris and her husband Tracy of Chestertown; as well as a brother, George S. Williams of Chestertown. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Donna Lynn Wode, Brian Keith Neal, Michael Louis Maloney, Jr. and wife Sara, Sarah Amanda Miller and husband

Brad, Lacy Kaye Morris, Jenna Lynn Morris along with great grandchildren: Faith Ann Speer, Brooke Alexandra Wode, Dylan Chandler Wode, Parker Henry Miller, Paige Amanda Miller, and Maximus Alexander Maloney.

Services will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 1 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call on Monday evening, March 5, from 6 - 8 p.m.

Interment will be in Chester Cemetery in Chestertown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chestertown Fire Company, P.O. Box 296, Chestertown, MD 21620.

# Cemetery Details

## Chester Cemetery

Chestertown, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

MAR 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears* ”



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - April 19, 2023 at 08:48 PM



“ *Leila Evelyn Gears* ”

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Leila Evelyn Gears* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Leila Evelyn Gears* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Steve And Beth Green lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears* ”



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**Steve and Beth Green** - March 06, 2012 at 08:59 AM

SW

“ *Darlene, Henrietta and Loree,  
We would like to extend our sincere sympathy  
to you  
girls in the loss of your Mother. She was truly  
a lady/  
Sis and HarryT. Williams*



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**Sis and HarryT. Williams** - March 05, 2012 at 12:29 PM

MM

“ *Megan Morris lit a candle in memory of Leila  
Evelyn Gears*



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**Megan Morris** - March 05, 2012 at 11:52 AM

JP

“ *Even though it has been many years since I have had contact with  
your mother I just wanted you to know how much I enjoyed bowling  
on the Monday Night Ladies League with her. She was always so  
friendly and fun to be around. My thoughts are with you all during  
this difficult time now and in the weeks to come.  
JoAnn Powell*

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**JoAnn A. Powell** - March 05, 2012 at 10:42 AM

JA

“Patty and I send our deepest sympathy to you at this sad, difficult time. We will remember your mother as a kind, warm hearted, and comical lady. And, who could forget bowling??? No matter our age, the loss of a mother is heartbreaking and it leaves a void that will never be filled. May you find comfort and peace in the days ahead.  
Patty and Jane

Jane Anthony - March 05, 2012 at 06:53 AM

DW

“Donna, Brooke, N Dylan Wode lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears



donna, brooke, n dylan wode - March 05, 2012 at 01:48 AM

JM

“Jenna Morris lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears



Jenna Morris - March 04, 2012 at 08:42 PM

WJ

“Wayne Pyle Jr. lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears



Wayne Pyle Jr. - March 04, 2012 at 06:53 PM



“ *Jo Morris lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**Jo Morris** - March 04, 2012 at 01:58 PM

DP

“ *Daniel And Robin Pletzer lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**Daniel and Robin Pletzer** - March 04, 2012 at 06:50 AM

AM

“ *Amanda "Bird" Miller lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**Amanda "Bird" Miller** - March 03, 2012 at 06:44 PM

LP

“ *Lynda H. Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**Lynda H. Palmatary** - March 03, 2012 at 07:21 AM

LP

“ *Darlene and family: Our prayers and thoughts are with you in the loss of your mother. Will always remember her smiling face and dedication at the Bowling Alley. Those were great days. She surely loved her family and her love for others will always be remembered. May God give you strength, love and peace to face each new day. Blessings to all, Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.*

**Lynda H. Palmatary** - March 03, 2012 at 07:20 AM

KH

“ *Katherine Hill lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



**Katherine Hill** - March 03, 2012 at 06:41 AM

JH

“ *Joyce & Phil Hurlock lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



**Joyce & Phil Hurlock** - March 03, 2012 at 06:25 AM

PE

“ *Peggy States Edwards lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



**Peggy States Edwards** - March 02, 2012 at 10:00 PM

PE

*To the family of Ms. Bootsie: Prayers and thoughts are with all of you. I will always remember your mom with a smile, never saw her without one. She is not suffering any longer and is at peace. She has joined the angels above and if she and my mom have their way they are playing bingo! God give you strength in the coming days. God bless each one of you.*

**Peggy States Edwards** - March 02, 2012 at 10:03 PM

PL

“ *Darlene So sorry to hear about "Miss" Bootsie, knowm right now she is playing Bingo and Mr. Jim is calling the numbers. She will always be in your memories, no one can take that.*

