



## Vera Gholston

July 31, 1958 - January 13, 2024

Vera Gholston, 65, of Duluth, GA, passed away at home surrounded by loved ones on January 13, 2024.

There were many sides to Vera, all of which she encompassed fully in the way only she could. She was many things to many people, from a doting daughter to a caring mother whose love knew no bounds. She was a sister to many, including her own, and just as protective when needed. She was known for her wit and charm, her passion for purple, and a love of music in all its forms. To know Vera was to know the current of life that runs through us all, and the passion to embrace life and all the ways it could manifest itself.

In life's battleground, Vera epitomized a resilient warrior, confronting cancer with the poise of a seasoned Marine. Her journey, a poignant tapestry of skillfully navigating seen and unseen trials, unfolded as a testament to courage, akin to poetry in motion.

Clad in the metaphorical full battle regalia, she embodied the spirit of Xena, Warrior Princess—courageous and bold. Beyond the somber fight, she radiated a hero's aura, living each moment to the fullest despite the shadows. She wanted to live like there was no tomorrow and she did.

In her memory, let's cherish not just the battles she faced but the grace with

which she triumphed, leaving an enduring legacy of inspiration.

Vera is survived by her two daughters, Lani (Ben Finney) Gholston and Diamond (Kegan Frederick) Gholston. Also surviving are her two sisters Brenda Lyte, of GA and Yolanda (Timothy) Pender of SC.

Celebration of Life (Memorial Service) will be (LIVE STREAM) <https://vimeo.com/event/4029910> on Friday, February 2, 2024, 1:00 PM at our Gwinnett Chapel 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. (770)- 338-5558.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4029910>

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ Sharing sincere condolences to family and friends. I truly am thankful for the life, light, love, and legacy of Vera Gholston. I've been in deep thought and reflection of conversations we had that come to mind, phone calls, texts, emails, and meeting interactions. When I say what a lady... I think of Proverbs 31 the virtuous woman biblical text. Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” I salute you Vera. Prayers for strength, peace, and comfort.

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**Alita McCollum** - February 02, 2024 at 01:13 PM

MS

“ The last time we spoke you talked about continuing your service. And one other comment "...few of us have crystal balls that are clear and accurate." So much wisdom in that statement. We never had that lunch. A bright light has truly gone out. Kindness, compassion, humility, and commitment to service are only a few of the words that describe you.

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**Mary Schauer** - February 02, 2024 at 01:03 PM

CA

“ I had no idea this would be our last outing together, Vera. But what a good time we had talking about everything and nothing last September. Thank you for your amazing spirit and true friendship. Rest well, my friend.



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**Carmen Ashley** - February 02, 2024 at 12:52 PM

AM

“ Alita M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Vera Gholston.



Alita M. - February 02, 2024 at 12:51 PM

CC

“ This is a hard one. This was somebody I thought was gonna be in my life forever. It never occurred to me that she wouldn't be in my life forever. This is my best friend since 1981. We were best friends since the day we met....together every day, when we were in the same city, and every day we would have the best times of our lives... Every year she would visit me and every year we would have the best time of our lives. That's Lyte ...the best friend I ever had ....almost every year someone I know will pass away, but it never occurred to me, that it would be my best friend Lyte  
Condolences to her Family , condolences to Me and condolences to anyone who ever had the pleasure of meeting and having Vera Lyte Gholston in their life.. Rest in peace Best Friend, I will miss you, but I'll never forget you... love You forever

Cynthia Colone - February 01, 2024 at 08:38 PM

AB

“ Sometime you get loss for words this is one of those time. Family know I love you all and that I been and yet is praying for you. Angie Brooks



Angie Brooks - February 01, 2024 at 05:49 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Vera Gholston.*



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January 31, 2024 at 10:45 PM



“ *Though we didn't have the express privilege of knowing Vera, we know Yolanda and Timothy, and cherish them as sister and brother in Christ.*  
*Our prayers of blessing and peace go out to all those Vera touched. Reading her obituary made us rejoice for such a valiant soul and a life well lived.*

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**Donna Haynes** - January 31, 2024 at 08:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vera Gholston.*



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January 31, 2024 at 06:24 PM



“ *Joyce Withers, Fred Butler, Mechelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vera Gholston.*

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**Joyce Withers, Fred Butler, Mechelle** - January 31, 2024 at 06:24 PM

SB

“ *Sandra T. Brown lit a candle in memory of Vera Gholston*



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**Sandra T. Brown** - January 31, 2024 at 05:03 PM

FG

“ *From your sisters of G.A.T.H.E.R.E.D. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vera Gholston.*



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**From your sisters of G.A.T.H.E.R.E.D.** - January 31, 2024 at 01:43 PM

TG

“ *The Girlfriends purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Vera Gholston.*



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**The Girlfriends** - January 31, 2024 at 12:36 AM

CA

“ Miss you going to these places and playing pool with you!  
Whenever I came to visit you in Duluth Georgia!!



