



Ms. Gaynelle A. Redd

March 10, 1933 - August 29, 2017

Gaynelle "Gee Gee" Redd:

Gaynelle Redd was born on March 10, 1933 to Arron and Alma Bushaun in Jacksonville, Florida. Upon the death of her mother at a very early age, Gaynelle and her sister Alma were adopted by their maternal aunt Selma Lee Flack and the Rev. Dr. F. Z. Flack, a Presiding Elder with the AME Zion denomination who developed many AME churches along the East Coast and Midwestern United States. As a preacher's daughter, Gaynelle started playing the piano at a young age. By the time Gaynelle graduated from high school the family was living in Louisville, Kentucky. Gaynelle attended Kentucky State University and Detroit Institute of Technology. During her college years she was a beauty contestant who won the title of Miss Louisville. She was also a majorette and prima ballerina who longed to go to New York; however, her plans were sidetracked when she met and married the late Dr. Charles Redd (honorary) who was serving in the army as a paratrooper. Gaynelle and Charles had four children together. Deborah Gaynelle and Selma Diane were both born in Fort Campbell, Kentucky on the army base. In October 1953, Gaynelle and Charles relocated to Detroit and had two additional children, Georgia Charlene and Charles Brooks Redd, Jr.

After her marriage to Charles ended, Gaynelle continued to push her children toward success. She believed that education was the key to success in life. Always stressing the importance of education, Gaynelle knew that her children

were going to college. Though she was a single mother of four children, each of Gaynelle's children received scholarships to attend college and each earned advanced degrees. Since Gaynelle was the kind of woman who would not accept anything less for herself or her children, it is no wonder that each of her children today have obtained doctorate degrees! And Gee Gee, as everyone called her, told everyone, everywhere she went about her children. They were the apple of her eye. Gee Gee was a 'mother-bear' nursing her cubs when it came to Deb, Diane, Georgia and especially Chipper. She was very proud of her children with their big and small accomplishments. Today Selma, Georgia, and Charles are active in their communities as Servant Leaders sharing the values and standards instilled in them by their proud mother, Gee Gee.

For Gaynelle, every weekend and holiday was a reason to have a good time. When her children became grown, Gee Gee moved to the Lafayette Pavilion in downtown Detroit. Once again, she embraced her neighbors, the employees, and visitors at the Pavilion. For more than 25 years, Gee Gee regularly hosted Super Bowl and Fireworks parties for individuals that she met in her building. Her children often teased that Mama celebrated every holiday. Gee Gee's home was always the place where any and everyone was welcomed to join in for a good time, with plenty of food and music for all to enjoy. Gee Gee had a way of preparing large meals on a low budget with enough food for everyone to take packages back to their own homes.

Holidays, birthdays and all the other special days began to fade in time as Gee Gee had to leave her friends at the Pavilion behind. Not long ago, Gee Gee reaffirmed what she learned as a child and re-dedicated her life to Christ. Shortly thereafter, Gee Gee's ship pulled into port. Suddenly, it seemed, we got the call that no one wanted to answer. But, Gee Gee accepted the call. Now she is on the Kings' Highway, present with the King. Now all is well.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Ave.
Detroit, MI 48207

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Sep. **9**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Whosoever Ministry Ecumenical Theological Seminary
2930 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48201

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Gaynelle A. Redd*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *We love you Mama.*



Selma - August 29, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ *My sympathy to the family. Death claims the lives of those we love. When death strikes the pain can seem unbearable. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25*

M. Tuffy - September 12, 2017 at 07:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Gaynelle A. Redd.*



September 07, 2017 at 03:49 AM