



Gwendolyn Jeffcoat

May 27, 1965 - April 17, 2023

Gwendolyn (Shell) Jeffcoat was the youngest of 18 children born to the late Minnie (Pelzer) Shell and Mack Donald Richardson. Known as Gwen to family, friends, and colleagues, and known as GiGi to her grandchildren, Gwendolyn was loving, kind, and utterly selfless. She left this earthly realm to live in eternal peace with God on April 17, 2023.

Gwen was born on May 27, 1965, in Columbia, South Carolina. She spent many of her younger years in the care of her big sister, Marie Harmon. As a child, she loved being outside, doing things like climbing trees and playing in nature. This love never left her, as she always had a deep connection with the outdoors. She attended Eau Claire High School in Columbia and graduated in 1983. Over time, Gwen grew an affinity for fixing and making things, as she developed interests in fields such as woodworking and electrical work. This love also persisted into her later years, as she upcycled furniture and took on one DIY project after the next.

Just two days after her 20th birthday, Gwen gave birth to her eldest daughter, Kenyetta Thompson. Her youngest daughter, Yves Jeffcoat, was born in 1993. Three years later, Gwen moved to College Park, Georgia. She was devoted to her family and worked hard to make sure that her children were happy and safe. She nurtured their interests and was invested in their education and

recreation.

When she was just 35 years old, Gwen was diagnosed with breast cancer for the first time. Even though she was ill and her children were young, she continued to take care of her household. Gwen began attending Clayton State University and graduated with her degree in integrative studies/general business in 2006. She began working at the Georgia Department of Labor in 2002, and by the time of her passing, she had accrued 21 years of service at the agency. Cancer claimed her body, but it never shook her spirit. Left to carry on her legacy are: two daughters, Kenyetta and Yves of Atlanta, Georgia; one son-in-law, Darrell Lane of Atlanta, Georgia; and two grandchildren, Akirra Thompson and Amirra Thompson of Atlanta, Georgia. She is survived by ten siblings: Gloria Mitchell of Hawthorne, CA; Cynthia McNeil of Nashville, TN; Mattie L. Render of Columbia, SC; Bessie White of Augusta, GA; Melinda Shell of Newport News, VA; Josephine Boyles of Columbia, SC; Deborah (Tyrone) Reese of Pensacola, FL; Juanita Richardson Davoll of Glendale, AZ; LeConte Richardson Middleton of Columbia, SC; and Paul Anthony Etheridge of West Columbia, SC. Crasharnia Harmon of Charlotte, NC, was like a little sister to Gwen, and Theresa Hopkins of Columbia, SC, was Gwen's longtime best friend. There are many other people who were touched by her presence in this world.

Gwen was a loving mother, grandmother, and sister. She was a kind and thoughtful friend. And she was a strong and beautiful light to anyone who crossed her path. We will all miss her deeply, and we will never let her go.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration of Life

APR **28**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Jeffcoat.* ”



April 28, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Jeffcoat.* ”



April 28, 2023 at 09:26 AM



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April 27, 2023 at 10:27 PM

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“ Alneda McKnight
Gwen I will grieve for the bond we shared and the bonds we didn't
get a chance to form yet, since you passed too soon my friend.”
Farewell my friend ☐ Thank you for the memories. Thank you for the
life moments and lessons we shared. I'm so glad you were in my
life. Godspeed, my sweet friend. 💔💔💔:

Alneda McKnight - April 27, 2023 at 08:22 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the
family of Gwendolyn Jeffcoat.



April 27, 2023 at 10:28 AM

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“ My condolences to the family.



Gladys Oxner - April 26, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Gwendolyn Jeffcoat.



April 26, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Jeffcoat.*



April 25, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *“With a heavy heart, I would like to offer my sincerest and deepest condolences to the family and friends of Gwen Jeffcoat iam truly saddened as her friend and coworker at Department of Labor. Gwen and I commuted to work on the Express Bus to downtown Atlanta and often competed who could accumulate the most steps in a day she mostly won. Gwen was the most loving and dear friend a person could be bless to have known. My friend on earth now an angel rest you are miss” 🙏🙏🙏*



*Terry Reynolds
Stockbridge, Ga*

Terry Reynolds - April 25, 2023 at 04:08 PM



“ *Margaret Robinson & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gwendolyn Jeffcoat.*



Margaret Robinson & Family - April 24, 2023 at 07:19 PM

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“ I worked with Gwen in Policy and Procedure. She was always so pleasant and a joy to be around. I will miss your kind spirit and warm heart. I am grateful God saw it fit for us to cross paths in this lifetime. You will be missed. Rest well Gwen!!



Ashanti Rahman - April 24, 2023 at 04:08 PM

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“ Crystal Womack Bowen lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Jeffcoat



Crystal Womack Bowen - April 24, 2023 at 02:18 PM

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I am employed with the Georgia Department of Labor; I communicated with Ms. Jeffcoat via email through the three years I've been with the department, but unfortunately never had the opportunity to meet her in person. My condolences to her family; may God continue to bless and comfort you during this most difficult time.

Crystal Womack Bowen - April 24, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Jeffcoat.



April 24, 2023 at 12:50 PM

