



## Cheryl Yearell-Vinson

October 29, 1954 - November 7, 2020

Mrs. Cheryl Yearell-Vinson, 66 of Decatur, GA passed Saturday, November 7, 2020. The family of Mrs. Yearell-Vinson will hold a Private Celebration of Life Service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be sent to one of the following causes in Cheryl's memory:

### NCM Roots Scholarship

A project dear to Cheryl, providing scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Meridian, MS to ease financial burdens of college fees and assisting college freshman.

Please make payments via check or CashApp using the following:

"NCM Roots Scholarship" (make payable to)

c/o Denita Dean

P.O. Box 870901

Stone Mountain, GA 30087

OR

CashApp ID: \$NCMRoots

### Susan G. Komen

To improve the lives of those impacted by breast cancer and to raise awareness. Please donate here: <https://bit.ly/SusanGKomenforCheryl>

### Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

To fight against and improve the lives of those impacted by pancreatic cancer. Please donate here: <https://bit.ly/PCANforCheryl>

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur, GA 30034 (404) 241-5656. Please extend your condolences here on our website.

# Comments

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“ I’ve just learned of Cheryl’s passing and am sending my heartfelt prayers to Kenneth, children, and the rest of the family. She was a loving and wise woman who was dear friend for decades. I will not ever forget her caring and fun loving spirit. Such an angel.

Marilyn Howard Jones



Marilyn Howard Jones - December 30, 2020 at 05:05 PM

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“ Alice Faye Clark lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Yearell-Vinson



Alice Faye clark - November 15, 2020 at 10:22 AM

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“ The world has lost a beautiful angle, a soldier for the Lord and a wonderful daughter, wife, mother, sister and friend. You will be truly missed.

Maria Beal-Parker and Chris Parker

Maria Beal-Parker - November 14, 2020 at 04:19 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Yearell and Vinson Family. I am still processing the transition of Cheryl's passing. She was such a beautiful and loving friend. I have known her for years but got to really know her in 2013 and the years that followed. We became two "peas in pot" as we worked alongside together for the Atlanta Rust College Alumni Club. Her dedication, hard work and creativity was never ending. Her passion to help others was unconditional. She was always available to lend a helping hand when called upon. I am going to miss our conversations and that little funny laugh/giggle she would do. To the family I wish you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.

I love you, Cheryl! Rest in Peace my loving friend! You will be forever missed!

Gloria J. Baptist  
Class of 1979

**Gloria J. Baptist** - November 14, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ Cheryl Yearell Vincent was a close friend when she lived in St.Louis, Mo. We worked together at Monsanto and Cheryl was one of four women Including myself who founded a great organization, Black Women and Business Dynamics. Besides myself, Janice Sue Burton, and Aurdie Amoo-Asanti, Janet Katzenberger, we four were trailblazers at Monsanto and St.Louis. Cheryl will be truly be missed. Minister Janice Burton.

**Minister Janice Burton** - November 15, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Cheryl Yearell-Vinson my elementary school classmate at St. Joseph. I would like to express heart-felt condolences to Mr. Vinson and the entire family. May God grant you peace in this moment knowing that Cheryl's legacy will live forever through the many lives she inspired and blessed.

**Willie Moffett** - November 14, 2020 at 07:48 AM



“ From Mary, Shirley, and Frances purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Cheryl Yearell-Vinson.



**From Mary, Shirley, and Frances** - November 13, 2020 at 01:57 PM

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“ My Deepest Condolences to The Vincent Family of Cheryl. May The Lord gives you all Peace, Cindiet and Strength during this Time of Sorrow. Weeping may Endured for a Night Joy Cometh in the Morning. RIP Dear Cheryl. You're safe and now in the hands of The Lord

**Debbie Williams** - November 13, 2020 at 12:39 PM

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“ Our hearts are saddened with the loss of our sister in Christ. We are committed to prayer and service for you all. We love you all!

