



Mrs. Audrey Niomi Gulley

February 14, 1945 - July 5, 2019

No obituary found for this tribute.

Cemetery Details

Grand Lawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48219

Previous Events

Visitation

Wednesday, Jul. **10**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Thursday, Jul. **11**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Trinity In the Woods Episcopal Church
26880 LaMuera
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Audrey Niomi Gulley*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM

“ Audrey Niomi Gulley was born February 14, 1945 in Detroit Michigan to Ruth and Napolean Smith. The third oldest of six children, Audrey carried a deep love for her family and was very popular with her friends and neighbors. From an early age Audrey distinguished herself as a person of integrity, compassion, and determination. Realizing the difficult professional road that lay ahead for people of color at that time, she made getting a good education a top priority which led to her graduating ahead of schedule from the prestigious Commerce High School. After graduating, she quickly secured a job as a secretary at Grace Episcopal Church; a position that would lay the framework for her professional life.

In 1967 she married her long-time sweetheart, Arthur Gulley, and though the marriage ended in divorce, their union produced a son, Arthur Gulley Jr. As a single Mother, Audrey endured numerous personal and financial challenges, none of which deterred her from providing her son with a good life filled with numerous educational and recreational opportunities, nor attaining her Master's Degree in Business Management; and accomplishment that led to her position as Vice President of Human Resources for Detroit East Community Mental Health Center, and later Matrix Human Services. She was also a long standing member of the American Business Woman Association (ABWA), and enjoyed participating in their numerous events; both locally and abroad. A woman of deep religious conviction, Audrey also relished her time spent in service and fellowship with the leadership and congregations of St. David's Episcopal Church and later, Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church. In 1985 she was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and though the prognosis was bleak, she marshalled her strength, fought, and beat the disease displaying a fortitude that inspired her family and friends. This same fortitude would sustain her through three bouts of breast cancer, Parkinson's, and numerous other physical challenges, all of which she met with stubborn determination and a beautiful smile that never dimmed. On July 5, 2019, Audrey departed this world for the greater one beyond where she was reunited with her Mother, Father, older

sister, Wilma, and older brother, Edward (Gwen). Left to cherish her memory are her son Arthur (Traci), three grandsons Ethan, Adam, and Jacob; her sisters Beverly Miller, Alfreda Baker (Clarence), and Katrina VanderWoude; her nephews William (Sonja), Fredrick (Rachelle), Terrence (Chantelle), Clarence (Carol), and Anthony (Christina); her nieces Angela Magott, and Alicia Kirk-Smith, Elyse VanderWoude, three grand-nephews, three grand-nieces, and a host of family and friends whose lives she deeply touched.

Art Gulley Jr. - July 10, 2019 at 06:26 PM

DP

“*Doug and Rosalie Petroni purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Audrey Niomi Gulley.*



Doug and Rosalie Petroni - July 10, 2019 at 09:53 AM

LE

“*Love, Katrina & Elyse purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Audrey Niomi Gulley.*



Love, Katrina & Elyse - July 10, 2019 at 04:00 AM



“*Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Audrey Niomi Gulley.*



July 07, 2019 at 05:02 PM

CH

“ *My sympathies to Audrey's family. Audrey was a delightful person and I always had fun with her when we were on outings together. May the love of the Lord flow over the family and bring them peace knowing that his child Audrey is with him safe, well and loved.*
Christina

Christina - July 07, 2019 at 04:37 PM

CB

“ *Audrey was a strong woman with a beautiful soul. I will miss her.*

From in-law Clementine Banks (Baker).



clementine banks - July 06, 2019 at 07:07 PM