California - January 30, 2024 at 09:02 AM

CA

“ Miss going to these places and playing pool  
with you in Duluth Ga when I came to visit!



California - January 30, 2024 at 08:55 AM

DH

“ Celebrating the life of our dear GIRLFRIEND! What a blessing to  
have traveled with Vera, shared good times, spa days and laughter.  
Thank you Yolanda and Brenda for entrusting us with the precious  
gift of your sister. May the memories of a well enjoyed life bring  
comfort, strength, and rejoicing to your hearts. May the God of all  
comfort be what with you is my prayer. Love you all!

*Deborah Harris*

Deborah Harris - January 28, 2024 at 06:42 AM

BR

“ My condolences to the Gholston and Lyte families. Vera and I were classmates at Malabar High School and I'll always remember her positive, yet direct personality. She was always fun to be around and I know she'll be missed.

Bill Radler - January 26, 2024 at 09:32 AM

AA

“ Ashley, Lucy, and Lynne Archer purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Vera Gholston.



Ashley, Lucy, and Lynne Archer - January 25, 2024 at 08:38 PM

LA

“ My sincerest condolences to the Gholston Family.. I met Ms. Vera through her daughter, Diamond that was with my daughter. We discovered at the same time we both worked at CDC. After a lengthy conversation about our jobs and laughing at all the silly things our managers did, we hit it off quickly. I can't forget the look the look our daughters were giving us to quit talking. She has a very warm spirit and after that first conversation, I can tell she's got a keen sense of humor. I would call her up every once in a while to tell her something funny about some of the interns on my job and we would be laughing so hard we were both in tears. She would always tell me that she needed that good laugh and I always knew the moment to call. I know she is with our Lord and Savior. Many hugs to Gholston Family and Ms. Vera, you are going to be missed. Rest in peace.



Lynne Archer - January 23, 2024 at 10:09 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Vera Gholston.*



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January 22, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ *It seems like yesterday that I met Vera (I always called her Lyte) when i was dating my husband in 1983 who happened to be her boss at USMC Camp Smith in Honolulu Hawaii. We hit it off right away and have remained friends for forty years. I feel a bit in denial because it wasn't that long ago that she and her friend Janet came to visit us in San Diego, and we had a great time! Although Vera had lost her hair, she had not lost one bit of her zest for life so i guess i thought deep down that she would slay this dragon like she had done so many times before in life. The world has lost a wonderful human being who will be greatly missed.*  
*Cathie Ransom*

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**Cathie Ransom** - January 22, 2024 at 03:45 PM

SF

“ *It is with a heavy heart that I bid farewell to beautiful Vera.*

*I will forever cherish the memories we shared and the bond we had. Vera was not just a friend but also a confidant, someone I could turn to for guidance and support. She believed in me when I doubted myself and pushed me to reach for the stars. Vera was not only a mentor but also a source of inspiration, always encouraging me to follow my dreams and embrace my passions.*

*I am forever grateful for the guidance she bestowed upon me.*

*May you find eternal tranquility in the embrace of purple's vibrant hues.*

*With love and heartfelt farewell,  
Sherry Fields*

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**Sherry Fields** - January 20, 2024 at 04:58 PM

DR

“ *I will always remember Vera for her love of the color purple, her smile, and her wanting to participate in as many activities as possible as well as her willingness to learn new activities here at Everleigh Duluth. Although I never knew she was battling cancer, I knew she did her best to live each day to the fullest. My condolences to her family and may these posts and her memorial service be a comfort in your time of grief. Sincerely, Debbie Rubin.*

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**Deborah A Rubin** - January 19, 2024 at 11:26 PM

MS

“ *Deepest sympathy to her family and friends. I met Vera at the CDC Book Club years ago and reconnected with her recently on our online book club. She was a joyful, kind and thoughtful person. She will be very missed.*

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**Maryann Schlemmer** - January 19, 2024 at 11:02 AM

YC

“ *I am offering my condolences to the Gholston family in this time of lost. Vera was such a source of joy. I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Yolanda Cavalier** - January 18, 2024 at 04:28 PM

JB

“ Words can hardly capture the depth of the sadness I feel at your passing. You were not just a friend, you were like family. You were a loyal companion, a confidant, and a source of joy. Your sense of humor brought laughter to even the darkest moments.