**Pat Lewis(mom-mom)** - March 02, 2012 at 09:23 PM

PL

“ *Pat Lewis(mom-mom) lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



**Pat Lewis(mom-mom)** - March 02, 2012 at 09:19 PM

MS

“ *Marie Spray lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



**Marie Spray** - March 02, 2012 at 09:13 PM

MS

*To the family the good Lord to home a great lady she is at peace with Mr Jim by her side . My prayers are with all of you Marie*

**Marie Spray** - March 02, 2012 at 09:16 PM

TB

“ *Thinking of you all,I remember her with a smile on her face  
Tink and Beverly Blakeney*

**Tink and Beverly Blakeney** - March 02, 2012 at 05:11 PM

DR

“ *Doris A Reynolds lit a candle in memory of  
Leila Evelyn Gears*



**Doris A Reynolds** - March 02, 2012 at 05:10 PM

DR

*My thoughts go out to the family. My prayers are with you. She was known to me as Aunt Bootsy and she loved her family dear May the Good Lord help you at this time.*

**Doris A Reynolds** - March 02, 2012 at 05:18 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Biddle lit a candle in memory of Leila  
Evelyn Gears*



**Brenda Biddle** - March 02, 2012 at 05:05 PM

BB

*Boots was always laughing. I have played many a game of bingo with her. To the family my deepest sympathy but she is an angel now still watching over you free of pain and happy to be with Jim again...*

**Brenda Biddle** - March 02, 2012 at 05:09 PM

LW

“ *Linda Bonwill Williams lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**Linda Bonwill Williams** - March 02, 2012 at 04:29 PM

JC

“ *Jack And Sylvia Christian lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**Jack and Sylvia Christian** - March 02, 2012 at 04:10 PM

BS

“ *Bobby Sweetman lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**Bobby Sweetman** - March 02, 2012 at 03:51 PM

BS

*A very kind and gentle soul, always with a laugh and a smile...prayers and thoughts are with the family*

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**Bobby Sweetman** - March 02, 2012 at 03:54 PM

LW

“ *L. Dale Willson lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**L. Dale Willson** - March 02, 2012 at 02:52 PM

DW

*Will be greatly missed by all...Spent many of hours working beside this great lady and will always remember her great smile.*  
*Dale*

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**Dale Willson** - March 02, 2012 at 02:54 PM

CM

“ *Carolyn Meekins lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**Carolyn Meekins** - March 02, 2012 at 02:42 PM

RJ

“ *ROBBIR AND ROBIN JOINER lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**ROBBIR AND ROBIN JOINER** - March 02, 2012 at 02:12 PM

RC

“ We will truly miss Bootsy. I have never called her Evelyn, just Bootsy....her personality said it all. Full of life and vigor. Always ready to join the party and have a good time. She loved her family and friends and served her fire company well. God bless your soul.

Rebecca J Clough - March 02, 2012 at 02:06 PM

RC

“ Rebecca J Clough lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears



Rebecca J Clough - March 02, 2012 at 02:04 PM

TJ

“ Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - March 02, 2012 at 01:39 PM

TJ

She will be greatly missed. She was like a mother to me when we all lived on Cannon Street in the good ole days. She was the BEST!!!!

Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - March 02, 2012 at 01:41 PM

HP

“ *Hilda, Jackie, April, Michael Plummer lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



**Hilda, Jackie, April, Michael Plummer** - March 02, 2012 at 01:16 PM

HP

“ *Hilda Plummer lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



**Hilda Plummer** - March 02, 2012 at 01:13 PM

DS

“ *Dwayne, Lisa, Harley And Jenna Sewell lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



**Dwayne, Lisa, Harley and Jenna Sewell** - March 02, 2012 at 01:10 PM

DS

*Lisa is also suppose to be on there.*

**Dwayne, Lisa, Harley and Jenna Sewell** - March 02, 2012 at 01:11 PM

DS

“ Dwayne, Lisa, Harley And Jenna Sewell lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears



Dwayne, Lisa, Harley and Jenna Sewell - March 02, 2012 at 01:09 PM

DE

“ Dave And Patti Eason lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears



Dave and Patti Eason - March 02, 2012 at 12:24 PM

PJ

“ Pres & Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears



Pres & Sherrie Jacobs - March 02, 2012 at 12:15 PM

RO

“ RJ And Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears



RJ and Kristi Osborn - March 02, 2012 at 10:30 AM

DO

“ *Doris & Dennis Olsen lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**Doris & Dennis Olsen** - March 02, 2012 at 10:04 AM

LF

“ *Louise Foxx lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**Louise Foxx** - March 02, 2012 at 08:57 AM

CW

“ *Crystal White lit a candle in memory of Leila Evelyn Gears*



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**Crystal White** - March 02, 2012 at 08:53 AM