



Gloria Jean Tilley

August 4, 1950 - May 21, 2026

Gloria Jean Tilley, 75 of Niota was reunited in Heaven with her beloved husband, Dana on Thursday, May 21, 2026. Jean was born on August 4th, 1950 in Sweetwater to James and Huttie Bledsoe. She was a faithful member and pillar of Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene where she actively served many roles with unwavering faith and a prayerful heart including Church Treasurer, Sunday School Teacher, Church Board Member, and numerous Committees. Jean continued a life of ministry in her career as she cared for many patients while as a LPN at Sweetwater Hospital where she continued to volunteer after retiring. She had a gift for making people feel loved, seen, and valued. Throughout her life she held many titles such as daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, and her most treasured; nana, that she selflessly poured her heart into. Her heart was deeply anchored in faith and family. She leaves behind a legacy woven into the lives of many.

Preceded in death by her adoring husband of 47 years, Dana Tilley; parents: James and Huttie Bledsoe; father and mother-in-law: Ken and Ruby Tilley; nephew: Jamie Atkins, and niece: Gale Ingram.

She is survived by her children: John (Diana) Packett, Laura Brown, and Matthew (Brooke) Tilley; siblings: Vivian (Gerald) Atkins, Janice (Jerry) Ingram, Jimmy (Rhonda) Bledsoe; grandchildren: Cole McKeehan, Cade Pettitt, Haylee Brown, Maddy Tilley, Ashlee Brown, Ben Tilley, Corbin McKeehan, Adalyne Brown, Cooper Tilley, Owen Goforth, Sawyer Tilley, Finley Tilley; several nieces and nephews that she loved as her own, and

many very close friends that she treasured.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, May 24, 2026 from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. at Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene with the funeral service to follow at 4:00 P.M. with Rev. Bill Dawson and Dr. Gerald Atkins officiating. Interment to follow in the church cemetery. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of the arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Beulah Chapel Church Cemetery

270 County Rd 231
Niota, TN 37826

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene
270 County Road 231
Niota, TN 37826

Funeral Service

MAY **24**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. Mothers are so special to us, and will always hold a special place in our hearts. Prayers for God's grace, love and peace for you all.

Chaplain Scott Duckworth

Chaplain Scott Duckworth - 42 minutes ago

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“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for loved ones and family.



Billie Jean McMillan - 1 hour ago