**Terry and Sharon Culp** - November 13, 2020 at 11:07 AM

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“ Dear Kyle and Family,  
Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of this beautiful woman, your mom!  
I will keep you both in my thoughts and prayers.  
Warmest regards,  
Christine Jones  
Subsistence Directorate  
DLA Troop Support, Phila.

**Christine Jones** - November 13, 2020 at 08:43 AM



“ Debbie Williams  
My Deepest Condolences to Cheryl and Prayers to The Family. May the Lord give you all  
Peace, Comfort and Strength. RIP Dear Friend

**Debbie Williams** - November 13, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ I was so blown away to hear of the of the passing of my good friend and High School  
classmate Cheryl. The Times that I have seen her since high school were joyous. And for  
you all her Family, I pray that God do for you and BE to you that which no one s else could  
Do and Be at this time as you adjust and navigate through the Times ahead without Cheryl'  
s physical presence. God bless you.

**Jacob Smith(High school classmate)** - November 14, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ Jacob Smith  
**Jacob Smith(High school classmate)** - November 14, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ You hold time within your hands, and see it all, from beginning to end. Please keep  
and carry Cheryl's precious family in their sadness and loss. Cover them with your  
great wings of love, give their weary hearts rest and their minds sound sleep. Lord,  
lift their eyes so that they may catch a glimpse of eternity, and be comforted by the  
promise of heaven.  
I ask all this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.  
I will truly miss Soror Cheryl. I was one of her bridesmaids in her wedding Her joy,  
laughter and memories of Rust College, I will always cherish.

Lori D. Polk

**Lori Polk** - November 13, 2020 at 06:48 AM



“ My Deepest and Sincere Condolences to the Yearell-Vinson Family. My prayers covering you ALL during this difficult time for comfort, peace, strength and understanding. Soror Cheryl was always a beautiful woman that I grew up admiring. I will definitely miss seeing her at her home church, St. John Missionary Baptist Church, in Meridian, MS during her visits home. I love you Mrs. Mamie Yearell and Alicia.

**Donna Finley Robinson** - November 12, 2020 at 09:03 PM

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“ My sincerest condolences to the Yearell and Vinson Families. Cheryl has now joined her brother Jerry and Dad I fondly called “Uncle Willie C”. I will always cherish the moments spent growing up at the Yearell’s house. Soror Cheryl will now enter the enteral chapter of Omega Omega. Her smile, wit, and fearless character truly made her one of a kind. Alicia you still have your “lil sister” anytime you need her. Peace Love and Blessings

**Carrie Liz Young-McWilliams** - November 12, 2020 at 08:05 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. I met her through her family from Southside. Saw her at some Meridianites picnics. for the family’s strength.

**Cathy Walker** - November 12, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ My condolences to the family. Cheryl was a loving, genuine, and friendly person. During our years at Rust College, she always had a contagious smile. We entered Rust in the Fall of 1972, pledged (Delta/Omega)in the Fall of 1973, and graduated from Rust College in 1976. Our class was Special, because we had special people like Cheryl. From the Class of 1976, Cheryl will be missed. We pray God’s strength and comfort will be with the Vinson family.

**Clarence E. Smith** - November 12, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ Cheryl was a beautiful person that God placed on this earth. we are blessed to have known her. She had a million dollar smile. I went to Rust with her. The family will be in my prayers.

Shirley Boga Duval

**Shirley j Duval** - November 14, 2020 at 04:22 PM

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“ Dear Sweet Ken,

I am so sorry for your loss and wish I could have met Cheryl. From the notes that I see posted she was a very special, kind person. You were perfectly matched it would seem. I know you as that same kind, special person as well. They say that time heals, however, I believe that it is love that heals. The love that you have for Cheryl will be forever and hers for you. You will meet again. Until then, know that she is always with you, always in your heart.

Linda Pinion

Linda Pinion - November 12, 2020 at 02:22 PM

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“ Carolyn McMillan Frink

Prayers go out to the Vinson family. May God be with you all and comfort you. I went to college with Cheryl.

