



## Geraldine G. Gates

July 25, 1927 - August 15, 2018

Geraldine Gates passed away peacefully in her sleep. She was called home on August 15th, 2018 at 12:15 am.

Geraldine Gertrude Gaines Gates, affectionately known as Baby Sis was the youngest daughter of the Late Alvin Nathaniel Gaines and Lucy Bundy Gaines. She was born July 23, 1927 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she attended the public schools and graduated from Overbrook High School. She attended Bluefield State University, The Sorbonne University in Paris, France, New York University, University of Pennsylvania, and Johns Hopkins University where she obtained her Master's Degree and received her Doctoral equivalency.

She was a very active member of White Rock and Mount Olivet Baptist Churches, where she sang on the choir along with her sister Marion, and her cousin Beatrice. She was on the choir from childhood to an adult along with her mother. They spent summers with their grandparents in Virginia who were also active in the Baptist church. Gilbert Bundy was a deacon and Nina was on the choir.

Geri was united in Holy Matrimony to Dr. Earl Augustus Gates on November 23, 1955. Together they became members of St. Mary The Virgin Episcopal Church. The union was blessed with three daughters. Ivy, Stephanie and Eileen. Earl preceded her in death on October 14, 1971.

Geri became a member of her beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc while attending Bluefield State University. She was a Golden Soror, with over 50

years of membership, and a Life Member. She was also a member of The Alpha Wives, Chi Wives, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, the Baltimore Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, and the Pinochle Bugs. She loved travelling, going to dances, going out to dinner, shopping with “her girls” and spending time with her granddaughter Cree. They had a very special relationship. She and Cree referred to each other as each other’s “Besties”. They were inseparable and partners in crime.

She was a well-respected French and English teacher at Lemmel Junior High, Walbrook, Poly, and Lake Clifton Senior High Schools. She referred to her students as her “Little Darlings”. She carried all of them in her heart.

Geri quietly and peacefully departed on Wednesday August 15th, 2018 at Manor Care Roland Park. Her beautiful life will be cherished in the lives of her children, Ivy Germaine Gates-Smith ( Danard) of Owings Mills, Stephanie Lynne Gates-Edwards (Delton) of Randallstown, Md, Eileen Allison Gates, of Randallstown, Md, Granddaughter Cree Eileen Autumn Kontsis, of Randallstown, Md, Brother- in- Law Francis Wheatley Gates, of Denton, Md and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, and her little darlings.

# 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

## viewing

**AUG 24.** 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110  
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

## Family Hour

**AUG 24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
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## Wake

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AUG 25. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
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## Service

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AUG 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Kim Nannette Brown lit a candle in memory of Geraldine G. Gates*



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**Kim Nannette Brown** - December 06, 2024 at 02:03 AM



“ *Geraldine G. Gates*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

DS

“ *Danyell Winkey Smith lit a candle in memory of Geraldine G. Gates*



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**Danyell Winkey Smith** - August 27, 2018 at 04:11 PM

DS

*Danyell Winkey Smith Mrs. Gates was so instrumental in my being accepted to attend Frostburg State back in 1979. It is because of her today that I actually love to writing. She was a gentle sweet role model and always encourage us to do our best. RIP Mrs. Gates*

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**Danyell Winkey Smith** - August 27, 2018 at 04:17 PM

KB

*I was here wearing my Walbrook Warrior tee shirt and Ms Gates was on it! I am so saddened to hear that my favorite English Teacher passed without me knowing 😞 She was so instrumental in my life at Lemmuel as my English teacher and taught me so much about life and character! I remember when Mr Gates passed away and she came back to teach but she missed him so very much. She always spoke of her girls and how much they meant to her. My heart is heavy and broken 💔 hearing that she passed. She was definitely a Phenomenal Women!! RIP Ms Gates for you touched many lives!! 💔 🙏 🤝 🟩 🟪*

**Kim Nannette Brown** - December 06, 2024 at 02:10 AM

 Lisa Brogden

“*Mrs. Gates was my homeroom teacher, who taught me the importance of being late. She spoke with elegance and class. She wore pearls everyday and I love pearls today because of Mrs. Gates. You are Rest With God My Angel.*  
*Lisa Brogden*

**Lisa Brogden** - August 27, 2018 at 06:53 AM

BT

“*Byron M Tolliver lit a candle in memory of Geraldine G. Gates*



**Byron M Tolliver** - August 27, 2018 at 05:40 AM

BT

*Walbrook Sr High School .. Class of 1978*

**Byron M Tolliver** - August 27, 2018 at 05:41 AM

VH

“ Ms. Gates, what a blessing to my life. Loving, tough, determined, and passionate are just some of the words that come to mind when you think about the tiny ball of fire in the corner classroom on the 1st floor of Walbrook Senior High School.

*I prayed all summer prior to my senior year, that you would be my English teacher. I knew if I could just get in your class, I would be ready for life after high school. You demanded that we carry ourselves as young men and young ladies. So much to thank you for. Your life, love, and legacy will live on through the lives you changed. Rest in heaven Ms. Gates!*

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**Valerie Howard-Jones** - August 26, 2018 at 11:05 PM

KB

“ She was the best English teacher for 10-12th grade at Walbrook Senior High. I graduated in 1980. She had a caring soul. She was tough but it worked out for the good in college.



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**K Boone** - August 26, 2018 at 05:20 PM

DJ

“ I will always remember my former English teacher who taught us in her sweet spirited way, the graces of being a young lady or a young man. I will always remember her sharing her experiences in France. Mrs. Gates was one of my favorite teachers. Sincere condolences to the family. I really loved her.

*Peacefully,  
Denise M. Jones  
Church of the Holy Trinity*



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**Denise M. Jones** - August 24, 2018 at 10:52 PM

TF

“ *The Waters Family purchased the Pink Tribute S  
pray for the family of Geraldine G. Gates.*



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**The Waters Family** - August 24, 2018 at 04:01 PM

PK

“ *To the Daughters of Mrs. Geraldine Gates,*

*We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of your dear  
mother. Her long legacy will leave many fond memories for you to  
hold dear and cherish.*

*Richard and I will remember Mrs. Gates as a great conversationalist  
who enjoyed being a part of social gatherings.*

*May you find comfort in knowing that her earthly transition has let to  
her heavenly reward.*

*With sincerest sympathy,  
Richard and Pearl Kirby*

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**Pearl Kirby** - August 23, 2018 at 03:22 PM

AJ

“ *People pass on but their memory lives on in our hearts. Ms Gates  
was an inspiration to many. May God give comfort and peace to her  
loved ones.*

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**Ann Jenkins** - August 22, 2018 at 08:14 AM



Robin  
Gainey

“ *To Ivy, Stephanie, and Eileen  
Our condolences to you and your families, we are sorry to hear  
about Baby Sis,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Love you,  
Robin, Irene, and Sarah Gaines*

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**Robin Gainey** - August 21, 2018 at 12:25 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** - August 20, 2018 at 09:26 AM



KJ

*Mrs. Gates was my English Honors teacher ...class of 81' some of the  
things she instilled about grammar and writing, I still practice today*

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**kenneth jacobs** - August 27, 2018 at 10:25 AM