



Ms. Kathy Gayle Register

April 28, 1955 - October 28, 2025

DECATUR, GA – Today, Congressman Johnson sadly announced the sudden, unexpected, but peaceful passing away of Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson’s lifelong best friend and his own close friend and District Director Kathy (Gayle) Holt Register. Kathy Register, 70, served as District Director from the day Congressman Johnson was first sworn in to Congress on January 3, 2007. Kathy oversaw an award-winning constituent services operation that has been largely responsible for Rep. Johnson’s reelection to Congress. “When I first took office in 2007, I promised Georgians that I would take care of home first,” said Congressman Johnson. “Kathy Register made sure that promise was kept. Under Kathy’s leadership, my district staff has helped tens of thousands of constituents solve seemingly intractable problems. She ran the office with professionalism and a service eye. That is what she did every day for more than almost 19 years. She will be missed as our leader but also as a dear and close friend.” Kathy “Gayle” Holt Register was born April 28, 1955, in Nashville, Tennessee to the late Clarence Nathaniel Holt and Jennie Petway Holt.

She was educated in the Davidson County Public School System. She attended Providence School, where she garnered many lifelong friends. After graduating from Tennessee State University, she worked in New York for a short time before relocating to Marietta, GA, and then to Decatur, GA, where she made her home.

Kathy was united in Holy Matrimony with the late Willie James Register Jr. in

1981. She was a devoted and loving mother to two wonderful sons, Anthony Joel Register and Tito Jermaine Register. She loved her family dearly. Her grandchildren held a special place in her heart. Kathy's devotion and dedication to her mother's well-being were a noble demonstration of the type of love that Kathy extended to everyone she met

Kathy sought to find the good and unfolding potential with whom she worked. After a successful career at Clorox, Kathy embarked on her second career, which she treated more like a calling instead of a job. She served as District Director in the office of Congressman Henry "Hank" Johnson from his inauguration in 2007 until her passing. Kathy had a passionate and persistent attitude for service to others. Under her leadership, the district office helped tens of thousands of constituents solve problems that were seemingly impossible to cope with.

Kathy was always in motion. She was a passionate and committed "sports mom." She loved to travel, often making trips out of state to her son's games and sporting events. When she was not in her office, she was home gardening. She believed in having things in an orderly fashion. This was evident in how she meticulously and pointedly placed each plant and shrub. Creating a welcoming and loving home gave her joy. She treasured her many friends and the time spent together with them. Kathy's caring attitude attracted people to her. To some, she became a shining example of professionalism, excellence, and kindness. Her inner beauty was most captivating. She was a fashionable dresser, always taking pride in her unique style. She was beautiful inside and out.

Her steadfast faith in God sustained her. She was baptized at an early age and became a member of Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church in her hometown of Providence, TN, a freed slave community. After settling in Decatur, GA, she became a committed member of Salem Bible Church, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Jasper W. Williams, Jr. In 2021, she was the recipient of the Salem Bible Church Trailblazer Award for her community service and dedication to her church family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence Nathaniel Holt, and brother, Clarence Maurice Holt. She leaves to cherish her memories: two loving sons, Anthony Joel Register (Malikah) of Atlanta, GA, Tito Jermaine Register (Terri) of Denver, CO; mother, Jennie Petway Holt; brother, Charles LeTrelle Holt; two grandchildren, Tyrin and Tiyana Register; special first cousins, Sandra Drew (Ricky), Susan West (John), Patricia Berry (Linwood) all of Nashville, TN, Carolyn Smith of Los Angeles; long time best friend and confident, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson; Congressman Henry "Hank" Johnson and his entire staff; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear relatives and close friends.

The family of Kathy "Gayle" Holt Register would like to thank each and every one for their acts of kindness, condolences, and support during this time of bereavement.

Cemetery Details

Hillandale Memorial Gardens

6201 Hillandale Dr
Lithonia, GA 30058-4759
(770) 981-1144

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Drive
Decatur, GA 30034

Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Salem Bible Baptist Church
2283 Baker Rd NW
Atlanta, Ga 30318

Burial

NOV 8 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Gayle and I never met in person, but we spoke several times in regards to my friend and her mom, Ms. Jennie, as I call her. Anytime I couldn't reach Ms. Jennie, I could always reach Gayle to ease my mind. Now I have no connection to Ms. Jennie. Rest In Heaven My Friend Denise Maxwell KCK deemax56@yahoo.com*



Denise Maxwell - November 11, 2025 at 03:38 PM

CR

“ *Remembering the family at this time of great loss. We mourn with you. We are prayerful that knowing heaven is real, and that it is full of joy, brings comfort to your hearts. “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT Aunt Joan Tompkins Stan and Yvonne Crews*



Crews - November 09, 2025 at 10:45 PM

SM

“ *Star Morris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register*



star Morris - November 08, 2025 at 10:06 PM

KP

“ Kendra Price lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register



Kendra Price - November 08, 2025 at 11:13 AM

OA

“ Oneil Archibald planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.

