



Ann Gaskins Gay

November 28, 1933 - October 1, 2013

ANN GASKINS GAY, the youngest child of the late George and Katie Gaskins, was born in Plant City, Florida. She departed this life on October 1, 2013. While still an infant, her biological mother became fatally ill and Ann became part of the Walker family in 1933. She was adopted, raised in love and reverence for God by the late Candis Walker Gillespie, Ceather Walker Chaney (“Aunt Cea”) and John Chaney (“Uncle John”) in Miami, FL. Ann received her academic and social foundation at the highly respected Boylan Haven School for girls in Jacksonville, FL. Boylan Haven was a private accredited school run by the Methodist Episcopal Women Society of Christian Services that produced self-confident, poised young ladies who were well prepared for college and life. This school was Ann’s home away from home during grades 7-12. While she studied there, she also discovered her athletic abilities and her passion for a myriad of sports. After graduating, Ann enrolled in Tuskegee Institute as a Physical Education major with a Dance minor. While Ann matriculated at Tuskegee Institute, which is located in Tuskegee Alabama, she met the love of her life, the late Harold Eugene Gay. After Ann graduated with her Bachelors, she and Harold married, moved to Norfolk VA and had one child, Annette Maria Gay. Ann was a devoted wife, an excellent home maker and a nurturing mother. In 1958, her new family moved to Hanover, VA where she and her husband worked together as house-parents at a reformatory school for boys. In this position, Ann was able to leverage her teaching skills and dance background while employed at the school. She

maintained a healthy, happy home for her family. In her spare time, she enjoyed playing cards — Pinochle and Rook, and Monopoly for long hours with friends and family. She was always ready to go out dancing and enjoy the company of Harold. She also formed strong family bonds with Harold's parents and siblings while living on campus in Hanover. In the summer of 1966 Ann, Harold and Annette moved to Baltimore, MD. They regularly attended Bethel AME Church together, ate specially prepared Sunday breakfasts and went for Sunday rides. Ann obtained employment with Baltimore Public Schools as a Physical Education teacher at Eastern High School. Ann enjoyed a twenty year tenure as a significant part of the Eastern High School family. After Eastern closed, she continued her career as a Phys Ed teacher at Patterson High School. Over the years, Ann taught thousands of students and coached a multitude of sports including volleyball and tennis. She thoroughly enjoyed running into former students in her travels, even if she did not remember all of their names.

Ann was fully committed to family and believed that they should do things together. Even after working all day, she made certain that her family ate home cooked dinners together. An excellent cook, Ann was well known for potato salad, banana pudding, macaroni & cheese, greens and more. She also enjoyed eating out. The family enjoyed traveling and playing tennis together and Ann always looked forward to visiting out of town family and attending family reunions. In 1996, Ann retired from Baltimore City Public Schools and she reveled in her freedom to "do what she wanted — when she wanted." She enjoyed many things including going to church on Sundays, reading the newspaper, spending time with her grandchildren, going to Atlantic City, watching sports on television and most of all shopping. Ann believed in God and recognized His love in her life at an early age. She rededicated her life to Jesus Christ in 1978 at Bethel AME Church and served on the Daniel Payne Scholarship committee. There was no doubt that her relationship with the Lord brought her through the grief of her husband's death (in 1977), the deaths of her other loved ones and her illness. When she was

unable to attend services at Bethel, Ann continued to worship the Lord with her family at Shiloh AME Church and at home. TO GOD BE THE GLORY !!!! Ann leaves to cherish her precious memory: her “one and only,” Annette Gay Fowler; her son-in-love, Michael Allen Fowler Sr. (with whom she was well pleased); three grandchildren, Michael Allen Fowler, Jr., Harold Aaron Fowler, Ayanna Margaret Fowler (who were her pride and joy); one great-granddaughter, Malia Victoria Ann Maclin; three sisters-in-love, Loutisha Gay James, Cynthia Gay and Doretha Gay; one brother-in-love, Willis E Gay; one lifelong friend/“sister,” Gloria Myles; nephew, Pine McCullough; Loren Maclin and host of other beloved family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 6. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
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Family Hour

OCT 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

OCT 7. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ann Gaskins Gay*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Wow it's been almost a year since Mrs. Gay has passed. Mrs. Gay was my gym teacher at Eastern High School back in 1968. When I was searching through the obituary section I saw this name Mrs. Ann Gay and I knew it was only one Mrs. Ann Gay. I was so sorry to have read that she had passed. To the family of Mrs Gay I would like to say almost a year later how very sorry that you loss your loved one.*

Gail Jordan - July 16, 2014 at 09:58 AM

BM

“ Dear Gay Family;

While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your love one.

Death is an enemy to all mankind and who can understand it? It can and dose have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.

Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline: "When Death Is Swallowed Up Forever..." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states, "And he (God) Will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will morning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." What a comforting hope.

If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitled "What Hope For Dead Loved Ones"? I am not selling anything or conducting any business of any sort, not now or ever. I am just showing Neighborly love like what (Mark 12:31) mentions. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here (b.molina56@yahoo.com).

I offer my sincere condolences and my the God of peace be with you and your family.

*Sincerely Yours,
Brandy Molina*

Brandy Molina - October 08, 2013 at 06:51 AM

SJ

“ **TO THE FOWLER FAMILY:**

As your neighbor, I watched you care for your mother, mother-in-law and grandmother.

No amount of money could pay for that type of love and care. She got the best from each of you. I will miss seeing her come and go even though she was in a wheel chair.

You have my sincere condolences for the loss of your love one. If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to ask.

Sylvia Joyner

Sylvia E Joyner - October 06, 2013 at 06:46 PM

EP

“ *A songwriter once wrote, that earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. As you go through your hour of bereavement, remember this: that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. As members of the body of Christ, we do not sorrow as those who have no hope, for beyond this vale of tears we have the promises of God, which are yea and amen. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thessalonians 4, 16 and 17). Miss Ann has dropped the weight of her earth suit--which had lost its usefulness--she is not dead--she is yet alive, for death has no authority over the believer. Today, Ann Gaskins Gay is in a glorious state---no pain, no suffering, no cares.*

Elder Janet Pinkett

Elder Janet Pinkett - October 06, 2013 at 07:24 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 4yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - October 04, 2013 at 08:13 AM

WG

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“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - October 03, 2013 at 10:13 AM