



Gwynette Antoinette

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Tribute Wall



“ Harris Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gwynette Antoinette



Harris Funeral Home - October 01, 2020 at 04:05 PM

JM

Beautiful Gwenie RILP

Jean Mickens-Matthews - October 02, 2020 at 08:34 PM

PW

You have my deepest sympathy.

peggy Williams - October 02, 2020 at 08:55 PM

MM

RIP you will be miss!

Maureen Mobley - October 02, 2020 at 09:59 PM

SP

I am grateful for this heartfelt tribute to Cousin Gwynette. She was physically beautiful with a beautiful spirit to match. Her love was genuine. Gwyn, I will miss you much. 🤔❤️

Sharon Parish - October 03, 2020 at 12:25 AM

BP

It is truly a blessing to have someone as sweet as she was to be in our lives. RIP CUZ!

Bruce K. Parish - October 03, 2020 at 05:50 AM



Rest in Heavenly peace Gwyn

Delores Fayne - October 03, 2020 at 09:45 AM



*My aunt and Mom, will be missed along angelic voice
Love you and miss you so much.*

Paul Mc Donald - October 03, 2020 at 10:50 AM



*Gwyn was the Sweetest, and most genuine person I have ever known,
She will be missed immensely. Go
With God, Love Always Billy Y*

william Yates - October 03, 2020 at 12:11 PM



*Rest in peace auntie. Truly a beautiful person...a beautiful soul! Love
you always...*

Carol Cosey - October 03, 2020 at 12:43 PM



Beautiful wow and beautiful lady I miss her so much

June j parish - October 03, 2020 at 05:46 PM



*Gwen, I was four or five years old when we met and your beautiful
smile was so heartfelt as well beautiful and it has taken a place in my
heart...paulette*

paulette Smith - October 03, 2020 at 10:25 PM



Beautiful Memories,

mary mcdonald - October 04, 2020 at 10:30 AM



My lovely cousin. May she rest in peace. You will be sorely missed.

Joan Hampton - October 04, 2020 at 12:51 PM

KK

Gwyn was an angel we were blessed with here on earth. And you've been here all my life, so I will surely miss you... and love you always.

Kimberly K - October 04, 2020 at 04:19 PM

RB

Condolences 2 family & friends

Roland Buck - October 05, 2020 at 09:21 AM

AB

“ *Gwen your beautiful smile I will always remember, I was so happy to have my God Mother share my wedding day Love and miss ..Adrian Buck-Smith*



Adrian Buck - November 26, 2020 at 06:43 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Williams lit a candle in memory of Gwynette Antoinette*



Barbara Williams - October 02, 2020 at 05:44 PM

KH

“Gwen was such a remarkable woman. She gave me my first job at the City of Oakland, and I learned so much from her. I will miss her big smile and boundless energy, her smarts, and her acute observations about the world. I will never forget when we went to a personnel conference in Texas together and got a bit turned around trying to find gas to fill the rental car as we were returning to the airport at the end of the weekend. I was a bit panicked as we pulled up to fill the car as we had lost time getting to the airport. Gwen said when you get pushed like this, you do the opposite of rushing, you slow down and keep calm, as she took her time filling the gas tank. That lesson has stayed with me.

Gwen assigned me to write the first benefits booklets for city employees (one was for management employees). It was only later I realized how important this was, as many employees had not idea of the full range of benefits the city offered. I also learned later that Gwen created a modern personnel department and civil service positions. I was hired right before the Loma Prieta earthquake and Gwen said to work at home on the booklets, so I was writing away at home while everyone else was out in the field worrying how to relocate. I was in the building that fell apart, working late, when the earthquake struck, and will never forget how Gwen kept her cool dealing with the whole situation; she had the task of keeping benefits going and taking care of misplaced folks, as well as finding a new location for the department.

We both hailed from Arkansas, she from Ft. Smith, I from Fayetteville. We talked several times of taking a vacation together and staying at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, but we never managed it. She told me about her life and family, including stories about a family burial plot, her high school years, and more. My father met Gwen while he was out here and couldn't get over her smile. He always raved about it when he saw her.

