



## Erma Killings

February 22, 1942 - January 27, 2024

### Obituary for Erma Jean Gore Killings

Erma Jean Gore Killings, affectionately known as Jean, Sister, or Twist of Decatur, Georgia, passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Born in Fort Valley, Georgia, February 22, 1942, to the late Robert and Catherine Gore; she was preceded in death by a husband, Willie Gene Killings Jr, a loving brother and two sisters; Lewis Gore, Helen Gore Miree, Dorothy Gore Gholston and brother in-law, Verdus Gholston. Erma accepted Christ at a young age, and was baptized at Ushers Temple C.M.E. Church in Fort Valley, GA. Erma graduated from H. A. Hunt High School (Class of 1960), Fort Valley State University (April 30, 1964, BS Comprehensive Business Education). She was an attendant to Miss Fort Valley State in 1963-1964. Erma moved to Atlanta, GA after the late Josephus Johnson asked her to

come and work for the USDA, where she was able to travel across the USA, and Virgin

Islands. After moving to Atlanta then Decatur, Jean met and married the late Willie Gene Killings Jr, nicknamed Police. The two would later have one son, Justin LeMon. She found a new church home with the Hillside Presbyterian Church that she absolutely loved for she and Justin. In a review she referred to Hillside as a place where friends hold fellowship with friends. It is also a

lovely place to worship and learn about the word of God.

She continued Post Graduate studies at The University of Georgia in Athens, GA (July 31, 1971, MEd Comprehensive Business Education) and additional studies and workshops receiving additional endorsements at Georgia State University and Georgia Southern University. In addition to her many studies Jean was highly active with her love of service, balancing her life with the Rockdale County High School where she taught and later became an Administrator, as well as teaching at Morris Brown College, and in the Atlanta Public School System (former Walter F. George High School). She became a Department Head at Hosea Feed the Hungry Organization which was a big part of her life where she served on all major holidays, The DeKalb Hillandale Cancer Support, where she mentored and prayed for many, The Atlanta Braves 400 Fan Club, making sure she had her season tickets and attending the baseball games, and the Lou Walker Community Senior Citizens Facility where she enjoyed making cards, writing plays, and acting as well. She was a Life Member of Fort Valley State University and a Member of the Dekalb Alumni Chapter where she served on the "Love and Care" Committee.

One of Erma's biggest accomplishments was when she pledged Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc, Delta Beta Chapter of Fort Valley State College -Spring 1961. She was a Crystal Dove (50+ years of Service) and a Life Member. She was member of Kappa Iota Zeta

Chapter in East Point, GA where she was inducted into the Chapter Hall of Fame in 1999. She served as 1st Vice President, Chair of the Tea with Z, and Chaplain and Chair of the Burial Committee. She was recognized for her service by Ms. Elisabeth Omilami at the 2014 Boule' during the Honorary Membership Service.

She was a loving wife, mother, soror, and friend to many who knew her. She is

survived by her son Justin who she later referred to as her “Son-daddy”, Angie her beautiful daughter-love, her sisters, Rosa Gore Walker(oldest), Doris Gore surviving twin, a brother Bobby Gore, and Ruthanne G. Tolliver niece/sister who grew up in the Gore family household as a younger sister, 2 granddaughters, 1 great-granddaughter, and host of relatives whom she loved dearly.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hillside Presbyterian Church  
1879 Columbia Drive  
Decatur, GA 30032-5998

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I was so sorry to hear the passing of Mrs. Erma Killings. She was a faithful member of our DeKalb Alumni Chapter of Fort Valley State University. She always had a smile and was willing to serve. May she continue to rest in eternal peace. Gone, but never forgotten.. 🙏



Denise Holloway  
Atlanta

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Denise Holloway - February 10, 2024 at 12:05 PM

GD

“ I knew and loved Erma when she was Assistant Principal at Rockdale County High School. She even saved me from harm one day when a father came to the school wanting to “punch my lights out” for a grade his daughter received. Being her wonderful, strong self, she escorted him right out of the building! I’ll forever hold her in my heart. ❤️ gde

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gde - February 09, 2024 at 08:29 PM

NB

“ Gene was a inspiring person. When she shared her knowledge, it was uplifting.