*It was so fun sharing adventures and creating lasting memories. Your family-oriented nature and genuine care for those around you were truly admirable qualities that enriched the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know you.*

*Reflecting on the wonderful times we shared, I am grateful for the privilege of having you as a friend. Your warmth, kindness, and love for life will remain forever. Though you may be physically gone, your spirit and the impact you had on the lives of those who knew you will endure.*



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**Janet Butts** - January 18, 2024 at 04:21 PM

LW

“ *Laura Whalen lit a candle in memory of Vera Gholston*



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**Laura Whalen** - January 18, 2024 at 03:48 PM

LW

“ I remember Vera as being not only a nice and lovely woman but also very good as her job at CDC. She was efficient, excellent, and a marvelous human being. I send my condolences to her family. Know that many people admired Vera. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Best, Laura Whalen

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**Laura Whalen** - January 18, 2024 at 03:46 PM

SB

“ I'm so sorry to hear this news. I worked in the same Division as Vera at CDC for many years and I appreciated her spirit, her knowledge, and especially her sense of humor that had both of us in stitches on many occasions. My thoughts are with her family and the many friends who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

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**Stephen Banspach** - January 18, 2024 at 03:28 PM

SB

“ My friend. What a beautiful light and spirit you shared with this world. My heart is full hearing the news of your passing. I will miss our talks and laughter about life, travel, work and "how you roll". LOL! Just thinking of you makes me smile. May you rest in peace for all eternity. To your family, I pray for strength and peace. She's at peace and is resting well.

*"Grief is the price we pay for Love".*

*Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. — Isaiah 41:10*

*Lean on him.*

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**Sandra Brown** - January 18, 2024 at 02:23 PM

SG

“ *My dear vera I thought we had more time to see each other again. I now know that it was at the hands of God that we met and got to know each other. I do know that I will never forget you I will celebrate you every year along with my sister Lydia ,your Heavenly Birthday is Lydia's earthly Birthday . Sleep well in the arms of Jesus my friend.*



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**Sinclair Ginton** - January 18, 2024 at 11:49 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Vera Gholston.*



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January 18, 2024 at 11:18 AM

SM

“ *Vera was a light every time I interacted with her. Sending my heartfelt prayers and condolences to Vera's family and friends.*

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**Stefany Moye** - January 18, 2024 at 07:26 AM

NM

“ *Vera will be sorely missed by her neighbors at Everleigh. She had such an independent spirt and was a very loyal friend once she trusted you. Her spirit is free now. Rest in peace my friend.*



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**Neil McTavish** - January 17, 2024 at 06:53 PM

LJ

“ *Family, Friends, and Co-workers, my sincere Condolences and Sympathy. May God Comfort with peace, strength and love. Linda Johnson CDC, ASU OD*

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**Linda G Johnson** - January 17, 2024 at 02:26 PM

LF

“ *My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Vera. I'm not sure that I ever met her in person, but I talked to her many times on the phone while at CDC and she was always warm and inviting and so helpful. Such a pleasant person. I always enjoyed our phone conversations. I pray for strength and comfort to her family and loved ones during this difficult time. Linda Frederick*

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**Linda M Frederick** - January 17, 2024 at 10:25 AM

EF

“ *My sincere condolences to the Gholston Family. Vera was a kind and gentle woman. I will cherish our interactions during events with the CDC/ATSDR BIG Chapter.*

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**Ernestine Frazier** - January 17, 2024 at 10:12 AM

AY

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. May God comfort you all during this difficult time. I am saddened to hear of her passing. Vera had such a sweet and gentle spirit. You and your jokes will be missed. Rest peacefully, my friend.*

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**Audrey L Young** - January 17, 2024 at 09:57 AM

VL

“ My condolences to the Gholston Family. Vera was such a wonderful person to work with at CDC. I remember so many of our conversations about family, traveling and how to make things happen. Her smile was a light on any given day. She will be greatly missed but now in a better place - a heavenly place! Love you Vera



Vernitta Love - January 17, 2024 at 07:48 AM



“ Vera, I am so saddened, to hear about your passing. I often think about when you first came to CDC and the lunches and other events we did together. I pray that you made it into Heaven. I pray that GOD/JESUS will give your family peace and understanding.  
Ron Hines

Ron Hines - January 17, 2024 at 07:08 AM

EG

“ My friend who was so funny. We had some wonderful times doing and after work. We had went places with other friends and just enjoyed ourselves with her many of jokes and laughs. I'm going to really miss my friend. My condolences to her daughters, Brenda and family.

