



## Pearleta Sterling Gardner

August 13, 1937 - June 3, 2022

The amazing life of Pearleta Sterling Gardner expired on Friday June 3, 2022, in Atlanta, Georgia. Pearleta was born on August 13th, 1937, in Kingston Jamaica to the late Louis & Mavis Sterling. She was the fifth child and the first girl born to the couple. Her father longed for a girl, and so when Pearleta was born, she was dubbed his “Pet.” That name stayed with her through her life.

Pet as she was affectionately called by family and friends was a model child and pushed forward to earn her certificate to be a Seamstress and Baker from Whitfield Town Government School. Her homemaking skills, sharp wit, immense sense of humor and charm found her soon betrothed to the late Eric Gardner. Pet and Eric married in 1954 in their home country of Jamaica.

Immigrating to the United States, Pet continued her career as a homemaker. Eventually meeting and befriending the talented Ms. Lucy Ball from the hit television show, “I Love Lucy,” Pet became the caretaker to Lucy Ball’s mother-in-law.

Pet briefly married Ernest Sands in 1980. However, in 2002 Pet and Eric Gardner reunited and remarried in a celebrated ceremony of love. Regretfully, Eric preceded her in death earlier this year.

Pet was raised and remained a staunch and faithful Christian. She read her

bible and prayed regularly never shying away from speaking of the goodness of God. Her strong voice was often heard raising a praise song and witnessing to anyone that was in her vicinity. She encouraged her children, grandkids, nieces, and nephews to serve the Lord.

She is remembered fondly for always having that special word of encouragement. She was often the light and life on many get-togethers, and always unapologetically outspoken. Her independent energy gave her courage and strength to often travel at moment's notice to see her family. In fact, there were very few family functions that were not graced by her vivacious laughter and consuming aura of fun. Her loyal and jovial spirit will be missed greatly by all those who knew her.

Pearleta Sterling Gardner is survived by: Eural (deceased), Sherion, Marcia, Karlene, and Latanya, along with eight grandkids and eight great grandchildren. Pet also leaves behind two siblings, Buelah, and Winston. Let us wish her a fond farewell.

Pearleta Gardner's service will be recorded and streamed live. In the event the service is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire service will be uploaded and available to view by the next business day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the service.

<https://vimeo.com/event/2186628>

Service entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory;  
Lawrenceville 770.338.5558

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Hills Memorial Gardens

3000 Lawrenceville Hwy,  
Tucker, GA 30084

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kelly Chapel U.M.C.  
3411 Kelley Chapel Rd.  
Decatur, GA 30034

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Pearleta Sterling Gardner*



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**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - June 28, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *We would like to extend our condolences to the family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. With caring thoughts.*

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**Evans family** - July 09, 2022 at 07:24 AM