



Pearlie Gatewood

April 18, 1941 - February 8, 2023

GATEWOOD, Mrs. Pearl Jean – age 81, passed away Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at her residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 113-123 Wessen Street with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor John Tolbert, Officiating. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. Gatewood will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street, and may be viewed from 12pm-6pm Friday. Interment Graceland Cemetery, 2122 West Pullen St. Pine Bluff, AR 71601. Final Arrangements are Entrusted to Brown Funeral Home, 2704 Commerce Circle, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, 71601.

Mrs. Gatewood leaves to cherish her memory children, Pamela Denise (Jerome) Durden, I, Donald Keith (Delonne) Gatewood and Anthony Dell (April) Gatewood; grandchildren, Amanda and Jerome Durden, II, Jonathan, Anthony II, Adellynn, Anniston and Avynn Gatewood; siblings, Jewel Collins, Tommi Handley, Urcella Dunbar and Charlie Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Gatewood was preceded in death by her husband, Odell Gatewood; parents, Amanda and T.S. Smith and siblings, Vollie Green, Enda Echols, Wallace, Herbert, Donald and Betty Smith.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
268 North Perry Street
Pontiac, MI 48342
(248) 758-1913

Family Hour

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church
113-123 Wessen Street
Pontiac, MI 48341

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church
113-123 Wessen Street
Pontiac, MI 48341

Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Sandra Williams lit a candle in memory of Pearlle Gatewood*



Sandra williams - February 19, 2023 at 11:26 PM

SW

Sis .Gatewood , will be surly missed. She was a kind sweet church member and Sunday school teacher my children of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church . We are keeping the Family in our prayers.

Sandra williams - February 19, 2023 at 11:29 PM

JD

“ *Jean Gray Durrett lit a candle in memory of Pearlle Gatewood*



Jean Gray Durrett - February 17, 2023 at 10:46 PM

RB

“ *Renee Beckley lit a candle in memory of Pearlle Gatewood*



Renee Beckley - February 17, 2023 at 09:45 PM

RB

“ Mrs. Gatewood was a beautiful person both inside and out, she was always nice to my late mother, my sisters and I. We all were members of Trinity Baptist Church for many years. I remember being in Sunday School and other church activities with her children. She knew her God and she now gives him the Glory in Heaven. God Bless the family.



Renee Beckley - February 17, 2023 at 09:45 PM

MB

“ My friend, my colleague, my fellow alumnus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB)!!! What a beautiful person Pearlie was, both inside and out! We met at Washington Middle School once we were both well into the tenure of our careers, only to learn that we'd come from the same neck of the woods. On behalf of the Boykins Family, the sincerest of condolences are extended to the entire Family of Mrs. Pearlie Gatewood. In our prayers, we shall continue to keep you lifted up.



Mary Boykins - February 17, 2023 at 07:26 PM

MA

“ We will miss Mrs. Gatewood's friendly smile and neighborly waves. She loved her flower gardens and working in her yard, which was her pride and joy. With heartfelt condolences to the family. Jerry and MaryThompson next door.

MaryEThompson - February 17, 2023 at 06:30 PM

DF

“ *Deborah Frank lit a candle in memory of Pearlle Gatewood*



Deborah Frank - February 16, 2023 at 05:12 PM

DF

“ *Deborah Frank lit a candle in memory of Pearlle Gatewood*



Deborah Frank - February 16, 2023 at 05:12 PM

JJ

“ *May the Lord give you comfort and peace now and for the weeks to come. May the great memories forever remain in your hearts. Deacon Rayfus & Deaconess Joyce Jones*



Joyce Jones - February 16, 2023 at 02:12 PM

WL

“ *Welton Lewis lit a candle in memory of Pearlle Gatewood*



Welton Lewis - February 16, 2023 at 01:03 PM

SL

“ *Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Pearlle Gatewood*



Sandra Lewis - February 15, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Pearlle Gatewood.*



February 15, 2023 at 07:12 PM

DF

“ *Dianne France lit a candle in memory of Pearlle Gatewood*



Dianne France - February 15, 2023 at 05:03 PM

SS

“ *Stacy Smith lit a candle in memory of Pearlle Gatewood*



Stacy Smith - February 15, 2023 at 01:18 PM

KP

“ Kerry and Minnie Phillips lit a candle in memory of Pearlie Gatewood.



