



## Constance Gail Woodruff

September 26, 1936 - May 5, 2022

Constance Gail Woods Woodruff was an engaging, caring, and affable person. Born and raised in New York City, the only daughter of Wesley and Doris Woods, Gail, as friends and family called her, achieved her education and earned degrees from Brooklyn College to work with special needs children. While at Brooklyn College, Gail became a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, where she made lifelong friends.

Gail married Fred Woodruff in 1958 and moved to Arlington, Virginia while he completed his army service. There, she worked at the Library of Congress assisting in research. Gail and Fred returned to New York in 1961 where their daughter, Michele, was born. Shortly thereafter, Gail began her career in education with the New York City Board of Education as an itinerant speech teacher. She was later assigned as a supervisor for a Brooklyn Speech Center. During this time she earned her Master's Degree from St. John's University. In 1986, Gail became a principal at PS 77, a school for autistic children, and remained there until 1991 when she retired, completing 33 years of service.

Following her retirement, Gail and Fred moved to join Michele and her family in Georgia. She continued her life's passion as a child advocate by volunteering with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), a national organization that supports and advocates for children who are in foster care or

have experienced abuse or neglect.

Gail served and engaged enthusiastically in the Episcopal Church throughout her life. In NY she was active in Saint Martin's Episcopal Church in Manhattan and Grace Episcopal Church in Queens, as well as St. Matthews in Georgia. She fulfilled leadership roles, often with youth groups, and participated consistently in the work of these churches and with the Union of Black Episcopalians. She was also a Lay Eucharistic Minister and was inducted into a Chapter of the Daughters of the King.

Gail loved to travel; she vacationed throughout the Caribbean islands, Europe, Canada, Asia and Africa. She, Fred and friends sailed on jazz cruises for nearly two decades. They loved jazz music and musicians. In her free time, she loved to entertain and socialize and was a member of a book club, played bridge, and attended concerts and theater. She kept in touch with friends all over the United States.

Gail was devoted to, and proud of the accomplishments of her daughter and son-in-law, granddaughter and great grandchildren. She leaves to mourn her daughter, Michele (Jon) Williams, granddaughter Kristen (Nick) Williams-Gil, great-grandchildren, Karis and Camden Gil; niece, Natalie Woodruff, cousins and many beloved friends whom she counted as family.

# Cemetery Details

## Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens

3700 Stone Mountain Hwy  
Snellville, GA 30039

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 20. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
914 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

## Family Hour

MAY 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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914 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

## Celebration of Life (Mask Required)

MAY 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthews Episcopal Church  
1520 Oak Rd  
Snellville, GA



# Tribute Wall



“ I was a member at st. Matthews with Gail. What a graceful and exquisite lady she was. I'm so sorry for your loss. God bless!

Cathy Jones - May 21, 2022 at 11:41 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Constance Gail Woodruff.



May 18, 2022 at 05:25 PM



“ Love The Harris Family purchased the Lovely On e Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Constance Gail Woodruff.



Love The Harris Family - May 16, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ May God's infinite love and healing be with you in this time of struggle. You are in our prayers now and always.

Love Paula & Essie Harris

Pauline Harris - May 16, 2022 at 02:51 PM

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“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family. May God comfort you through his word the Bible. Thinking of you.

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**Evans family** - May 14, 2022 at 08:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Constance Gail Woodruff.



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May 13, 2022 at 08:01 PM