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Norman & Pamela Bass - February 09, 2024 at 08:19 PM

SH

“ Erma was a mentor and a friend. I never heard her raise her voice, but she spoke with loving authority in her slow Southern drawl. The birthday cards she made for my sons were impeccable. She loved to laugh and share fun memories. I will miss her warm love.

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Susie Harper - February 09, 2024 at 07:43 PM

RG

“ Ms. Erma was the "rock" that the Hillandale Breast Support group was built around. I know that she was greeted at heaven's pearly gates by my daughter and my Mom. I was always talking about Ms Erma to my family. Faithful servant your work here is done and you deserve your rest. I will truly miss your smile and words of wisdom. Justin weeping lasts but for a moment and joy comes in the morning. Your mother will always be with us in our loving memories.

-Ruby and Curtis Guillory

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**Ruby L Guillory** - February 09, 2024 at 04:35 PM

BL

“ family, your pain and sorrow are shared by family and friends. May you find comfort in knowing so many care. Mt thoughts and prayers are with you. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4



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**bettie h lloyd** - February 09, 2024 at 02:29 PM

RT

“ *Tears Fall From Our Eyes*

*As tears roll down from our face,*

*We know you're in a better place.*

*We close our eyes to see your face,*

*Suddenly we feel a warm embrace.*

*We don't know if we will ever understand,*

*But it must be part of God's plan.*

*As we look up towards the blue sky,*

*We imagine you spreading your wings to fly.*

*So as the tears roll down our face,*

*We know you are in a better place.*

*We love you,*

*Your Sisters and Brother,*

*Rosa, Doris, Bobby and Ruthanne*

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**Ruthanne G Tolliver** - February 09, 2024 at 09:31 AM

DB

“ Erma Jean Gore Killings was from Fort Valley, GA and I knew her family all my life. When I relocated to Atlanta I was happily surprised that Erma and her son Justin were members of the church. Erma was dearly loved and respected. She inaugurated the Scholarship Tea which was a fundraiser to support our annual mission trips to Jamaica. She gave willingly of herself and was noted for her sense of humor. Even when she wasn't feeling her best she could always come up with something that would make you smile. She loved her Fort Valley roots: Hunt High School...her beloved Alma Mater, Fort Valley State. Wherever she was she was well known and dearly loved. I know she's in Heaven continuing to let her light shine. We will miss her and always remember her.

Deloris Bryant-Booker - February 07, 2024 at 07:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Erma Killings.



February 07, 2024 at 06:35 PM

JK

“ Jane Yearwood, AmyCrider, KristinGarcia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erma Killings.

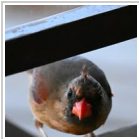
Jane Yearwood, AmyCrider, KristinGarcia - February 07, 2024 at 06:35 PM

MW

“ My dearest friend of over 30 years wonderful years. God has a very special Angel in Heaven. I remember when we went to the Sigma's Orchid ball and they had this HUGE balloon arrangement that they did not need at the end of the event. Well, we managed to get that inside her van and take it over to the Sigma Zeta House for another event the next day. No one thought we could get it into the van. But we just looked at each other, rolled up our sleeves, and made it happen. That's my Erma now God's Angel.



Mo Walker - February 07, 2024 at 02:14 PM



“ I volunteered with Erma at the Hoseas Feed the Hungry meal preps. Always a beautiful spirit. She will be missed.

Jerry Moore - February 07, 2024 at 09:25 AM

RG

“ My most memorable memories of Aunt Jean were all the trips and places we traveled together. She called me her “traveling partner”. She always made me laugh into tears because of the many funny things she would say. She loved to have fun and always put a smile on my face. She introduced me to Zeta Phi Beta sorority, and royal blue / white became my favorite colors. Aunt Jean is now with my parents again. She / mom are listening to Dop Wop and Country music and watching Gun Smoke together again. Rest in peace auntie ❤️.

Rita Gholston - February 06, 2024 at 09:26 PM

LM

“ *Knowing Erma for 63+ years has been a joy. The memories that I have of her will forever be in my heart. Rest well my friend/soror. I will see you in the morning.*

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**Lois McKellar** - February 05, 2024 at 09:36 PM