



## Gwendolyn Irene Burke

January 16, 1927 - July 23, 2002

Gwendolyn Irene Burke, daughter of the late Frederick and Ruby Pride, was born on January 16, 1927 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was called home to God on July 23, 2002, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Gwen was educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Frederick Douglas High School in 1945. After graduating from high school Gwen attended the Cortez Peters Business School where she majored in Business Correspondence. She was one of Baltimore's first school crossing guards, at School #198. In 1957, she began her 25-year career at the Social Security Administration and HCFA. During her career Gwen was elevated 11 Grades. On December 3, 1944 Gwen married the late William Albert Burke and out of this union six children, Jacqueline P. Gundy, William A. (Skip) Burke, Anthony Burke (deceased), Gary L. Burke, Sharon D. Thames and Kathy A. Burke were born. Having been born into a Christian family, Gwen baptized into the fellowship of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Waverly. She eventually moved her membership to Faith Baptist Church where she was a member of the choir and the Scholarship Committee. She was an active member of Faith Baptist until her illness. In addition to her five surviving children, Gwen is survived by two loving sisters, Marie Geter and Doris Dorsey, and one loving brother, Frederick Pride Jr.; ten grandchildren, Patrice A. Robinson, William A. Burke III, Brandon L. Burke, Christopher J. Burke, Jonathan D. Burke, Amanda J. Burke, Alexandra R. Thames, Rachel N. Burke, Steven M. Thames Jr., and Remington S. Thames; two great

grandchildren, Taylor P. Robinson and Kennedy L. Robinson; two brother-in-laws; Gordon Williams and Joseph Dorsey; three sister-in-laws; Julia Williams, Alice Williams and Florence Pride; two devoted son-in-laws; Carlyle Gundy and Steven M. Thames Sr.; one grandson-in-law; Orlando Robinson; a close cousin Margaret Holland; many nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. Gwen loved life and enjoyed giving advice to others. She also enjoyed shopping and traveling with her daughters, and playing pinochle. She was a member of the Casualettes, a social club which rendered services to the community. Gwen was a proud and dignified woman who exemplified tremendous strength until her passing. She raised her children to have strong family values and to love life. She also inspired them to be independent thinkers and to always strive for success. These same values are now being bestowed upon her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She would be so deeply moved by the great outpouring of love and affection in the church today.

A Mother Gone  
Gone is a mother loved by all,  
Her soul is now at rest.  
She'll sleep in peace, her work is done.  
A mother's work—the best.  
She'll know the joy of perfect rest  
In heaven up above,  
Where she may dwell contentedly  
Protected by God's love.  
Our hearts may grieve that she must lie  
Beneath the sacred sod,  
And yet we know she lives in peace  
Within the house of God

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gwendolyn Irene Burke*

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“ *My prayers are with you. I know the pain and loss you feel. May God grant his peace and comfort to you at this, your time of need.##imported-begin##Angela (Cuddles) Roberts##imported-end##*

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“ *Sharon, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. Always remember the good times. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot HEAL.##imported-begin##Carolyn Ferguson##imported-end##*

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“ *Our heartfelt sympathy for your great loss. Ziva & Aaron Tomares##imported-begin##Aaron Tomares##imported-end##*

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“ *To the family,we send our deepest sympathy. I will always remember Aunt Gwen's joyful laughter and her bright smile. God bless you. Sincerely, Carolyn and The Lundy Family##imported-begin##Carolyn (Geter) Lundy##imported-end##*

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“ Always remember her spunky spirit. Aunt Gwen could light any room, I'll remember her that way. I love you all T###imported-begin##Tony Dorsey##imported-end##

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“ Sharon, I'm so sorry for the loss of your loved one. I will hold you and your family in my prayers during this unfortunate time. God Bless and Take Care. Sharnea###imported-begin##Sharnea Smith##imported-end##

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“ Mom: I will truly miss you. I will always love and adore you. Thanks for helping make me who I am today. Thanks for passing on to me your strength and conviction. Your Loving Son Gary###imported-begin##Gary Burke##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Burke was like my other mother. She guided me, laughed at me and punished me (told my mother to) like I was her own child. I loved her very much. God blessed her with a beautiful spirit and a tremendously strong love for her family and her children. Her death marks the end of an era and the beginning of a strong and vital legacy of courage, poise, grace and beauty. My life has been enriched by her presence on this earth and her spirit that continues to enrich all our lives.##imported-begin##Cecelia A. Quarles##imported-end##

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“ Sharon, I am so sorry about the loss of your mother. Everyone here has you in their thoughts. Take care, Cathy Ghosh##imported-begin##Cathy Ghosh##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy and condolences are sent to the entire family... Love, Emily##imported-begin##Emily D. Eldridge##imported-end##

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“ Kathy, our condolences to you on the loss of your mother. We'll keep you and your family in our prayers.##imported-begin##The Timmons Family##imported-end##

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“ Soror Sharon, I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Soror Muriel informed the sorors of lambda epsilon of your mother's passing. May the peace of christ be with you and your family. Sisterly Love, Soror Melvenia Barnes-Wright##imported-begin##Melvenia Barnes-Wright##imported-end##

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“ Sharon, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Benitta and Shalay.##imported-begin##Benitta D. Lewis##imported-end##

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“ Sharon, you have my deepest sympathy and my prayers go out for you and your family. May God bless each one of you.##imported-begin##Lisa Y. Wright##imported-end##

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“ We love you and are praying for you and your family. Love, Tamara, Stephanie, Inga and Maria##imported-begin##Tamara McDuffie##imported-end##

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“ We really never lose the ones we love. They live forever, deep inside our hearts. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at your time of sorrow. Love Kent & Chanel Taylor##imported-begin##Chanel Taylor##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with your family. Love, George and Muriel.##imported-begin##Muriel Tharrington##imported-end##

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“ My condolence to you, Kathy, and your family. Remember to lean on GOD - he will see you through.##imported-begin##Rosa Coppedge##imported-end##

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“ We send you our condolences for the lost of your mother. We are praying that God sends his comforting angels during this time of bereavement.##imported-begin##Mina Ramsey##imported-end##

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“ Healing happens slowly over weeks and months and years and even then, there will be days when memories call fresh tears. A song, a scent, or photograph keeps your heart in touch; with all that you so treasured in the one you miss so much.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##

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