Kerry and Minnie Phillips - February 15, 2023 at 01:07 PM

CS

“ I pray that you feel the peace and comfort of our Savior during this time. Thinking and praying for you all. 🙏



Camille Snoddy - February 15, 2023 at 12:16 PM

MB

“ Madonna Bly sent a virtual gift in memory of Pearlie Gatewood



Madonna Bly - February 15, 2023 at 12:15 PM

GB

“ Gloria Bush lit a candle in memory of Pearlie Gatewood



Gloria Bush - February 15, 2023 at 12:11 PM

MT

“ Sending my prayers to the Gatewood family in this time of loss. Sis. Gatewood will never be forgotten and always be a light in my life for all the things she done. Much love.
Marcus Terry



Marcus Terry - February 15, 2023 at 12:03 PM

CC

Needless to say, I am deeply saddened. I will miss our many laughs and funny side-eye glances over our many years of knowing each other. Rest in peace my sister...see you on the other side. Sending much love to the family.

Cherithe Carroll - February 15, 2023 at 12:28 PM

RI

“ To the Family of Mrs. Pearlie Gatewood, having known this Woman Of God for over 30 years and Sis. Pearlie was also my Sunday School teacher at one time tag teaming with her daughter Sis. Pam. You are all in my prayers now and the days ahead. Till We Meet Again at Jesus Feet Sis. Pearlie Gatewood.



Ronald Bradshaw II - February 14, 2023 at 11:37 PM

VB

“ Victor Bonds lit a candle in memory of Pearlie Gatewood



Victor Bonds - February 14, 2023 at 12:41 PM

DL

“ I extend my sincerest condolences to the Gatewood Family. Pearlie and I were 8th grade science team- teachers at Washington Middle School when the full concept of two teachers sharing teaching duties in one classroom while mainstreaming special education students was "new". Teaching science was her expertise! I still smile as I remember how well we blended our personalities, teaching techniques & strategies. My children also reaped the benefit of her lessons.

It was a blessing to know her! Family, may your precious memories bring you peace now & always.

*Most Sincerely,
Sharon Tippins Lewis, Ph.D.*

Dr. Sharon Tippins Lewis - February 14, 2023 at 02:48 AM

JT

“ Jackie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Pearlie Gatewood



Jackie Thompson - February 13, 2023 at 07:55 PM

GB

“ Mrs. Gatewood was one of the first teachers when Oakland University's Project Upward Bound initiated the Forward Bound Program for Pontiac School District's 8th graders. She was always so graceful in her demeanor and pleasant in her interactions - a calming force in the midst of a storm! Sincere condolences to the family.

Geri Graham, Dir., Project Upward Bound - February 13, 2023 at 04:33 PM

JB

“ *Jenine Bland lit a candle in memory of Pearlie Gatewood*



Jenine Bland - February 12, 2023 at 11:35 PM

SF

“ *Shedrick Faulk lit a candle in memory of Pearlie Gatewood*



Shedrick Faulk - February 12, 2023 at 09:00 PM

NM

“ *Neva Martin lit a candle in memory of Pearlie Gatewood*



Neva Martin - February 12, 2023 at 08:06 PM

BF

“ *Beverly Rollins And Walker Family lit a candle in memory of Pearlie Gatewood*



Beverly Rollins And Walker Family - February 11, 2023 at 09:22 AM

LS

She will truly missed. We were neighbors for many, many years . GOD continue to bless the family 🙏

Lester J. Smith - February 12, 2023 at 07:47 PM

PD

“ *Pam, Anthony, Donald, grandchildren and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you prepare to say good night to our dear Pearlie. She meant so much to us and will be missed. Yet we celebrate the life she lived and the service she gave to the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac. Love to all. Sister Paula Davis*

Paula Davis - February 10, 2023 at 07:23 PM

CC

Needless to say, I am deeply saddened by the loss of our dear sister. I will always remember our moments of laughter together and our funny side-eye glances. Rest in peace our lovely sister in Christ. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. 🙏❤️

Cherithe Carroll - February 15, 2023 at 01:06 PM