



Gaynell "Sunshine" Elston

November 11, 1947 - May 2, 2014

ELSTON, Mrs. Gaynell "Sunshine" - age 66, passed away, Friday, May 2, 2014 at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland. Family hour 10:30AM Saturday May 10, 2014 at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church, 143 Oneida Street ., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00A.M. Pastor Douglas P. Jones, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Saturday. Mrs. Elston will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 2PM-8PM Friday.

Mrs. Gaynell Elston, age 66, passed away on Friday, May 2, 2014. She was born in Anniston, AL to James and Eula Mae Elston on November 11, 1947. She graduated from Calhoun County Training School (CCTS) in Hobson City, AL and continued her education at Destiny School of Ministry and Oakland Community College. In 1970, she moved to Pontiac, MI where she retired from AT&T after 20 plus years of service. She met her husband, John D. Flagler in 1977 and they wed on May 2, 1995, in Pontiac, MI. She was also a devoted member of Welcome Missionary Baptist Church which she joined in 1980. Gaynell enjoyed decorating, cooking, gardening and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was a devoted wife and a wonderful mother, grandmother and dear friend to many during her time here with us.

She leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her husband John D.

Flagler, children Eric D. Elston, Sr. and Shannon N. Buckines (Jermaine), grandchildren Ericka Elston, Eric D. Elston, Jr., Emery J. Elston and Jayden A. Buckines; Siblings, James Elston, Jr, Mary Bowen, John W. Elston, Barbara Batiste, Gladystine Bowie, Anita Bolton, Johnnie Mae Lawson, Don E. Elston, James Rudolph, Angela Banes and Milton Elston; four sisters-in-law and six brothers-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Gaynell is preceded in death by her parents, James and Eula Mae Elston and sister Veronica Rudolph.

Cemetery Details

Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.
Pontiac, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **9**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
268 North Perry Street
Pontiac, MI 48342
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Service

MAY **10**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Welcome Missionary Baptist Church
143 Oneida St.
Pontiac, MI

Tribute Wall

VG

“ ALWAYS WARM OPEN SWEET OUR PHONE CONVERSATIONS WERE JUST LIKE SITTING WEARING A KENTUCKY HAT AND HAVING LUNCH SHE WAS SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT ,, FLY NOW SISTER FLY BABY LOVE YOU MY PRAYERS TO YOU ALL

Valerie P. GLover - May 10, 2014 at 08:03 AM

RM

“ Shannon, Eric, & John my prayers are with you during this time. I realize there are no words that can take away the loss you are feeling at this time but remember God heals broken hearts.

Rosalind Martin

Rosaidl Martin - May 08, 2014 at 06:16 AM



RM

“ Rosalind Martin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gaynell "Sunshine" Elston.

Rosalind Martin - May 08, 2014 at 06:08 AM



SE

“ So Sosrry to hear this! My Prayers are with you all and know that earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. God Bless!!!

Sonnie Evans - May 07, 2014 at 01:38 AM

LP

“ Shannon, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during the loss of your mother. I pray that the love and comfort of God enfolds you during your grief.



Leila Patterson - May 06, 2014 at 02:03 PM

VM

“ Vickie Morrow-Norman lit a candle in memory of Gaynell "Sunshine" Elston



Vickie Morrow-Norman - May 06, 2014 at 01:53 PM

 Banes Watkins

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Banes Watkins - May 06, 2014 at 12:36 PM

SS

“ Stella Sims lit a candle in memory of Gaynell "Sunshine" Elston



stella sims - May 06, 2014 at 09:54 AM

SS

Rest in PEACE Gaynell!

stella sims - May 06, 2014 at 09:55 AM

LW

“ John, 38 years together sharing a life as one; it's got to be hard, but you have many good memories. May God keep you and Shannon and Jr. in his hands. Love, Larry and Linda Walker



Linda Walker - May 05, 2014 at 06:55 PM

PL

“ Dearest Gaynell - you will be missed. You were my instructor in Service Observing; you asked me to be your Lamaze coach when Shannon was born. Through the years we've kept in touch and now I know you are with the Lord. Rest easy, my dear friend.
Pam Luttenberger



Pam Luttenberger - May 05, 2014 at 01:56 PM

AB

“ Ana Belt lit a candle in memory of Gaynell
"Sunshine" Elston



Ana Belt - May 05, 2014 at 01:26 PM

AB

Dear John, Eric, Shannon and Family, I am praying that God will keep each of you filled with His comfort and peace that surpasseth all understanding. Gaynell was one of the sweetest, kindest persons one could know and a very dear friend of mine. We will truly miss her down here but we know we'll meet up again in Gloryland. Stay close to God and He will see you through. Love all of you. Ana Belt, Clinton Twp., MI

Ana Belt - May 05, 2014 at 01:32 PM