



# Caroline Jeannette Mathilda Laura Gittens

February 17, 1953 - October 8, 2021

CAROLINE JEANNETTE MATHILDA LAURA GITTENS was born at Maternity Center in Monrovia, the Republic of Liberia, to Albert Charles Gittens Sr. and Caroline Jeannette Dobson-Gittens on February 17, 1953. She wholeheartedly embraced her faith in Christianity at an early age, and the Lord remained her constant source of strength and resilience throughout the many incredible challenges she survived in her life.

As a young girl growing up in Monrovia, her personality and love for people brought her many friends and acquaintances. Caroline was rambunctious and protective of her older brother Charles. At times, she even fought his playground battles. Later in her years, the circles of close people she cherished as dear sisters and brothers grew even larger. Caroline attended Bromley Mission, St. Theresa Convent, and B. W. Harris Episcopal High School, where she met her first child's father, Abraham Benedict Nosike. She received professional training at Leigh Sherman Executive Secretarial School in Liberia and later in the United States studied at the Essex County College in Newark, New Jersey. She worked for the Liberian Government in several capacities, most notably at the Liberia Public Procurement Concession Department and USAID. Caroline was a sharp individual who maintained an interest in public service and social development. She was blessed to experience marriage with her first-husband Mohamed Ibrahim Sheriff and motherhood with her three children in Liberia. Still, as the political condition worsened in her beloved home, she and her family would pass through one of the most difficult times imaginable.

John 15:13 says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for another's." Amid chaos, suffering, and war, Caroline held on to her faith to see that her two youngest children Memuna (Iris) and Mohamed Jr. (Poppy), her niece Sunnah (Pinkie), and her aunty Sarah made it out of harm's way to Ivory Coast and eventually the United States in 1991. They settled in Minnesota, where she reunited with her eldest daughter Candace and brother Charles. Caroline continued her devotion to her family as a single mother while starting life anew. She worked tirelessly to provide and keep a smile on their faces while battling her deeply personal bouts of depression. Her biological children and those

she adopted along the way are forever in her debt and precious memories for her many years of struggles.

After some time in Minnesota, she reconnected with Christopher Jarrett and remarried. Caroline then moved to Georgia, where she lived for fourteen years and touched the lives of countless individuals until her divorce. Testimonials of Caroline's ability to encourage loving change in mended relationships, renewed and newly minted connections to the Lord are endless. Caroline had a distinguished personality. She continually caught the morning light before the sun. When she spoke, you felt it in your heart for better or worse. Her "pop" eyes were piercing and unforgettable. And the space she leaves in all of us will eternally remain unfilled.

Caroline eventually relocated to Pennsylvania, where she remained in the city of Johnstown until her homegoing on October 8, 2021

While there and in Georgia, she attended several churches including, the Shiloh Baptist Church and Bethel World Outreach, where she maintained her reputation of affecting people's lives for the better. She's served as a Sunday School Teacher along with several other meaningful roles in the church.

In life, Caroline accomplished her highest calling to be a magnificent mother and soldier for the Lord. She will be eternally missed as our irreplaceable friend, cousin, aunt, Mommie, and angel.

Caroline leaves to mourn and cherish her legacy: Candace Lydia Nosike-Hollins (Michael), Memuna Iris Sheriff-Nelson, and Mohamed Ibrahim Sheriff, Jr. (Jewel); her siblings: Charles E. Gittens Sr. (Maria), Albert Charles Gittens Jr., Abiose Gittens-Parker (Pierce), Vashti Gittens-Ponnie (Michael), Lydia Gittens (P. Welleh); Lindsay Gittens; her Grandchildren: Vahid Benedict Rutland; Isaiah Michael Nelson; Candan Michael Hollins; Michael Rinaldo Hollins Jr.; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones as well as friends in Liberia and the United States.

# Cemetery

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## Barrow Memorial Gardens

793 Atlanta Highway SE  
Winder, GA,

# Events

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**OCT 22 Visitation** 12:00PM - 08:00PM  
Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
914 Scenic Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA, US, 30045

**OCT 22 Wake Service** 06:00PM - 08:00PM  
Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
914 Scenic Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA, US, 30045

**OCT 23 Celebration of Life** 10:00AM - 12:00PM  
Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
914 Scenic Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA, US, 30045

**OCT 23 Repast** 02:30PM - 06:30PM  
Calvary Chapel  
4715 Spout Springs Rd, Buford, GA, US, 30519

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - October 20, 2021 at 03:55 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Mohamed** - October 25, 2021 at 10:23 AM

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“ Vashti Gittens Ponnie lit a candle in memory of Caroline Jeannette Mathilda Laura Gittens



**Vashti Gittens Ponnie** - October 23, 2021 at 04:03 PM

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“ Miss you mommy.. this world is not our home..



Iris - October 21, 2021 at 08:06 PM



“ I love you to much and I I'll forever miss you. You were my second mother Rest Well Queen

**Tysheeda Mackey** - October 23, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ I am sorry for your lost,may you fine comfort in the LORD

**Rebecca Cecelia sister** - October 23, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the entire family. May you all take solace in knowing that sis Caroline is now in a better place. Eternal rest my dear sister Caroline.

**natalie** - October 23, 2021 at 03:04 PM

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“ Melisa Moore and The PRT Team purchased the Finest Farewell Spray for the family of Caroline Jeannette Mathilda Laura Gittens.



**Melisa Moore and The PRT Team** - October 20, 2021 at 02:32 PM

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**Vashti Gittens Ponnie** - October 20, 2021 at 09:17 AM

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“ Belinda James lit a candle in memory of Caroline Jeannette Mathilda Laura Gittens



**Belinda James** - October 19, 2021 at 11:58 PM



“ May ur light shine in darkness as the light of a candle that man may see and glorify ur which is in heaven.

**Vashti Gittens Ponnie** - October 20, 2021 at 09:16 AM

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“ Drs. Mlen-Too & Patricia Jabbeh Wesley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Caroline Jeannette Mathilda Laura Gittens.



**Drs. Mlen-Too & Patricia Jabbeh Wesley** - October 19, 2021 at 04:20 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Caroline Jeannette Mathilda Laura Gittens.



October 19, 2021 at 03:04 PM

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“ Some photos and videos of my auntie at her son's wedding celebration being beautiful



**Christlo Gittens** - October 19, 2021 at 02:20 PM