Oneil Archibald - November 08, 2025 at 09:00 AM

OA

“ Oneil Archibald purchased the Decadent Delights Chocolate Gift Basket for the family of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.



Oneil Archibald - November 08, 2025 at 09:00 AM

AA

“ Aida A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.

Aida A. - November 07, 2025 at 10:11 PM

AE

“ Ashley E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.

Ashley E. - November 07, 2025 at 11:12 AM



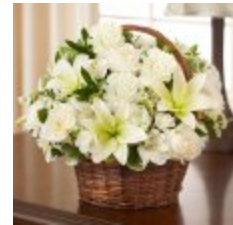
“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.



November 07, 2025 at 11:12 AM

SF

“ Sascha Foertsch and Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.



Sascha Foertsch and Family - November 07, 2025 at 10:09 AM

SB

“ My name is Shirley and I met Kathy in 1972 at Tennessee State University. I got to know her better after moving to Atlanta in the early eighties. My husband was laid to rest August 8th. Kathy called me the moment she heard, was there for his service and called afterwards to check on me and Pray with me. I will be forever grateful for your compassion Kathy. Thank you for being my Friend! I Love You! Rest💕💕💕💕

Shirley Hart Branch - November 06, 2025 at 07:19 PM

FF

“ From the Smith Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.

From the Smith Family - November 06, 2025 at 06:14 PM



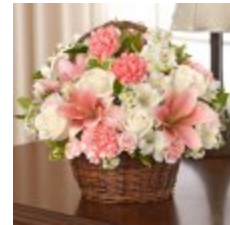
“ White Funeral Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.



November 06, 2025 at 06:14 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.



November 05, 2025 at 09:59 PM

BC

“ BIG Denver Metro Chapter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.

BIG Denver Metro Chapter - November 05, 2025 at 01:51 PM

BC

“ *BIG Denver Metro Chapter purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.*



BIG Denver Metro Chapter - November 05, 2025 at 01:51 PM

PD

“ *My deepest condolences and sympathies. I love how Ms Kathy loved her mom, it showed in her daily routine, she always showed up and showed out for her mom, she earned her wings of honor and she will be missed very much.*



Paula Davis - November 04, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow Blue & White was purchased for the family of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.*



November 04, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ms. Kathy Gayle Register.*



November 04, 2025 at 10:58 AM

CC

“ I met Gayle at the facility where her mom is my sugar is what I call her. She made sure her mom was taking care of come clean her room the way she wanted it clean, send her dinner for when she couldn't come Mrs. Holt had her food. The day before her passing we talked for a while. I just can't believe this is true. I will try to do my best to look after your mom the best I can cause trust me she keep an eye on my dad and I appreciate that. May God Bless all of your family and friends.

Chiquita Cox - November 03, 2025 at 09:53 PM



“ Sincere condolences to Kathy's family in the sudden death of a wonderful and kind person. Kathy was the ultimate professional in everything she did. I will always cherish our friendship working together with the Alzheimer's Association. She will truly be missed!!

Jan McIntyre

Jan McIntyre - November 03, 2025 at 03:37 PM



RS

“ Sudden losses are the hardest. My heart goes out to the entire family and friends of the late Kathy Gayle Register. Sincere condolences and prayers. May God bless you all with strength.

Rosalind Sanders - November 02, 2025 at 10:06 PM



RF

“ Reigister Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Holt Register.

Reigister Family - November 01, 2025 at 01:10 PM



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November 01, 2025 at 01:10 PM

VM

“ I remember being 10 and 11 years old watching the football moms and baseball moms cheer on their boys. I always admired your dress and the way you carried yourself. Perfect example for a young lady to look up to.

Vernita Mosley - November 01, 2025 at 10:45 AM

HH

“ Every time we saw each other, you would always hug me and kiss my cheek. You brought me so much joy every time I saw you. I love you.

herbert hill - October 31, 2025 at 05:25 PM

SC

Kathy, where do I start when it comes to describing the type of person she was. She was as genuine as genuine could get. Every smile was genuine. Her persona spoke for itself. Whenever she greeted a stranger, she did it with a genuine smile. If one ever had the opportunity to be in her presence for the first time, they would walk away thinking that they had known her a lifetime. She was one of the most thoughtful individual I have ever known. She and I have been friends since the birth of her child. My heart goes out to her entire family. I miss her today and always. Your friend, Shirley Chester

Shirley Chester - November 01, 2025 at 11:59 AM