



Annie Jo Creel

September 16, 1930 - May 11, 2026

Annie Jo Creel, 95 of Graysville, passed away peacefully surrounded by family in her home May 11, 2026.

Born in Alabaster on September 16, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Alex and Ruby Murray.

Annie Jo eventually settled in Graysville where she built a life around her family, faith and community. Jo owned a local business for many years, "Jo's Fabric and Notions."

Following her time as a business owner, she joined UAB as admissions coordinator for 16 years.

Annie Jo has been a part of Graysville Church of God for over 60 years as a devoted member.

Jo spent her retirement years with things she loved most; painting, crocheting and embarking on many adventures with her friends and family. From camping at Tannehill, the beach house in Panama City, spending time at the lake, setting sail on a cruise and going to spend time with her cousin Lou in the mountains of North Carolina. One of her most cherished memories as a passionate baseball fan, was going to the Atlanta Braves game for her 90th birthday.

Annie Jo was preceded in death by her beloved husband Glen "Coot" Creel, daughter Glenda Jo Orel, brother Ralph and parents Alex and Ruby Murray. She is survived by her daughter Lisa Creel Stevens, grandchildren Kayla Jo Hunt (Brandon) and Justin Orel and great grandchildren Jaden Orel, Colin

Hunt, Kinley Hunt, Chloe Orel and Colton Orel and a host of nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at 2pm, Friday, May 15 at New Horizon Chapel. Burial will follow in New Horizon Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends one-hour prior to the service time.

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home directing 205-648-2323

Cemetery Details

New Horizon Memorial Gardens

5203 Hollis Goodwin Rd.
Dora, AL 35062
(205) 648-8749
<http://www.newhorizonmemorial.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Chapel Service

MAY 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Elliott and Hunt Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Annie Jo Creel.*



The Elliott and Hunt Family - May 14 at 05:34 PM

EB

“ *Hello Lisa Creel and family!! I recently came back home to attend Graysville CofG !! I was so blessed to be able to see Jo again. Was also blessed last year to have her as my secret sister at church!! While she was visiting at church a little ways back. She ask, Trish if that was our Elaine .. meaning me at church! This really blessed me that she remembered me. I had been away at another church for years. Jo was a very precious sister in Christ! Always loved Jo! She was always kind to everyone!! I am very sorry for the family's loss. But for sure heavens gain!! Love and Prayers to All!! Don & Elaine Bates and family! We Love All the Creels! Good folk!!*

Elaine Bates - May 13 at 11:20 AM

KG

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Kathie Parnell Garcia - May 12 at 06:58 PM

KG

“ I remember my time in Alabama and Graysville church of God. I remember calling her Mama Creel. She was as kind and loving as a mama so why not? I can't remember who have me the crochet pattern for the oven mitt, but it may have been her. I know it was too raise money for church and my step mother daisy bought it. I have it now. We spoke often about crafts, church, and my red headed son. Jo, Coot, and Lisa loved him like grandparents and aunt. I will not mourn her earthly death as I know she is in a better place. She is with Coot and our lord. She is now finally pain free. For that, I rejoice and offer praise to God. I will continue to pray for Lisa and the entire Creel family. May they find peace . Love you mama Creel. Rest in peace



Kathie Parnell Garcia - May 12 at 06:25 PM

LF

“ Lou and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Annie Jo Creel.



Lou and family - May 12 at 05:02 PM

LF

“ Lou and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Annie Jo Creel.

Lou and family - May 12 at 05:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Annie Jo Creel.*



May 12 at 04:10 PM



“ *Erin and Brandon Ponds purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Annie Jo Creel.*



Erin and Brandon Ponds - May 12 at 03:48 PM