



## Jean Manita Walker

July 3, 1943 - March 11, 2016

In the early morning of Friday, March 11, 2016 Jean Manita Walker (Queen) made her transition from earth to glory in the comfort of her home. She was born July 3, 1943 to the Late Anna Mae Walker in Athens, GA. She accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and joined Hill Chapel Baptist Church. Jean who was affectionately known as "Queen", attended and graduated from Athens High & Industrial in 1963. She had many jobs throughout the years, but one of them she truly enjoyed, and that was Athens Transit. She met so many wonderful people and made life time friends with them. She loved to help others any way that she could. She planned 2 or 3 trips per year going to various places. Her grand trip every year was to the Ga Vs. Florida game. Jean was one who never met a stranger. A party wasn't a party unless the Queen herself was present. She had a huge heart for the Spring Valley community as a whole. She made sure if she had extra everyone would receive a portion. She always made sure everybody had something to eat. You would never leave her house hungry. Entertaining others was her favorite hobby. Jean decorated for every holiday. Her talented gift of decorating gained the attention from people all over Northeast Ga. In previous years she was the recipient of the V-103 best Christmas lights contest. There was no way to drive down Kennedy circle and not notice the beauty of her yard. Her décor was just as beautiful inside the home as out. Jean was an active part of the Athenian club, neighborhood cleaning committee, voter registration team, VFW Post 3910 Ladies Auxiliary, just to name a few. She was faithful to her

mission of collecting food boxes weekly, and providing for those who are less fortunate. She was also one of the original members of the Chancellor Choir. Her greatest love was her children, grandchildren, and great-grands.

Jean leaves behind to cherish her memories two children Tracy (Dedre) Taylor of Douglasville Ga, Teresa Lane of Athens Ga. A step daughter Evelyn (Harry) Sims, A god son James Stewart of Raleigh, NC. Four Grandchildren; Michelle Pearson, Courtney Taylor, Stacey Armstrong, and Curtis Dunham. Great Grandchildren; Maniya, Alleyiah, Jaylen, Trinity, Makiah, and Johnathan. Eight sisters and Seven brothers Two devoted sisters Jackie (Homer) Wilson, Shelia Daniel. She has a host of nieces and nephews. A longtime friend Samuel Lane , Her companion Ken Lewis.

The Day God took you home It broke our hearts to lose you, But you didn't go alone. Part of us went with you; The day God took you home. He saw that you were tired, Relief was not to be.

He put his arms around you, And whispered "come to me." With tearful eyes we stayed with you,

We watched you fade away. And even though we Loved you, We could not make you stay

A golden heart stopped beating,Hard working hands now laid to rest. God broke our hearts to prove, He only takes the best. It broke our hearts to lose you The day God took you home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hill Chapel Baptist Church  
1692 W Hancock Ave  
Athens, GA

## Service

MAR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

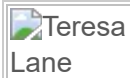
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Athens, GA

## Interment

MAR 17 (ET)

East Shadow Lawn  
87 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA

# Tribute Wall

Teresa Lane

“ *Teresa Lane sent a virtual gift in memory of Jean Manita Walker*



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**Teresa Lane** - March 17, 2017 at 06:34 AM

DT

“ *Daughter Teresa lit a candle in memory of Jean Manita Walker*



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**Daughter Teresa** - March 16, 2017 at 07:05 PM

Teresa Lane

*miss you mom. You know you wear a crown very well.*

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**Teresa Lane** - March 17, 2017 at 06:33 AM

KI

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family of Jean Walker. Losing a loved one in death is painful. It is such times like that that we should look to the Almighty God for comfort. Psalm 34:18 says, "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit."*

*May your reflection on this promise and your many fond memories of Jean give you the strength you need to endure this difficult time.*

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**Kim** - March 18, 2016 at 05:46 AM

ML

“ During our high school years, Jean was always smiling, friendly, considerate of others, and fun loving. May she rest in peace.

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**Mildred Lyle** - March 16, 2016 at 08:43 PM

EP

“ When my baby Jibreel was 10 months old, we moved to Athens, GA, in 1995. We were far from home, there to teach at UGA. We began interviewing potential sitters, and a few people in, the magnificent Jean Manita Walker walked in to our house. It was mutual love at first sight! Jean took care of our baby, but also of us, and helped my husband Tim and I learn to love Athens. I loved going over the Kennedy Circle, to that amazing porch, and hanging out with Queen Jean and Teresa and other friends. When my mother died suddenly in 1998, Jean held onto me tight, and onto Jibreel, always reminding him sweetly of his darling "Gumgum".

When our son Gideon was born in 2001, Jean was there at his dedication, there to take care of him, there to help us along.