Carolyn McMillan Frink - November 12, 2020 at 01:58 PM

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“ To Cousin Mamie, Kenneth, Alicia and entire family, we are sending our love and prayers. Lisa (Kelly) McKnight and family, St. Louis, MO

Lisa McKnight - November 12, 2020 at 01:32 PM

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“ You will be missed by all your friends and loved ones. You be welcomed by the father who knows all about you. May God bless and keep your family in his care. Omega, Omega Sorority sister Vinson

Adrienne McMillian - November 12, 2020 at 10:41 AM

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“ Thank you Cheryl. Thank you for being my friend all these years. From when we first met in High School, until the day you left us. I always knew you would be there for me. Thank you for accepting me for who I am, you never expected anything from me but to always be the best that I could be. Thank you for the long conversations we would have. I will miss our conversations. I am thankful to God for your life and what you gave to this world. You were a blessing to all who knew you. But you were God's special blessing to me. You were my best friend. Now you rest in the arms of Jesus. Take your rest, you earned it. I will try to live my life so that we will see each other again. And I will see you again. Rest. I am and shall always be your friend.

Gerald

Gerald McMillian - November 12, 2020 at 10:39 AM

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“ Cheryl  
I will always remember the times we shared at  
The National Council of Meridianites Convention.  
You always set high standards, you are deeply missed  
by your love ones. A Rest in Peace!  
Dianne Carter-Anderson  
Poem: I wrote your name  
I wrote your name in the sand,  
but the waves washed it away.  
I wrote your name in the sky,  
but the wind blew it away.  
So, I wrote your name in my heart,  
and that's where it will stay, always”  
Author Unknown



Dianne Carter-Anderson - November 12, 2020 at 10:21 AM

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“ To Kenneth, Aunt Mamie, Alicia, Kyle, Kiera and Zach. We loved Cheryl so very much. Our hearts is breaking and the tears won't stop. So was so faithful when here in Chicago always walking over everyday to see Ronnie. He truly will miss his calls and visits. Keeping you all in our prayers and hoping to see you all soon. Love and blessings. Ronnie, Deborah, Anna, Mona, William and Caiden Rogers.

**Deborah Rogers** - November 12, 2020 at 10:07 AM

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“ I was very hurt to hear of the passing of Cheryl. She was a joy to know and work with on various alumni committees. She was not only my college alumni but also my neighbor in Cherry Ridge. She will be greatly missed as a dedicated member of The Atlanta Rust Club. My prayers are with the Yearell-Vinson Family. May she Rest in Perfect Peace.

**Sabrina Rawls** - November 12, 2020 at 08:11 AM

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“ Yearell-Vinson Family

I can not tell you all what a wonderful person that Cheryl meant to me and family. She was a Joy to have as a little sister and a bestfriend. Her laughs, giggles, and smile will always be a part of my memories. Cheryl was a kind person with a beautiful spirit. She will always forever be in my heart.

Love,

Faye



**Faye Lipford** - November 11, 2020 at 11:09 PM

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“ Vinson-Yearell Family

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Love,

Faye



Faye Lipford - November 11, 2020 at 10:57 PM

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“ I am sorry to learn of Cheryl's passing. There are so many childhood memories from Meridian that we shared as neighbors and friends. Some of my best memories are those of the times I was a sitter for Cheryl, her brother and sister while their parents were away attending meetings etc. The years never changed her as we both relocated to the Atlanta area. She remained ---A kind, patient, generous, compassionate, friendly and most of all a "BELIEVER." Peace, Comfort & Love are being sent to her family during this sad and difficult time. With Sympathy, Joyce Burnett Hull



Fredna Joyce Burnett Hull - November 11, 2020 at 10:49 PM

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“ I have known Cheryl for 48 years. I met her when she was a Freshman at Rust College. Throughout the years, I watched her grow and make outstanding contributions to society. She gave her best in everything that she undertook. We miss her as a dedicated member of The Atlanta Rust Club! My prayers are with the Yearell-Vinson Family. May her Soul Rest in Perfect Peace! God is ALL there is!!!

