



Mrs. Gwendolyn Lafaye Smith

September 10, 1943 - October 22, 2013

Her Journey:

Gwendolyn LaFaye Haynes, affectionately known as Gwen, was born on September 10, 1943 to Juanita Delores Haynes in Shreveport, Louisiana. Gwen and her sister were orphaned at an early age and were placed in the loving home of Reverend James and Ollie Mae O'Neal in 1957.

Gwen received her education in the Detroit Public Schools system and graduated from Southeastern High School. After graduating, she held various jobs and later married the love of her life Jessie Smith. She was the proud mother of three sons, Aubrey Vernell, Andre Lamont and Antoine DeShawn "Shawn."

Gwen was baptized and professed Christ at an early age. She later joined Greenfield Avenue Church of God in Christ where she was an active member serving on the usher board until her health began to fail.

For those who knew Gwen, she had a gift for writing poetry; but her true passion was her family, especially her grandson Andre Lamont Jr., a.k.a. "Snookie".

Gwen had her own unique way of making everyone she met feel special; oftentimes by giving them a nickname. Through the years her home was open

to all. When people came to visit, her expression of love were the cookies she had in a canister for all to enjoy.

After a long battle with illness, Gwen made her transition on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 7:20 p.m., at Beaumont Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

31472 Michigan Ave
Wayne, MI 48184

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Oct. **31**. 3:00 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

Friday, Nov. **1**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greenfield Avenue Church of God
19900 Greenfield
Detroit, MI 48235

Funeral Service

Friday, Nov. **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Gwendolyn Lafaye Smith*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Marilyn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Lafaye Smith*



marilyn - October 31, 2013 at 08:00 AM



“ *Gwen I'm going to miss you so much.... You were such a beautiful woman inside and out. Your sense of humor and personality was one in a million. I remember how you use too call me ms.piglet... I'm so chuckle thinking about it. I will always cherish those moments that you and I shared. Which goes all the way back to A.J Folands where we first met. I Love You Gwen and you truly will be missed. Marilyn*

Dear Jessie,

Your wife was the best, Aubrey, Andre, and Shawn your mother was wonderful! Snooky your grandy was loving and so...very caring... My God Bless you all and I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.

marilyn - October 31, 2013 at 07:50 AM

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“ Dear, Jessie, Aubrey, Andre, and Shawn, I am very sorry to hear about Gwen’s passing. I just wanted to say I am sorry for your loss. Although I had not seen Gwen in several years, I have never forgotten the happy times we had on Avon. My God bless and keep you and all of your family through this time of sorrow.
Paula Lewis-Walker

Paula Lewis-Walker - October 29, 2013 at 06:56 PM