My heart is breaking that this beautiful, loving, joyful and wonderful woman with the greatest porch and the greatest holiday decorations is not walking on this earth anymore. but she will always be in our hearts - I can hear her beautiful laugh.

Thank you, Jean, for helping me to be a good mom, a good woman and a good friend. I will always love you.

We send our hugs to Teresa and Tracey and everybody joining us in mourning our lovely one, and in celebrating her moving to the most beautiful place.

*Eve Troutt Powell*

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**Eve Troutt Powell** - March 16, 2016 at 08:22 PM



Teresa Lane

*To the Powell family, we thank you so much for taking mom in to be your nanny. we love*

**Teresa Lane** - March 17, 2017 at 06:42 AM

AB

“ *Ava Browner lit a candle in memory of Jean Manita Walker*



**Ava Browner** - March 16, 2016 at 05:52 PM



Teresa Lane

*Thanks Eva*

**Teresa Lane** - March 17, 2017 at 06:42 AM

DH

“ *I would like to Send my heart and condolences out to thA Family a very lovely lady that gave her all .You will b truly missed.That had thA Valley on lock with thA best lights ever .From the Hodge Family..❤️*

**Denise Hodge** - March 16, 2016 at 09:27 AM



Teresa Lane

*Thanks Denise*

**Teresa Lane** - March 17, 2017 at 06:43 AM

KP

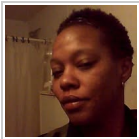
“ As far back as I can remember our family tradition was going to see the Christmas lights and of course the V103 house in Spring Valley was the main event!! When I became an adult I still visited Spring valley and just two years ago was able to take my daughter over for the grand tour. Queen Jean and Teresa welcomed us into their home and it was a wonderful experience. Queen will truly be missed. To the family my condolences and prayers for strength. Thanks for sharing a legacy and memories!

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**Keysha Patterson** - March 16, 2016 at 08:39 AM



Thanks Keysha, I will do my best to keep her passion going.

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**Teresa Lane** - March 17, 2017 at 06:43 AM



“ I can NEVER forget how this beautiful lady welcomed me into her home and into her heart! I remember all those trips to BLUES FEST... WHAT A PARTY!!!! Will miss you QUEEN JEAN!!! Rest on sweet soldier of God... Go 'head and take your rest... WE ALL LOVED YOU DEARLY, BUT GOD LOVED YOU BEST!!!! I love Teresa Lane... Call if you need me !!!

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**Shae Howard** - March 16, 2016 at 07:33 AM



Thanks Shay. we did have a ball on all the trips. lol. much love to you also.

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**Teresa Lane** - March 17, 2017 at 06:44 AM

DJ

“ Queen Jean was a truly "exceptional" person. She LOVED LIFE and showed it through always wanting people to be happy and have fun. She affectionately called me "Miss DC". Coming home will not be the same without her. I know she's joining my Mom/her friend (Jenny Lay) at the big party ever after and they're having a ball!

*Deborah Long Johnson*

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**Deborah Long Johnson** - March 16, 2016 at 07:20 AM



Teresa Lane

*Thanks Deborah. now we have to create our own memories in honor of your mother's.*

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**Teresa Lane** - March 17, 2017 at 06:46 AM

PW

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Ms. Walker and may God be a refuge and strength in your time of sorrow.(Psalms 46:1)

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**P. Watts** - March 16, 2016 at 06:36 AM



Teresa Lane

*Thanks so much. from her daughter and son*

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**Teresa Lane** - March 17, 2017 at 06:46 AM

RS

“ My condolences in the loss of your dear loved one. The pain of grief we feel when our loved ones die can sometimes be unbearable. The comforting words from our heavenly father Jehovah found at Isaiah 25:8; He (God) will swallow up death forever. And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe the tears from all faces, and Psalm 34:18; Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit, will help you to cope with the grief and sadness now and in the days ahead.

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**R. Sweatman** - March 15, 2016 at 07:29 AM

MD

*Sorry for your loss,I pray that God will give you strength,and keep.*

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**Margaret B. Davis** - March 15, 2016 at 01:25 PM

SJ

*Sending out my condolences to Teresa Lane and family may God continue to strengthen you in time of need my prayers and thoughts are with you all, There's nothing like a Mothers love, I meet your mom about twenty years ago wen I first move to Athens, I ask a neighbor where I can go to take my kids to see some beautiful Christmas décor an she told me about Mrs. jean and I have been going ever since i'm going to miss it.*

*Sharon Jefferson*

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**Sharon Jefferson** - March 16, 2016 at 10:26 AM

  
Teresa  
Lane

*Thank you.*

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**Teresa Lane** - March 17, 2017 at 06:48 AM