



Harriett Gwendolyn Walker

September 21, 1941 - March 1, 2021

Harriett Gwendolyn Walker was born on September 21, 1941, the fifth of six children to the late Rebecca and Henry Johnson. Fondly known as “Ghen” by her children, she was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. Gwen grew up with a strong and adventurous spirit, often teasing and playing jokes on her beloved sisters and brothers, James, George, Edward and Rita (deceased). She savored the simple things in life – education, music, dancing, and most importantly, her family. A hard worker and a lover of learning, Gwen’s smile lit up every room she entered.

Gwen graduated from L. J. Price High School in 1960 and was loved by many. She was Head Majorette, a member of Supreme Teens, Advanced Choir, Dance Club and was Secretary of the Band. She was inseparable from her two best friends, Helen Hickson McClendon and Carol Lofton McAdoo, who remained loyal friends until the day of her transition. Her senior year yearbook quote, “she half consents, who silently denies” truly reflects the sentiment of her character. She was a woman with a strong voice who also understood the power of silence and listening.

Gwen received her bachelor’s degree in Personnel Administration with a minor in Psychology from Georgia State University. In addition, she received her professional certification in Employment Law which served her well and was a catalyst for her many recognitions in Human Resources. While she held

many leadership roles in Human Resources over her career, Gwen truly excelled and found her passion in supporting Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). She enthusiastically worked for two HBCUs serving as the Chief Administrator at LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, TN and later Vice President of Human Resources at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, GA where she retired in 1996.

Gwen met her husband, Maurice A. Walker, and immediately knew he was 'the one'. Married a year later in Washington, D.C. on January 19, 1972, Maurice and Gwen were lifelong partners and truly enjoyed their role as parents to Darrin, Felecia, Tamra and Kimberly. She later became affectionately known as "Nana" to her 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. She was a true matriarch who instilled the importance of excellence, loyalty and love of family to both her immediate and extended family. The host of many family traditions and holidays, Gwen enjoyed cooking and her confections were savored and enjoyed by everyone. Always close by, Maurice was often her personal sous chef as they took immense pleasure in feeding the souls of loved ones.

Gwen peacefully joined hands with God when He called her home on Monday, March 1, 2021. She spent her last days surrounded by family, love, and care.

Gwen is survived by her devoted husband, Maurice A. Walker, her cherished son, Darrin and her three daughters Felecia Anderson, Tamra Thomas (Charles) and Kimberly Evans Paige. She also leaves to cherish her memory multiple devoted nieces and nephews, and grandchildren Kera Jones (Jayson), Christopher Sheppard (Sharisse), Kelvin Sheppard (Toi), Quentin Evans, Darrin Evans, Xavier Evans, Logan Evans, Jai Anderson, Rebecca Anderson, Morgan Paige and Austin Paige and 12 great-grandchildren, Emerie Anderson, Imani Jones, Jaxon Jones (Jaylynn), Isabella Jones, Sanaa Sheppard, Josh Sheppard, Grace Sheppard, Journey Sheppard, Miles

Sheppard, Ava Sheppard, Walker Evans, and former spouse Thomas Evans. She is also survived by many more family and friends who's lives she touched with her warmth, laughter and love.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy.
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
(770) 338-5558
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a [Click Here For LiveStream](#) in memory of Harriett Gwendolyn Walker



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - March 05, 2021 at 05:46 PM

RD

To my Aunt Gwen aka “Ghen” and family! As I cried streaming the service and watching the emotional reflections from the family. And the moving declaration from her own words! I smiled and laughed as I remembered my sweet auntie. Aunt Gwen strolled into the Walker’s lives in the 70s and introduced us all to Southern Charm and hospitality. We were all in love! It wasn’t long before my sister and I were spending summers Atlanta! Or they would come to DC and stay with us! It was great! Eating tuna casserole and watching Darrin run all over the place! I would not be in Atlanta if it were not for my aunt Gwen and uncle Maurice. She had the ability to make you feel like you were not only her best friend, but her best-IST friend. We wouldn’t talk often, so when we did talk, we would get it in! Laughing and joking (even when she wasn’t feeling her best). It was always uplifting! Our conversations of late, always began with: “So how many grandchildren do you have now?” I would ask! She’d giggle: “Girlllll, I lost count!” In her charming southern drawl. Aunt Gwen was there when I got married, providing my beautiful wedding gown (something borrowed) thank you Kim! She called me from the hospital with the news of my sister when she passed and she gave me motherly support after my mother transitioned! 😞 You will be missed, dear one! Tell everyone in heaven “Hello.” Love you forever! I’ll check in on uncle Mo! 🙏

Robin Dacus - March 09, 2021 at 12:16 PM

MJ

“ I worked with Mrs. Walker for over 3 years while at Clark Atlanta we had some good times at CAU I had thought about Mrs. Walker over the years and was sorry to hear of her passing. Rest In Peace Mrs. Walker you will be truly missed.



Ms. Bobbi Ann Jones - June 28, 2021 at 06:09 AM



“ I never knew Gwen’s first name was Hariette. So, I wanted to know the meaning of her name. I’ve learned that Harriett is an Old German derivation meaning “home leader”. The name, genuinely, speaks to the essence of her as a person.

Gwen often spoke so lovingly of her, grandchildren, great grands, and her entire family. She told me her love story and how she met Maurice. I witnessed how much they loved each other. It was so apparent that they were true soul mates.

Gwen’s heart was also big enough to care about others. She always wanted to make sure everyone was okay. I’m so glad that her heart was big enough to accept me as a friend. I love her dearly and will carry the many memories of her for the rest of my life.

There is an old African saying that as long as you remember a person, they will always be with you. To Gwen’s family, I pray that you will continue to draw strength from the memories that you hold in your heart of such a magnificently beautiful lady. May the blessings of God be multiplied in your life.

Evelyn Jordan

Evelyn Johnson - March 08, 2021 at 10:35 PM

RS

“ Mrs. Walker was my mentor and was instrumental in me progressing in my HR career. I have often thought of the fun times we shared at Clark Atlanta University. I will truly miss her and pray for her family to hold on to the strength that she has shown them.
Regina Ray Simmons

Regina Ray Simmons - March 08, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harriett Gwendolyn Walker.



March 07, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ Graceful Wreath was purchased for the family of Harriett Gwendolyn Walker.



March 06, 2021 at 04:10 PM



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“ Tamra and family: May the peace of God which passes all understanding comfort and strengthen you during this time of sorrow. Forever cherish the beautiful memories that will remain in your hearts and minds always! ❤️😊

*Diane Rogers Bramlett
Past Co-worker and friend*

Diane Rogers Bramlett - March 06, 2021 at 10:24 AM

SM

“ Susan Grant, Trustee, Morehouse School of Medicine purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Harriett Gwendolyn Walker.



Susan Grant, Trustee, Morehouse School of Medicine -
March 05, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harriett Gwendolyn Walker.



March 05, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Harriett Gwendolyn Walker.



March 05, 2021 at 09:58 AM