Ellen Germany - January 16, 2024 at 11:49 PM

DP

*My condolences to the family. Vera was a wonderful and kind person.*

Dr. Wilda Parker-Collins - January 17, 2024 at 09:49 AM

DL

“ Vera was a family friend and one of the sweetest people I've ever met. Rest in heaven Vera❤️

Donna Lewis - January 16, 2024 at 08:17 PM

LR

“ I am so very sad to hear this news of sweet Vera. She works with us at CDC and her positive energy and good vibes were magnetic. She will be dearly missed and I hope sweet memories of her sustain her loved ones.

Lee Ann Brownlow Ramsey - January 16, 2024 at 07:28 PM

DT

“ Vera joined our team recently and I just learned that her favorite color was purple. Purple represents royalty and she was indeed a beautiful soul. I'm going to miss you Vera. Rest in Peace!  
Dana Tillman

Dana Tillman - January 16, 2024 at 06:50 PM

CL

“ Connie Lim sent a virtual gift in memory of Vera Gholston



Connie Lim - January 16, 2024 at 06:31 PM

WB

“ Thanks, Vera, you make vanpooling fun. Key was your robust sense of humor.

William A Boyd - January 16, 2024 at 12:57 PM

JV

“ When I joined the Division of Adolescent and School Health at CDC, Vera was one of the first to welcome me. It was amidst the pandemic and remote work and the kindness she extended to me helped me feel connected and a true part of the Division. She became a go-to person for me to ask questions of, to guide me in the right direction, and even though we didn't work directly together on a team, she always helped, and she did so with humor and lots of patience. She was a giver of kindness and joy. My sincere condolences to her family and friends. ~Jorge

Jorge Verlenden - January 16, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ I am saddened to hear this news. I supervised Vera briefly in DASH and she was always cheerful and positive. Her light will be missed. I pray peace and strength for her family and friends. Condolences to all her knew and cared about her.

Melinda Jordan - January 16, 2024 at 10:16 AM

MW

“ Memories of Vera will always bring a smile to my face. She and I shared a similar sense of humor that I always missed when she retired. She could always turn the simplest statement or conversation into something that we could share a smile or laugh at. I loved that while she was one of the most resourceful people I knew, she never took herself or her connections too seriously. Vera was a humble and committed colleague who will be missed greatly. My deepest condolences to her family and closest friends.

Malaika Washington - January 16, 2024 at 09:55 AM

CO

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Vera passing. She had become very dear to me for so many years and I will truly miss her wonderful spirit. May God bless her entire family and friends who truly loved and cared about her. From Connie L.

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**Connie** - January 16, 2024 at 09:03 AM

LW

“ I was fortunate to have worked with Vera and experience her kindness, humor and can do attitude. Offering prayers for Vera as her spirits walks on.

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**Lisa Whittle** - January 16, 2024 at 08:57 AM

LR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Vera's passing. I worked with her for many years. If you wanted something done well, you went to Vera! I truly enjoyed working with her. Not only did she get things done, she was truly a kind person-- when I was brand new to Atlanta and had no car, she gave me a lift from work to home. It's a rare thing to have co-workers who are not only smart and efficient, but kind and who can make your day better, too. My condolences to Vera's family.

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**Leah Ellen Robin** - January 16, 2024 at 07:59 AM

HH

“ I had the privilege of working with Vera for many years. She was a kind and lovely person with a wonderful sense of humor. I am so sorry to hear of her passing.

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**Holly Hunt** - January 16, 2024 at 07:38 AM

WJ

“ To my oldest Sister! I am grieved by this loss to our family! From you be there for me when I first moved to AZ from the time you stopped by to see on your way to Texas! From phone calls! To check on me! I glad we got a change to spend time together! As I shed my tears for you, they will be tears of joy knowing that we will have this moment together! You were apart of my life and inspired me! My testimony of life included you! Thank you for your beautiful words and inspiring me to stay with life goals! I will miss you and love you always! Rest my sister! Until we meet again!!! Here there and in the air! Willie Lyte Jr. Baby Brother!

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**Willie Lyte Jr** - January 16, 2024 at 03:28 AM

AS

*I knew Vera as a resident at Everleigh Duluth. My sincere Condolences to her family. May her life be remembered with deep gratitude and May her legacy be cherished forever. Her memory will be a source of comfort and Inspiration to all who knew her.*

*Allen Shensky*

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**Allen Shensky** - February 03, 2024 at 06:02 PM

BP

*I had the privilege of working with Vera - I was just heart broken to hear of her passing - she was one of a kind - always had a smile for you and so funny - had many laughs with her! She always made my day! My sincere condolences to her family.*

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**Beth Patterson** - February 19, 2024 at 02:55 PM