



Thelma Bowman Gaines

February 14, 1917 - January 2, 2012

Thelma Bowman Gaines of Chestertown, MD, died on Monday, January 2, 2012, at Queen Anne's County Hospice House in Centreville, MD. She was 94.

Mrs. Gaines was born in Baltimore, MD, on February 14, 1917. She and her family moved to Millington, MD, three years later where she was raised by her family. A graduate of Chestertown High School, Mrs. Gaines married Paul D. Bowman on April 8, 1939. They lived in Millington where she and her husband owned and operated The Mill House Restaurant from 1949-1954. In 1955, they opened Paul D. Bowman Insurance Agency and the following year they moved and relocated the business to Chestertown. They operated the agency until retiring in 1979. Mr. Bowman predeceased his wife in 1981. She later married Clemens Gaines, and he also predeceased her.

Mrs. Gaines was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #86 Chestertown where she had served as Worthy Matron, Emmanuel Episcopal Church where she served on the alter guild, and also presided as Judge of Orphans Court for Kent County. She was also active within the Chester River Yacht and Country Club, the Red Hatters Club, as well as the Chestertown Garden Club. Mrs. Gaines enjoyed gardening, cooking, golfing, but most of all her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, The Honorable Paul M. Bowman of Chestertown, MD; grandchildren, David A. Bowman of Worton, MD, Erin B. Zierfuss of Chestertown, MD, and Jeffrey P. Bowman of Annapolis, MD, along with great grandchildren, Flynn, Asher, and Mackie.

Services will be held on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 1:30 PM at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Chestertown, MD.

Interment will follow in Asbury Cemetery, Millington. Relatives and friends are invited to Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home at 130 Speer Road, Chestertown on Thursday, January 5, 2012 between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 PM. An Order of the Eastern Star service will begin at 8:00pm.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Queen Anne's County Hospice, Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

Millington Asbury Cemetery

Millington, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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

Service

JAN 6. 1:30 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 N. Cross St.
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thelma Bowman Gaines* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 21, 2023 at 11:59 PM



“ *Thelma Bowman Gaines* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Thelma Bowman Gaines* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Thelma Bowman Gaines* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Paul, so sorry about your Mom. She had a wonderful life, but it is still very hard. She was a wonderful lady! Prayers sent your way.* ”



Joyce Benton - January 09, 2012 at 03:13 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Crew lit a candle in memory of Thelma Bowman Gaines*



Kathy Crew - January 06, 2012 at 01:20 PM

JE

“ *What a sweetheart - John and I would visit with her when we went to see Miss Anne at Golden Rule. A lovely lady, good friend of Miss Mary Brume and proud Mom of Paul and his family.*

John D. and Jo Ann Edwards - January 05, 2012 at 08:47 AM

JE

“ *John D. And Jo Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Thelma Bowman Gaines*



John D. and Jo Ann Edwards - January 05, 2012 at 08:43 AM

JB

“ *Joyce Benton lit a candle in memory of Thelma Bowman Gaines*



Joyce Benton - January 04, 2012 at 02:19 PM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Thelma Bowman Gaines*



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - January 04, 2012 at 02:15 PM

CW

“ *Honorable Paul Bowman and Family:
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. She was a very special lady and loved her family very much. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time.*

George and Candy Wilson

Candy Wilson - January 04, 2012 at 01:17 PM