



Mrs. Spellman "Chonita" (Crawford) Gibson

January 1, 1753 - February 28, 1935

Obituary

MRS. SPELLMAN CHONITA GIBSON known to her friends as "Chonita", was born to Arthur Crawford and Betty White Crawford in Okolona, Mississippi on February 28, 1935. She grew up in a family with a strong foundation of love and faith as the youngest of eight children with brother Warren and sisters, Mildred, Maxine, Vernell, Opal, Betty, and Shirley. In the early 1940's, her father moved the family to Kansas City, Missouri where Chonita attended and graduated from R.T. Coles High School, Class of 1954. It was during her high school years when she found her soulmate William Joe Gibson whom she married on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1953. She and William were married over 50 years when he departed this life in 2003.

She graduated high school with a certificate in cosmetology with hopes of becoming a full-time beautician. However, she accepted an opportunity as a cashier for Wonder Bread Hostess Cake in Kansas City, Kansas where she worked for over 20 years enabling her to secure a well-deserved retirement pension. Chonita also had an entrepreneurial spirit which resulted in her purchasing and renting an additional home in the Westport area of Kansas City for several years.

Motherhood and her children's education were always a priority as she and William raised five children, William Joe Jr., Reginald, Deborah, Greg, and Terry who together have earned nine college degrees.

She found Christ at a young age and her faith journey has included singing in the choir and serving as an usher at Friendship Baptist Church. It is because of that faith that we believe she has transitioned to a better place. Celebrating her 86 years of life on this earth are her offspring, grandchildren, other family members, and many friends.

Spellman "Chonita" Gibson's funeral service will be held Saturday, February 12, 2022, 11:00 am at Friendship Baptist Church. Interment Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10am-11am at the church. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Mrs. Spellman "Chonita" (Crawford) Gibson, please visit our floral store.

[Read More](#)

Tribute Wall



“ Feathery palm plant was purchased for the family of Mrs. Spellman "Chonita" Gibson. Send Flowers With deepest sympathy-The Chateau Girardeau

May 25, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ Dignity in white pedestal arrangement was purchased for the family of Mrs. Spellman "Chonita" Gibson by Yolonda R Tilford (Yoyo). Send Flowers With loving memories of Mrs. Spellman "Chonita" (Crawford) Gibson Yolonda R Tilford (Yoyo)

Yolonda R Tilford (Yoyo) - May 25, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Spellman "Chonita" Gibson by Edward, Kristin, and Garric Nowlin. Plant a Tree The Nowlin family sends our condolences. We are grateful we had a chance to meet your mother several times in Cape Girardeau, Terry. We know she will be missed, and you are all in our thoughts. Edward, Kristin, and Garric Nowlin

Edward, Kristin, and Garric Nowlin - May 25, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ Dignity in white pedestal arrangement was purchased for the family of Mrs. Spellman "Chonita" Gibson by Greg Gibson & Family. Send Flowers Mom, We Love You Forever. Thank You for all that you did for your us. God truly blessed us when he gave us to you as our Mother. You are forever in our hearts, may you rest in everlasting peace. Greg Gibson & Family

Greg Gibson & Family - May 25, 2023 at 12:13 PM

KE

“ Basket garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Spellman "Chonita" Gibson by Karen Ellis. Send Flowers Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Chonita will be missed. Karen Ellis

Karen Ellis - May 25, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Spellman "Chonita" Gibson. Plant a Tree In sorrow, gratitude, and with love. The Coach Webber Memorial Scholarship Fund family

May 25, 2023 at 12:13 PM

OB

“ The harbor sweets 64 piece gift tower was purchased for the family of Mrs. Spellman "Chonita" Gibson by Oneita Billings. Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. With Love! Your Cousins, Oneita Billings, Sekou Billings and Family Oneita Billings

Oneita Billings - May 25, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Spellman "Chonita" Gibson. Plant a Tree

May 25, 2023 at 12:13 PM

LB

“ Our heartfelt condolences to our family. May God bless you with the comfort of His loving arms. The Sweetness of our special Great-Aunt Chonita will be forever remembered. As children and as we grew into adulthood, was blessed with sweet treats and hugs from our Aunt Chonita. We love you and cherish your memory. Lisa & Edwin Burkett Family

Lisa Burkett - February 12, 2022 at 11:23 AM

LM

“ In Memory of Aunt Chonita, Well always remember her love, kindness and joyful laugh. May the peace that comes from the cherished memories of her love comfort you now and in the days ahead. With Deepest Sympathy and Love, Cousin Linda McCorkle & Family

Linda Mccorkle - February 11, 2022 at 10:16 PM

FR

“ Many Regrets on the loss of one of my favorite Aunts, Chonita Gibson. She is the last of the seven sisters and one brother to pass on. My heartfelt condolences goes to Joe, Greg, Deborah and Terry. Remember this is not the end. There is going to be a resurrection. We all have a real hope of being reunited with our dead love ones John 5: 28-29. In the meantime celebrate her beautiful life in peace and love. Always, Farella (Faye) Ross

Farella (Faye) Ross - February 10, 2022 at 12:37 PM

GF

“ We pray peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. With love Gateway Church Family

Gateway Church Family - February 10, 2022 at 11:30 AM

FR

“ *Regrets on the loss of your Mother, Aunt Chonita. I have good memories of her within the Crawford Family. Always remember this is not the end. There is going to be a resurrection and a real hope of being reunited with our dead love ones. John 5:28-29. Cousin Farella (Faye) Ross*

Farella (Faye) Ross - February 10, 2022 at 10:55 AM

OB

“ *I know this is a sorrowful time for all of you as you grieve the loss of your Mother. I hope each one of you treasure the memories you have with Aunt Chonita. I know as a Crawford Family Member, we will. Aunt Chonita will be greatly missed. With my deepest sympathy and love. Your Cousin, Oneita Billings*

Oneita Billings - February 02, 2022 at 09:12 PM