**Dr. Leroy Frazier** - November 11, 2020 at 10:17 PM

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“ To the Yearell-Vinson Family,  
We are so sorry for the loss of Cheryl, she will be truly missed.  
André & Tina Turner



**Tina Hairston-Turner** - November 11, 2020 at 09:46 PM

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“ Aunt Cheryl I love you! I will truly miss you. We know the Bible says. " To be absent of the body is to be present with the Lord". God Bless You All

**James Vinson** - November 11, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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“ To the Vinson Family. I am praying for comfort and healing and peace. I am sorry for your loss.



**loretta shelton** - November 11, 2020 at 09:07 PM

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“ To Kenneth, Kiera, Kyle, Alicia, Zachary & Aunt Mamie. I don't have to tell you all how wonderful a person Cheryl was. She was a generous, gracious, kindhearted person and cared about everyone that was a part of her life. Most importantly, she was a child of God and lived a Godly life to the fullest. She was a gift to her family and loved them very much. I miss my cousin dearly and love her. You rest Cheryl until I see you on the other side. What a time we will have in Heaven. Love, your cousin Darryl.

**Darryl Rogers** - November 11, 2020 at 08:56 PM

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“ To the Yearell-Vinson-Kelly family... wish U all peace & wonderful memories of Cheryl. She's was a beautiful, gracious, powerful woman. Will always have great memories of her sharing her wonderful smile & spirit & lifting everything & everyone around her up.. God bless

**Tony Anderson & family** - November 11, 2020 at 08:30 PM

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“ Dea. James & Sis. Esther Brinson lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Yearell-Vinson



**Dea. James & Sis. Esther Brinson** - November 11, 2020 at 08:26 PM

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“ Robert & Mildred McNair lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Yearell-Vinson



**Robert & Mildred McNair** - November 11, 2020 at 08:09 PM

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“ To the Yearell & Vinson family may your memories of Cheryl bring you'll strength during this season in your life. I have great memories of our school, church and social event together that I will cherish until we meet again. Rest my childhood friend.

**Gwen (Faye) Hearn** - November 11, 2020 at 08:08 PM

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“ Cheryl, the memory of her warm smile, her giggles, her comments of our fun school days. Her intelligent, Smart self helped place our MHS CLASS OF 1972 ON THE TOP. RIP in peace Cheryl.

**Harold Brassfield** - November 11, 2020 at 06:39 PM

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“ Fellow Meridianites, friend, Atl Meridianites member. Cheryl beautiful Spirit, Caring heart, Shared her self whenever needed. She will truly be missed, My Deepest Condolences to the Family.. Carlotta Bell

**Carlotta Bell** - November 11, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Cheryl sister Thelma is going to miss you Dearly iam going to miss texting you every mourning much

**Thelma Davis** - November 11, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Mrs. Yearell, Alicia and Cheryl's husband and kids. You're in my prayers. The St. Joseph family will always cherish the memories we have of Cheryl.

**LaRita Greer Davenport** - November 11, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” ~John 11:26-26:dove\_of\_peace:

Thinking of you and praying for you, too!

Love In Christ,

Ann C. Markham

(Gerald's Adopted Sister)

**Ann C. Markham** - November 11, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ Rest in power Cheryl! You will be missed! Condolences to Kenneth, Kyle and Kiera. And Alicia and Mrs. Yearell. We love you! The Hall and Farmer family's. Debra, Dinah, Mike, Arthur and Patricia Hall.

**Debra Farmer** - November 11, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the Yearrell and Vinson families. Cheryl will be missed by all of her MHS Class of 1972 members. Rest for you have earned it

**J Atterberry** - November 11, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ You will be missed by all your friends and loved ones. You be welcomed by the father who knows all about you. May God bless and keep your family in his care. Omega, Omega Sorority sister Vinson

**Adrienne McMillian** - November 11, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ When I met Cheryl at her wedding to my fraternity brother Kenneth Vinson I knew he was marrying a queen. I served as the “Best Man”. It was an incredible wedding which had seven brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated who had gone to Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC with Kenneth in attendance. And, Cheryl bewitched us all with her charm and beauty. Our hearts go out to our brother and his entire family. God bless the Yearrell family. We might not be there with you physically, but spiritually we are my brother.

