



Lynn C. Gooch

July 25, 1932 - January 19, 2023

Abbeville -

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, January 27, 2023, at 11:00 am at Cypress Funeral Home Chapel in Maurice for Lynn C. Gooch, age 90, who passed away peacefully at Our Lady of Lourdes Heart Hospital due to complications from several recent cardiac procedures on Thursday, January 19, 2023, in Lafayette.

Deacon Keith Duhon of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in New Iberia will officiate.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 27, 2023, from 9:00 am until the time of service at Cypress Funeral Home Chapel.

Internment will take place in the Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery at 2111 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508.

Lynn C. Gooch, affectionately known as “Miss Lynn” was born on July 25, 1932, in Baton Rouge and she was a longtime resident of Abbeville. Her young life consisted of countless towns across the Gulf Coast as her father built his oil exploration businesses. Lynn relocated from Houston to Abbeville in 1946 and met her future husband, and life partner, William “Bill” Gooch, Jr.

at Abbeville High School. She graduated from Lafayette High School in 1949 and obtained her degree in education from SLI in 1953. Lynn was married to Bill on October 15th, 1952, a marriage which spanned 68 years until Bill's death in 2021.

Lynn was also an accomplished pianist, and blessed with an exceptional singing voice as a classical mezzo-soprano. Though she was presented with a professional performing/recording contract opportunity with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, she demurred in order to begin a family. Nonetheless, Lynn shared her angelic voice at numerous concerts, featured performances, Mardi Gras balls, weddings, and funerals throughout the Acadiana area.

Lynn began her long career as an educator while Bill served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. She focused her talents primarily in the middle school segment teaching at Mt. Carmel, Eaton Park, Abbeville Elementary, and North Vermilion in later years, as well as many years in the 1970s at disadvantaged schools such as Herod Elementary. Lynn also taught in bilingual settings taking in students of Vietnamese, Asian, and Hispanic origin. Moreover, she successfully developed programs utilized for special needs students, in many cases attaching their desk to hers to ensure that no deserving child got left behind. After her retirement in 1982, Lynn taught literacy skills to illiterate adults via Vermilion Parish programs and the Catholic Services Center with St. Mary Magdalen Parish.

The hallmark of Lynn was that she was known as a person of great empathy, concern for others, and a keen intellect. In the 40 years of her active retirement, she met countless prior students who professed their lasting admiration and gratitude to her for the positive impact she had on their young lives. Lynn will be dearly missed.

Lynn is survived by her two children, Karen O'Connor of Denver, CO and Bill

Gooch, III of Lafayette; her granddaughters, Kara Lynn Gaspard of New Orleans and Colleen O'Connor Sampson of Fort Collins, CO; her great-grandsons, Max Bugg and Sean Linyard, both of New Orleans; her brother, James Conley of Staunton, VA; along with a host of dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William "Coach" Gooch; her parents, Harry Raymond Conley and Tommie Onellion; as well as her sister, Carol Conley Olivier.

The family wishes to offer a heartfelt thank you to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Our Lady of Lourdes Heart Hospital for their exceptional level of care and compassion they offered Lynn and her family during her time of need.

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555, (337) 740-3123, is in charge of Cremation arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Mrs. Gooch was my teacher in 5th grade at Herod Elementary and I was tenor eleven years old. I've always remembered her as such a kind and sweet lady and have thought of her many times over the years. She was really sweet to me! I'm sorry to read of her passing, but I know she made the best of her time here on earth in her ninety years. Prayers to her children and family! I'm sure she will be missed by many! "As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them."



Marcie Broussard Reed - January 26, 2023 at 06:03 PM

GM

“ Mrs. Gooch was my 7th grade English teacher. She is the reason I became a teacher. Many yrs. ago, I had the honor of teaching along side of her at a local Elem. School and having her son in my very first class. I will never forget this very classy lady! ❤️

Gwen Mergist - January 24, 2023 at 07:48 PM

TS

“ It was a great pleasure to meet Miss Lynn last month when she and her son Bill drove to Fort Collins CO for the wedding of her granddaughter Colleen and our son Will. My conversations with Lynn will remain some of my best memories of wedding week. I'm so glad I met her. My best to Bill, Karen, Colleen and family during this time of loss.

Tracey Seltzer - January 24, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lynn C. Gooch.*



January 24, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lynn C. Gooch.*



January 23, 2023 at 08:37 AM



“ *I had the privilege of spending many Sunday afternoons with Mrs Gooch when her Granddaughter Kara and I moved to Abbeville to have our child Max. I will always appreciate her kindness and graciousness to my family and I, and will cherish the memories of her forever. Her Sunday meals were the highlight of my week! Mrs Gooch, "mawmaw" as I knew her, always went out of her way to make sure everyone around her was comfortable and happy. Her constant kind and loving presence was such a blessing to me in those turbulent early days of fatherhood. She will be missed.*



Josh Bugg - January 22, 2023 at 11:19 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lynn C. Gooch.



January 22, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ Mrs. Gooch was one of my favorite teachers. One of those special people who inspired my own forty- four year teaching career. She came to our 50 year reunion in 2021. It was great to see her.

Rebecca Menard Cormier

Erath High School class of 1971 ❤️❤️

Rebecca Cormier - January 21, 2023 at 12:56 PM



I spent many times with Lin and Her son Bill. Always a pleasure to spend that special time with them. Lin's Husband, Coach Billy Gooch was always a person that I highly respected and a great friend. May Lin rest in peace.

Joe Cormier - January 24, 2023 at 09:54 AM



Lynn was married to my cousin, Billy. She was always very nice and gracious to our side of the family. Condolences to her family. Dianne Greene Lloyd.

Dianne Lloyd - January 24, 2023 at 01:42 PM



Knowing Ms. Lynn for a span of over 40 years and having recently reconnected with her has been one of the greatest blessings in my life. Her kindness and warm spirit will be with me always. My deepest sympathies to the family. My heart is with you.

Mitzi Romanelli - January 27, 2023 at 09:41 AM