

## OBITUARY

Gwendolyn "Elaine" Taylor was born in Saint Petersburg, Florida on September 27, 1961 to Gladys Jean Brooks. She was the second oldest of five girls. Her birth family relocated to Flint, Michigan when Elaine was just 11 years old wherein she continued to grow and thrive into her vivacious adult years. Elaine graduated from Mott Adult High School and worked various jobs through the City of Flint and surrounding areas. Her later years were lived out back in her home state of Florida -- Jacksonville. Elaine remained eternally devoted to her children, family and friends.

She leaves to cherish her sweet memory: Johnny Graves, Sr., common law husband of 30 years, Jacksonville; two sons Anthony (Alice) Graham of Houston, Texas and Antwann Taylor of Jacksonville; two daughters Shanietha (Michael) Dimmonds and Nadia (Taylor) Freeman both of Jacksonville; five granddaughters, Ganessa and Ava Freeman, Aaliyah, Quaniesha and Marianna Taylor; and two grandsons, Aaron Graham and TaVallas Taylor, Jr. Four sisters: Inez Graham, Marique (Lil'bit) Graham, Ann Graham all of Flint/Fenton, Michigan and Marcy (Michael) Edwards of Columbus, Ohio. She also leaves to cherish her sweet-sweet memory many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, countless cousins and friends in the states of Florida, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee.

Elaine is preceded in death by her two sons, Larry Jean Taylor, Jr. and Tavallas Terrell Taylor; mother, Gladys Brooks; grandmother, Georgia Graham; nephew, Demarcus Graham; and granddaughter, Baby Taylor.

Elaine loved laughing, cooking, being with her family, having fun and the giving of gifts.

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### Expressions of Thanks

We, the family of Gwendolyn Elaine Taylor express our heartfelt thank you. People like you make life so meaningful and worthwhile. Thanks for all your acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement.

AND  
*God*  
SHALL WIPE AWAY  
ALL TEARS

from their eyes; and there shall be  
no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain:  
for the former things are passed away.

*Revelation 21:4*





# GWENDOLYN "ELAINE" TAYLOR

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## Lived Life From:

September 27, 1961 to November 30, 2015

## Services:

Friday, December 11, 2015, 11:00 am  
Samuel C. Rogers Jr. Memorial Chapel  
4315 N. Main Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

~ Processional -- (*Soft Music*) ~

~ Scripture ~  
Old and New Testament

~ Prayer ~

~ Solo/Song Selection ~

~ Poem -- Read Silently (*Soft Music*) ~

~ Reflections (*2-3 minutes*) ~  
Family and Friends

~ Acknowledgments/Reading of Obituary ~

~ Solo/Song Selection ~

~ Eulogy/Words of Comfort ~

~ Recessional (*Soft Music*) ~

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## Pall Bearers/Honorary Pall Bearers:

Taylor Freeman, Michael Dimmons, Michael Edwards,  
Alan (Bo) Fulgham, family and friends

## Interment:

Restlawn Cemeteries  
2600 Ribault Scenic Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32208





## A CELEBRATION OF GWENDOLYN ELAINE'S LIFE

LIVED LIFE FROM:  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1961 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2015

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, [a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39 NIV)*







How do I love you? Let me count the ways.  
 These words, I mean okay.  
 I love you with the depth, breath, and height,  
 my soul can reach you.  
 When feelings are out of sight,  
 for the ends of being an ideal grace,  
 I love you to the level of the every days,  
 the most quiet needs by sun and candlelight.  
 I love you freely as men strive for right,  
 I love you purely as they turn from praise,  
 I love you with the passion put to use in my old  
 griefs and childhood faiths.

**POEM**  
 (By: Johnny Graves)

