



## Erma Jean Gales

January 22, 1956 - April 30, 2015

### Obituary

Erma Harris Gales was born January 22, 1956 in Newport News, Virginia to Lessie and the late Herman Harris, Sr. She peacefully joined the angels of heaven and entered eternal rest on April 30, 2015.

She graduated from Franklin High School in Franklin, Virginia in 1974. Erma furthered her education at Virginia State majoring in Business Administration where she received her degree in 1978.

Erma was employed by Virginia Union University as a Financial Aide Counselor for 15 years of dedicated service. She was instrumental in servicing the financial needs of students, and was respected by her peers as well as the students.

At a young age, she was baptized at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Franklin, Virginia. Erma later transferred her membership to Quioccasin Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Mosley. She served as a Sunday School Teacher.

For the last 13 years, she was married to her devoted husband, Rev. Dr. George T. Gales. From that union their lovely daughter, Leslie Elizabeth Gales

was born. She became First Lady at Bibleway Baptist Church where she served on the Children's Ministry and was the former Sunday School Superintendent.

In her leisure she enjoyed shopping and traveling, especially to New York to see shows on Broadway and listening to gospel music. She was a very spiritual person that loved the Lord.

Erma was a caring wife, mother, daughter, sister and faithful friend. She loved her family to the fullest and lived life with no regrets. Erma brought joy to all the lives she touched and lived her life with a constant and consistent display of spiritual guidance and self respect. She was the truest example of all a mother should be.

She leaves to mourn a loving husband, Rev. Dr. George T. Gales; daughter, Leslie E. Gales; two sons, George T. Gales III, and Omar Gales (DeLando); seven grandchildren; caring mother, Lessie D. Harris; two sisters, Wanda Harris and Avon Jones; two brothers, Herman Harris Jr. (Brenda) and Donald Harris; dearest friend, Rosa Boyd; a host of other relatives and friends.

Thank you Lord for the many wonderful years with her!

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23059

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 15. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Allix B. James Chapel/Virginia Union University  
1500 N. Lombardy St.  
Richmond, VA 23220

# Tribute Wall



“ *Erma Jean Gales*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the Gale and Harris family, I am sorry that I could not make the Home going service of Erma, but I want you to know that Erma was so special. Her smile just brightened me up whenever I saw her. I used to work at Hayden High School in Franklin, VA with her sisters Avon and Wanda (I believe I have the names correct.) If you can find it in your time to give me a call at 804-516-5023 or email me mcwalker@vuu.edu, I would love to hear from you.*

*My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Rev. Gales, their daughter and the Harris family. Erma is in heaven now, no more sorrow or pain, just a beautiful flower in God's flower garden.*

*Mary Walker*

Mary Walker - May 22, 2015 at 10:13 AM



“ *Warm and caring. A wonderful smile that could brighten any day.*

*My condolences to the family and may the peace of God continue to be with you during your time of bereavement.*

*Johnny Lewis*

Johnny Lewis - May 14, 2015 at 10:47 AM





“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Erma Jean Gales.



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May 14, 2015 at 10:45 AM



“ It is with deepest that I offer my condolences to the Gales and Harris families. I am truly praying that God will strengthen your hearts. Deonna (Dee)

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Deonna - May 14, 2015 at 09:07 AM



“ It is with the deepest sympathy and love we offer our condolences to the Gales and Harris families. We regret that we will not be able to attend the celebration of her life. Our prayers are, that the peace of God will fill your hearts and minds during this time of sorrow.

*Hercea & Lemuel Jamison*

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Hercea Jamison - May 13, 2015 at 05:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Erma Jean Gales.



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May 13, 2015 at 09:19 AM

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“ *Linda Richardson lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Gales*



Linda Richardson - May 13, 2015 at 07:07 AM

AS

“ *Aron, Mary and Danielle Stephenson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Erma Jean Gales.*



Aron, Mary and Danielle Stephenson - May 08, 2015 at 05:30 AM

RC

“ *Rhonda Chambliss lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Gales*



Rhonda Chambliss - May 07, 2015 at 10:08 AM

RC

“ *Rhonda Chambliss lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Gales*



Rhonda Chambliss - May 07, 2015 at 09:38 AM

VP

“ My condolences goes out to the Gales and Harris Family in the passing of their love one Erma. I'm sorry that I will not be able to attend the home going services. May God continue to renew you'll strength. Blessings, Verniece

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**Verniece Porter** - May 06, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 05, 2015 at 03:48 PM