Gwen also graciously lent my time to Public Works to serve as the City's Employee Transportation Coordinator, to encourage

employees to use public transportation, carpool and use other commute alternatives to driving. That later morphed into a full time job as the City's first Bicycle Program Manager, probably the most meaningful job I ever had. Gwen not only supported me, she was proud of the work I was doing.

Two last memories. Gwen came to see me in the hospital when I had an emergency appendectomy, taking time away from her very busy job. The last time I saw her was last August, I believe, when she gave me a ride home from the retirees' WUZA group. I am so sorry we did not find time to meet for coffee. We always said we were going to do it. It is very sad to realize she is no longer with us, but I trust she is getting some much needed rest.

Feel free to contact me.

Kitty Hughes, 510-774-9275

Kathryn Hughes - October 02, 2020 at 02:45 PM

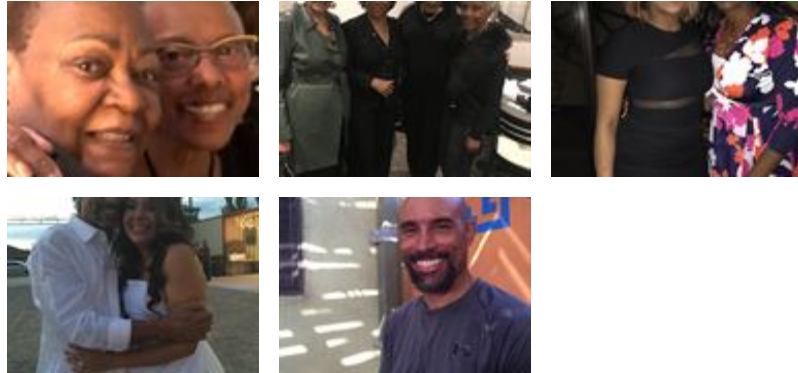


Kitty, you brought back so many memories of those days. I missed the last several WUZA's as I was gone much of last year and also working (again). Yes. Gwen's calm demeanor was a lasting gift to those of us who worked with/for her. Thanks, for sharing this. Jonelyn

Jonelyn Weed - October 03, 2020 at 03:17 PM



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Harris Funeral Home - October 01, 2020 at 03:37 PM

WT

Gwen was a special person. Always cheerful and supportive!

William H. Tonsall

William H. Tonsall - October 02, 2020 at 02:01 PM

HW

Gwen was brilliant, generous, well-travelled; a loving woman who valued family, health, service and her spiritual community. Gwen truly lived her purpose, contributing to the upliftment of family, colleagues and friends. I salute, honor and thank her. Gwen's beautiful spirit lives on, and as an Ancestor, she continues loving and serving us. - Harriet Tubman Wright, Former City of Oakland Employee and longtime East Bay Church of Religious Science Member

Harriet Tubman Wright - October 02, 2020 at 06:05 PM

FB

“ *Such a lovely spirit. Gone, but not forgotten.*

Faith Du Bois

Faith Du Bois - September 30, 2020 at 05:40 PM

RB

“ *Rest in Peace, Lourdes Matthew & Xanthe Berry purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gwynette Antoinette.*



Rest in Peace, Lourdes Matthew & Xanthe Berry - September 29, 2020 at 03:04 PM

RP

“ *Rudy Perez lit a candle in memory of Gwynette Antoinette*



Rudy Perez - September 28, 2020 at 04:33 PM

RP

Gwen, it is not the same here anymore, just seeing you everyday made this place special. Every time I walk pass your unit, I stop and look, knowing how much I miss our talks, our walks to go out and grab a bite to eat, a day does not go by without me thinking of you. Who will I turn to, to get poinsettias and a tree again for our lobby here at the Regillus. Rest in peace and know it was a honor to be your friend. Rudy Perez

Rudy Perez - September 28, 2020 at 04:42 PM