



## Gay Whitesides

September 16, 1942 - February 18, 2020

Gay Crisco Whitesides, 77, of Statesville, passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Gordon Hospice House.

She was born on September 16, 1942 in Albemarle, NC, to the late Harold and Osia Caudle Crisco. Mrs. Whitesides was “Mom” to everyone and taking care of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren was her most important job. She retired as a bus driver and substitute teacher with Iredell Statesville schools and especially loved taking kids on field trips. She also sold Avon for many years. She was an active member of Oakdale Baptist Church and was active until recently when her health made her unable to attend. She loved helping with VBS, funeral meals, and nursery. Her favorite thing to do was to go to her beach house at Oak Island with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Gene Whitesides; brothers Everette and Jimmy Crisco; and son in law Todd Mason.

She is survived by her children, Renee Whitesides, David Whitesides, Barry and Holly Whitesides, and Gina Mason; grandchildren, Jennifer and Michael Hinson, Jessica and Rita Willard, and Meredith Mason; and great grandchildren, Natalee and Allie Hinson.

The family will receive friends on Friday, February 21 from 10-11:30 am with a service following at 11:30 am at Oakdale Baptist Church, Statesville, with Pastor Matthew Eades officiating. Burial will follow the service at Oakwood Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Iredell County and Gordon Hospice House for their amazing care of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Memorials can be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Rd, Statesville, NC 28625 or Oakdale Baptist Church, 585 Mocksville Hwy, Statesville, NC 28625.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Mrs. Whitesides' family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery (Statesville)

114 N Oakwood Dr  
Statesville, NC

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Oakdale Baptist Church  
585 Mocksville Hwy  
Statesville, NC 28625

## Funeral Service

FEB 21. 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Oakdale Baptist Church  
585 Mocksville Hwy  
Statesville, NC 28625

## Graveside Service

FEB 21. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery  
114 Oakwood Rd.  
Statesville, NC 28677



# Tribute Wall



“ *Gay Whitesides*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Gay Whitesides*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Gay Whitesides*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *My sympathy to the family. Gay was the first friend I made when I went to Albemarle Senior High my Junior year in high school. A really nice person. Becky Helms Thompson*

**Rebecca Thompson** - February 21, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ *As one of the best bus drivers, Gay knew the route for any field trip, was a safe driver and always got us back to school on time! Having worked with Gene and Gay for many years, those of us at East Middle have so many memories of them. I am sad for the loss of this beloved lady. We enjoyed our retirement lunches with Gay and will miss hearing about the Whitesides family. Peace to all who mourn Gay's death.*

*Linda Marshall  
East Middle Retired*

**Linda Marshall** - February 21, 2020 at 08:13 AM

PL

“ Thinking of all the family during this time of grief. Gay's family lived across from my family on Lowder St. in Albemarle. A lot of memories from that time in our lives.

*Bill Pickler*

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**Pickler William L.** - February 20, 2020 at 12:57 PM

JJ

“ My sympathy to all the family. Gay was a high school classmates of mine. She was such a sweet girl.

*Jerry Lou Holbert Jones*

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**Jerry Lou Holbert Jones** - February 20, 2020 at 08:07 AM

NS

“ Sending love and prayers during this difficult time. Nelle Saint

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**Nelle Saint** - February 19, 2020 at 08:02 PM

DE

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. Ms. Gay was a dear friend and neighbor. We loved her and will miss her dearly. Prayers for the family during this time.

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**Don and Lena Eall** - February 19, 2020 at 07:59 PM

PH

*Bob and I always remember Gene and Gay and the kindness they shared with us for many years. Their smiles always came through for everyone. Heaven is welcoming Gay and the two of them are reuniting with all their loved ones now and we'll be along soon. God Bless their children as they continue to raise the grandchildren in Christian faith. I can still see Gay's peaceful smile. Love, Phyllis & Bob Harris*

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**Phyllis & Bob Harris** - February 19, 2020 at 09:20 PM

CB

*Gay was my first date at the old age of 14 we went to a dance , she was a great friend. Gene you are in my prayers.*

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**claude burleson** - February 20, 2020 at 07:08 PM

DS

*You and your family are in our thoughts*

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**Donna McCord Smolik** - February 20, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gay Whitesides.*



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February 19, 2020 at 07:50 PM

RB

“ *MY HEART GOES OUT TO MY DAUGHTER ( JESSICA WILLARD ) AND THE WHOLE FAMILY . SHE WAS A VERY SWEET, LOVING, LADY , SHE WILL TRULY BE MISSED BY EVERYONE ( REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND , UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN )* ❤️

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**RHONDA BRIDGEMAN** - February 19, 2020 at 03:50 PM