**William J. and Brenda Carter Sinclair** - November 11, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ Thank you Cheryl. Thank you for being my friend all these years. From when we first met in High School, until the day you left us. I always knew you would be there for me. Thank you for accepting me for who I am, you never expected anything from me but to always be the best that I could be. Thank you for the long conversations we would have. I will miss our conversations. I am thankful to God for your life and what you gave to this world. You were

a blessing to all who knew you. But you were God's special blessing to me. You were my best friend. Now you rest in the arms of Jesus. Take your rest, you earned it. I will try to live my life so that we will see each other again. And I will see you again. Rest. I am and shall always be your friend.

Gerald

**Gerald** - November 12, 2020 at 12:26 AM



“ My deepest and sincere condolences to the Yearell-Vinson family. My prayers go up for comfort to the family during this time.

Cecelia Hall Mosley

Class of 1972

**Cecelia H. Mosley** - November 12, 2020 at 11:31 PM



“ With Deepest Sympathy to the the Family of Cheryl!

I became very close to Cheryl through her outstanding charity and scholarship work with the Atlanta Rust College Alumni Club.

She was an exemplary alumna of Rust College and outstanding treasurer for the Alumni Rust College Alumni Club during my two year tenure as president (2011-2013).

In 2013 the Club sponsored for the first time in the history of the Club and College "First Regional Conference, Celebrity Gala of Excellence and Hall of Fame Stars."

Our theme was "Historically Black Colleges and Universities: The Role(s) of Alumni in the 21st Century, Helping Students Today By providing Scholarship Opportunities To Become Leaders Tomorrow."

Cheryl went above the "call of duty" and worked tirelessly contributing toward the success of a weekend of scholarly initiatives that focused on providing scholarships for students in the Metropolitan Atlanta Area(s) to attend Rust College.

We received fundraising support from 16 major sponsors and supporters and participating vendors came from 13 businesses and organizations in the Metropolitan Atlanta Area(s).

In part, because of Cheryl, our weekend of scholarly activities resulted in approximately \$35,000 for student scholarship support.

In addition, Cheryl was instrumental in the success of other scholarly alumni fundraising initiatives during my tenure as president such as "Get Paid Cash for your Gold;" Southern Barbecue Cookout, and "A night with Renown Jazz artist, Ms. Francine Reed."

Cheryl was one of God's Angels, a beautiful, loving and kind spirit!

As she looks down on us from heaven, I can hear her saying "Miss Me, But Let Me Go;"

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have keep the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them that love His Appearing.

II Timothy 4:7-8

Thusly, to the Family and all that knew her, I think God is saying "Servant, Well Done!"

Cheryl, Rest in Peace for we will see you again one day.

Betty Ruth Baptist Jones, M.D., Ph.D., M.H.S.A., M.S., BS.

Class of 1973

Rust College

**Dr. Betty Ruth Baptist Jones, M.D., Ph.D** - November 13, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ Cheryl, a beautiful woman, loved by everyone who knew her. We lived next door to the Yearell's in Meridian, MS. when she was growing up. RIP.

The Hardy Family

**Shirley Watkins** - November 13, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ To the Family of Cheryl: It seems as if God is calling his angels in early and it causes one's life to be turned upside down. Our world is suddenly changed and those changes require that we in turn adjust to a new "normal."

I will truly miss Cheryl and thank her so much for allowing me to call her "Cicity" for over a year. She never corrected me at our Alumnus meetings. It gave her much laughter and joy as we would talk about it later. Cheryl had a loving and kind heart, hard worker for the Atlanta Rust Chapter, reliable, polite, affable, responsible and caring just to name a few.

Family, I encourage you to continue your steadfast love for God. Turn to him for your comfort and strength. For what carries deep in her heart cannot be lost by death. In Proverbs 10:7: The memory of a good person is a blessing.

May God heal the heart, strengthen and comfort the family. God loves you and so do I.

Verlillian Smith Rucker-Rust '73

**Verlillian Rucker** - November 14, 2020 at 09:43 AM