



## Dorothy Elizabeth Merritt Gandy

February 3, 1932 - November 21, 2024

Services for Dorothy E. Gandy (MawMaw) will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703 on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 2:00 pm. with the Rev. Dr. Ron Klingsick officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Special music will be performed by Floyd and Sally Williford.

Our loving Mother and MawMaw went to be with Jesus on Thursday, Nov 21, 2024 while at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler, TX. She has been looking forward to this day to be with Jesus and her loved ones that have gone before her. We know that Jesus and our Daddy (PawPaw) along with many loved ones were waiting for her at the pearly gates of Heaven. What a glorious day and celebration!

She was born February 3, 1932 in Roxton, TX to Alvin and Elizabeth Merritt. She was a born again Christian and a member of Arp Emmanuel Baptist Church. She walked daily with Jesus. She was married for 66 years to W. I. (Bill) Gandy, the love of her life. She was employed at Kmart for 25 years. Mrs. Gandy was a very hardworking lady and very compassionate, loving, kind, and always sharing the sweetest smile.

She dearly loved her family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Her most cherished moments was spending time with

them. She will be missed dearly and we will meet her again in Heaven with our Precious Lord and Savior.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 10 brothers and sisters. Brothers were Cleo Merritt, Lawson Merritt, Morris Merritt, Homer Merritt, Ray Merritt and Eldon Merritt. Sisters were Nellie Hedger, Lois Fox, and Earline Stringer. She is survived by two children: Doyle Gandy and wife, Jayne, of Tyler, TX and Gwenitta Swinney and husband, David, of Arp, TX. She is also survived by: 7 grandchildren: Stephanie and Wayne Keller of Troup, TX; Mitzi Abernathy of Tyler; Melissa and Jeremy Mullens of Tyler, TX; Will and Monica Gandy of Tyler, TX; Stacie and Mark Everett of Arp, TX; Julie Swinney of Arp, TX; and Matthew and Jana Swinney of Whitehouse, TX, and 15 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be the great-grandsons: Bryce Everett, Travis Abernathy, Tucker Abernathy, Junah Mullens, Seth Keller, and Kyler Keller.

A special thanks to the nurses and caretakers at UTHealth East Texas of Tyler, TX and Hospice of East Texas, Tyler, TX in the care of our precious mother and MawMaw

Burial will follow at Williams Cemetery located at 16342 State Highway 64E, Tyler, TX.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to Arp Emmanuel Baptist Church, P. O. Box 87, Arp Texas or to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701.

# Cemetery Details

## Williams Cemetery

State Hwy 64  
New Chapel Hill, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

NOV 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Elizabeth Merritt Gandy.

November 26, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Merritt Gandy.



November 26, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ Stephanie, Mitzi, Will and Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Elizabeth Merritt Gandy.

**Stephanie, Mitzi, Will and Families** - November 24, 2024 at 10:48 PM



“ Stephanie, Mitzi, Will and Families purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Merritt Gandy.



**Stephanie, Mitzi, Will and Families** - November 24, 2024 at 10:48 PM

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“ Gary & Gwen Ballard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Merritt Gandy.



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**Gary & Gwen Ballard** - November 23, 2024 at 11:56 PM

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“ Nolan and Nancy purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Merritt Gandy.



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**Nolan and Nancy** - November 23, 2024 at 03:15 PM

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“ Mawmaw was the sweetest, kindest grandmother we could ask for. She was always there with a kiss and hug. Those Popsicles were pretty good too! She was an angel! Love you MawMaw!!

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**Melissa Mullens** - November 23, 2024 at 01:19 AM