



Fenton Garnett Avant

August 11, 1960 - May 10, 2016

Fenton Garnett Avant, child of God, died May 10, 2016. She was born August 11, 1960 in Tallahassee, Florida to parents George Davis Avant and Gayle Elizabeth Christensen Avant. She was named for her grandmother Fenton Garnett Davis Avant and was the first granddaughter for maternal grandparents Carl Andrew and Elizabeth Turner Christensen and paternal grandparents David Alonzo and Fenton Garnett Davis Avant. She was raised in the Christian faith, baptized at First Presbyterian Church, made her confession of faith at Faith Presbyterian Church. She was a dear sweet person who loved her family and friends. Garnett graduated from Godby High School and was active in the Civinettes, Thespians Drama Club and Chorus. She was the first fifth generation graduate of FSU in her family with a double Major in Art History and Spanish with a minor in Italian. She was in the Glee Club Chorus and Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and enjoyed studying at the FSU program in Florence, Italy and in Costa Rica. Her degree in Art History helped her in her work at the Special Collections department at the Strozier Library. The family has many works of art she created. She graduated from Keiser College with a Degree in Computer Graphics and Design. Garnett was an excellent horsewoman riding in shows and receiving ribbons. She was a Girl Scout; member of Faith Presbyterian Church and the PW Angel Circle; Colonial Dames of the Seventeen Century; Daughters of the American Revolution; United Daughters of the Confederacy; PEO Chapter GR; Tallahassee Camellia Society; American Camellia Society; Gamma Phi Beta

Alumnae and the Women of the Moose. Garnett was preceded in death by her father George Davis Avant. Survivors are her Mother Gayle Avant, sister Inger Maria Avant, brother George Davis Avant, Jr. (Leanne); cousins David Avant III (Jessica), Neville, Marshall (Arlene), David & George McJunkin, Andrew (Linda Ann) & David (Paula) Christensen, Amanda Knox Vestal (Andy), Ashby (Caroline)& Carlyle (Faison) Knox; Aunts and Uncles Andrew and Suzanne Christensen of Moultrie, Maria & Thomas Knox of Asheville, Aunt Anne Logue and Uncle Morgan McJunkin of Lake Placid; Nieces Leah Mayne (Ryan) and Callie Avant; Nephew George Avant III and great nieces Kaylea and Lily Mayne. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m Thursday at the Mother's residence. Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 13th at Faith Presbyterian Church, with interment to follow at Roselawn Cemetery. Thank you from the family to the loving staff at Seven Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center, TMH Rehabilitation Center and Hospice. Because of Garnett's love for animals, memorial contributions may be made to the Leon County Animal Shelter or Faith Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund. Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. w www.bevisfh.com (850-385-2193)

Tribute Wall



“ *Garnett was a woman of great inner faith and beauty. Her witness will be missed by all who were privileged to know her. God bless and keep you, Gayle, Inger and the entire Avant family. May you be surrounded by His comfort and peace during this most difficult of times.*



Ruth Reynolds - May 25, 2016 at 03:29 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Avant Family.*
Vicki Godwin Boger

Vicki Boger - May 24, 2016 at 08:46 PM

SH

“ *I am thinking of you all in the Avant family - and remembering Garnett with love. What wonderful testimonies and tributes to a beautiful woman of spirit.*

Sara Holben

Sara Holben - May 16, 2016 at 08:35 PM

LC

“ *Thinking of your family at this difficult time and hoping you find comfort in the love and beautiful memories! Lisa Begue Carey*

Lisa Carey - May 16, 2016 at 08:28 AM

AV

“ So grateful to have had many special visits with Garnett over the last several years. For many,many years now she and Inger have made great effort to be a part of my children's lives, becoming "Aunt Inger and Aunt Garney". We had many fun times at the beach, getting kids registered for school and seeing summer blockbuster hits at the movie theater. I'm so grateful for these visits. Before adopting our two boys from Romania, Garnett purchased many boxes of brand new clothing for us to take with us for the orphanages. As children, Garnett, and all the Avant/Christensen cousins were like brothers and sisters to me. We spent nearly every holiday together. A testimony to our parents and their strong belief in being close with family. I miss you Garnett, but am so grateful all pain and tears are gone. I'm so grateful you're with the Angels now.



Amanda Vestal - May 16, 2016 at 03:30 AM

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“ Prayers of comfort and peace Gayle, Inger and the rest of the Avant family.
Tommie and Bud Hosier

Tommie - May 15, 2016 at 09:46 PM

JA

“ Garnett was a wonderful and caring person. I was blessed to have her in both our church Angel Circle and in my P. E.O. chapter. I know she is now in God's hands.

Janet - May 15, 2016 at 08:01 PM

MH

“ While you must be feeling deep pain, we know your sweet Garnett has been released from hers. She was such a beautiful, accomplished person. May your wonderful memories comfort you.
Madeline Hollon

Madeline Hollon - May 15, 2016 at 03:28 PM

AB

“ Garnett was such a dear person with a beautiful soul. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. How she will be missed. Love to each,
Aggie

aggie bell - May 13, 2016 at 09:55 AM

VR

“ Garnett Avant is such a sweet woman she is loving and of course her dogs and her favourite movies STAR WARS, I only met the family since Garnett has been at Seven Hills but they are so loving and wonderful to me I have come to love them all so much. Garnett will be so missed but she will always be with me in my PRAYERS and HEART ALL OF YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART AND PRAYERS WITH LOVE. VIVIAN

VIVIAN RICHARDS - May 12, 2016 at 09:58 PM

JS

“ Gayle and family,
we are so sorry that your sweet Garnett has died and that you no longer have her with you here. There are no more tears, no more pain, no more sorrow for her while we continue to grieve, weep and suffer. We are praying for you and plan to be there Friday.
Love you,
Judy and Mickey Schneider

Judy Knox Schneider - May 10, 2016 at 08:02 PM