



## Juanita N. Gross

November 28, 1965 - November 2, 2010

Juanita Nicole Gross affectionately known as Lady, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 28, 1956 to Janie Benbow and Richard Fuller. Juanita departed this life on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 after a lengthy illness. Juanita gave her life to Christ and she exemplified it everyday of her walk.

She and her sister Regina were raised in a loving home by her mother, grandmother Alethia Benbow and stepfather, William Kennedy. Juanita attended and graduated from West Philadelphia High. She received her Associate of Arts Degree from Baltimore City Community College and later attended Morgan State University.

In 1994 she met the love of her life and best friend, Michael A. Gross. They were married in the spring of 2001.

In 1996 she began working as an intern at the Maryland Department of Human Resources and soon became a full time and valued member of the Department's Constituent Service Office until the spring of 2010. During her tenure, she received many awards for her dedication to service excellence.

Juanita was also a humanitarian. She volunteered for numerous charities, including the Bea Gaddy Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, House of Ruth,

and My Sister's Place. She was always concerned about the welfare of others. Almost every Holiday season, she and her two oldest daughters. Would volunteer to work at shelters that feed the needy.

She was well loved by all who knew her. She was able to bring a smile to the gloomiest faces. She loved her family, especially her children and grandchildren. She called them her "Pride And Joy." We will miss her dearly.

Juanita leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted husband, Michael Gross Sr., four daughters; Shante Minnis-Smith, Kelli Tontalaya Minnis, Alethia Costes, Michaella Gross, Step-son; Michael Gross 2nd , son-in-law, Edward Smith; mother, Janie Kennedy; mother-in-law, Ann Scott; one sister Regina Johnson; two brothers, David and Richard Fuller; adopted brother; Dellmont Gardner; three sister-in-law, Alice White, Elizabeth Morant, Marian Haggerty; three brother-in-law, Elmer Gross Jr. Robert Gross Sr., Harry Gross; four grandchildren: Nakiyah Smith; Aunts: Ruth Martin and Cleo Muhammad; Uncle, Khalid Williams; a favorite nephew, Eugene Johnson; and many close cousins, relatives and friends.

Proceeding Juanita in heaven are her father: Richard Fuller, and William Kennedy; grandmother, Alethia Benbow; grandfather, Harry Benbow and sister, Charae Fuller.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 7. 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

NOV 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Wake

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

New Greater Hope Baptist Church  
2720 W. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21216

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Juanita N. Gross*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Juanita was a best friend, she was always giving and teaching. What you did not have, she would insist that you have it if she had it to give. Juanita never complained about anything that was hers, because in her heart it was yours too. This included her Mother. Juanita was never jealous of the attention her Mother gave to others, she learned from it and gave even more attention. I know because we grew up together. She always called me her sister cousin even until her last days. She told me that it will always be that way and I felt the same way. Even after I strongly disappointed Jaunita, she stood true to her words like a little Jesus in my midst, calming my heart and soul. I love you Sister and I will never forget you and what you meant to my life. May God be pleased with you Rest in peace knowing that your sister is healing.*



**Regina Robbins** - January 31, 2020 at 02:02 PM

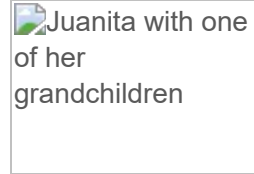
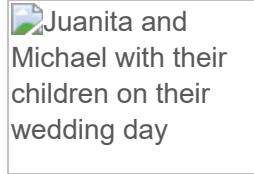
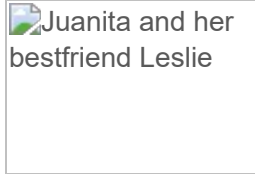


*I miss both yall. My family really gone. Nothing was the same. Yall really luv Gee 💙*

**Sixowe Loc** - June 16, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ *She was one of the most beautiful, and funniest people you would want to know. She took pride in what she did as a mother, wife, daughter, and friend. I miss her so much and think about her everyday. I love u mommy.*



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**Shante Minnis-Smith** - February 10, 2011 at 01:36 PM



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**John Muldrow** - November 09, 2010 at 07:57 AM



“ *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** - November 03, 2010 at 01:28 PM