



**M** is for the many things she gave me  
**O** is that she is only getting older  
**T** is for the tears she shed to save me  
**H** is for her heart as pure as gold  
**E** is for her eyes, the love light glowing  
**R** is for right and right she'll always be

Put them together they spell **MOTHER**  
the word that means the world to me

*In Loving memory of  
Loretta Gayle Reid*



*14/12/1947 - 26/11/2007*

*Forever in our hearts and thoughts*





## LORETTA GAYLE REID 1947-2007

Born on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1947 daughter to Stan Giles and Mary Cross (both deceased). Also considered a daughter to Joseph Miller and Joseph Argent.

Sister to Cyril (dec), Norma (dec), Edna (dec), Betty (dec), Robert (dec) and Christine.

Sister-in-law to Roma, Jasper(dec), Lance(dec), George(dec), Joy, Denise, Archie, Rose(dec), Charmaine, Billy Bungalow(dec), Micky Dingaman(dec) and Connie Bilney(dec).

Born in Pt. Pearce her parents then moved to Kimba when she was a young girl. This is where she grew up alongside of the Reid, Bilney, Lawrie, Argent and Davey families.

At the age of 16 she began courting Colin Reid whom she later married at 19. Their life together was filled with happiness, devotion, loyalty, tears, joy but above all love.

Together they had seven children – Colin(dec), Patricia, Teresa, Gavin, Naomi, another Son deceased at birth and Veronica. Christina who is the eldest of the grandchildren was also raised as their own.

Colin and Loretta always showed their children love, dedication and devotion and this was also extended to their Grandchildren Clarissa, Kimberly, Sherrone, Ronald(Jnr), Colvin(dec), Gavin(Jnr), Garron, Nikita, Colin(Jnr), Kynin, Kelvin and Kurtley. Also Great grandchildren Khantrell and Jaykedah.

They also helped raise other children such as Peggy, Hannah, Vanessa, Allan and Trevor.

They also had a special bond with Trudy, Jackie, Kojak and David Although they had a house full they shared their love and knowledge with each and every one of these people equally.

Gayle, as she would like to be called, spent a few years in Adelaide with her family where she attended the Port Adelaide Aboriginal College. One of the fondest memories they share are the times when they would travel to the markets on the weekends, trash and treasures, Tupperware

parties and trips to see Sharkey and Malley. To have both families together most weekends was very important to Colin and Gayle.

Throughout Gayle's life there were many friendships and bonds but just to name a few Nushoo Bilney (dec), Brian Edwards (dec), Tina Namow, Patty Miller, Patty Abdulla (dec), Cyril Argent(Jnr) (dec), and Peter Ward (dec) were often spoken about with a glint of joy in her eyes. The family then moved to Pt. Augusta around 1983. At first things were difficult but with perseverance and determination-which were two of her strong points-Gayle made a home for her family. But her heart and soul were always connected to Kimba.

While growing up Gayle did not know most of her Fathers family as he had remarried. She did however meet Jean and Henry Rankine and their family also Natalie Giles and family all of whom she had an instant connection.

The loss of her husband Colin in 2000 left an emptiness it was then Gayle looked to the Lord. With attending church on a regular basis she not only made a family in Christ, she found answers to questions that no one else could help her with. Gayle found the Lord and also inner strength, love and peace.

After visiting her family and attending church Sunday night Gayle lay in bed to retire for the night. Sadly Gayle passed away in the early hours of Monday morning.

She will be loved and fondly remembered by Patty, Teresa, Gavin, Naomi, Veronica, Peggy, Hannah and Christina. Partners Brendon, Ronald, Michelle, Des and David.

Grandchildren Clarissa, Kimberly, Sherrone, Ronald(Jnr), Colvin(dec), Gavin(Jnr), Garron, Nikita, Colin(Jnr), Kynin, Kelvin and Kurtley. Also Mervyn and Steven.

Great-grandchildren Khantrell and Jaykedah. All of whom adoringly referred to her as Mummy Gayle.



*Now Resting Peacefully with Husband Colin, Two Sons and Grandson.*