



Garnieta "Gay" Baxa

April 1, 1933 - December 10, 2025

Garnieta "Gay" Baxa, age 92, of the Old Elkins Road, Buckhannon, died on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at the Stonehaven Assisted Care Home in Belington, WV. She was born on April 1, 1933, in Webster County, WV on the grounds of the present-day Holly River State Park, a daughter of the late Elza Lee and Arnie Light Hissam. She was united in marriage on December 25, 1954, to Howard Franklin "Frank" Baxa who survives. In addition to her husband, she is also survived by one daughter Sandra Ireland of Buckhannon; two sons: Dennis F. Baxa of Buckhannon and Scotty L. Baxa and Pam of Buckhannon; seven grandchildren: Jeff Ireland and wife Maddy of Charleston, WV, Mark Ireland and wife Sloan of Buckhannon, Danielle Baxa of Berlin, Derrick Baxa, Devin Baxa, Joey Baxa and fiancée Amanda, and Linn Baxa and wife Corie, all of Buckhannon; thirteen great grandchildren; three brothers: Roy Hissam and wife Ruth of Rock Cave, Darrell Hissam of Buckhannon, and Dannie Hissam and wife Louise of Bridgeport, WV; two sisters: Janice Nahidian and husband Bahram of Chantilly, VA and Shirley Zickefoose of Buckhannon; two sisters-in-law Anna Lee Hissam of Buckhannon and Adrienne Hissam of Kanawha Head; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by one daughter-in-law LaDonna Kay Baxa; one great grandson Braxton Baxa; two brothers: Okey Doyle Hissam and Gary Wayne Hissam; one sister Leona Underwood; two brothers-in-law: Arnold Underwood and Amal Zickefoose; and one sister-in-law Pat Hissam.

Gay was a member, with her husband Frank, of the Mt. Rupert United Methodist Church. She loved spending quiet time gardening in her flowerbeds, cooking for others, and enjoying holidays with family. She was a caregiver to many throughout the years.

Friends will be received at the Heavner and Cutright Funeral Chapel on Sunday, December 14, 2025, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM—the funeral hour, with Pastor Gary Phillips officiating. Interment will follow in the Buckhannon Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Mt. Rupert UM Church in care of Anita King, 58 Needlepoint Drive, Buckhannon, WV 26201.

Cemetery Details

Buckhannon Memorial Park

505 Hall Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201
(304) 472-1651

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel
940 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Funeral Service

DEC 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel
940 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Sandy and family, I am so sorry of your mother's passing . May the Lord wrap his arms around you and give you peace and comfort.*

Becky Starkey - December 17, 2025 at 07:06 PM

BS

“ *Sandy I I am so sorry to hear about your mother. She was such a sweet and classy lady. Sending lots of Love and Prayers to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and Prayers !*

Brenda Squires - December 12, 2025 at 11:42 PM

BW

“ *Frank, Sandra, Dennis, Derrick, Joey, Linn, and all of the Baxa family,*

We are so terribly sorry for your loss. Praying that your faith and love of God and knowledge of Heaven will help comfort you during this time.

*Love and prayers,
Hosaflooks and Wells*

Brenda Hosaflook Wells - December 12, 2025 at 03:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Garnieta "Gay" Baxa.*



December 12, 2025 at 12:59 PM

CF

“ Corhart Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Garnieta "Gay" Baxa.

Corhart Family - December 12, 2025 at 12:59 PM

MS

“ To Joey and Linn and the whole Baxa family, our hearts go out to you. We are thinking of you all in this difficult time and praying for peace and comfort to your family.

With love,
Your Sunday Basketball Family

Mitchell Shaw - December 12, 2025 at 07:49 AM

EM

“ Gay was the most kind, loving lady we have ever known. Heaven gained one of the sweetest new Angels, but she will be missed greatly here. Sending up prayers for your Father, Frank and the family to help ease the sadness her passing has left behind. Love, Juanita Baxa and Emmy Msaitif

Emmy Msaitif - December 11, 2025 at 08:35 PM

JR

“ Sandy and family Sorry for your lost. Keeping you all in our prayers.

Jim and Barbara Reger - December 11, 2025 at 08:18 PM

PC

“ Sandy and family so sorry for your loss

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“ *Sandy so sorry for your loss. God bless your family.* ”

Aleece Williams - December 11, 2025 at 05:41 PM



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Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services - December 11, 2025 at 04:00 PM