

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Gail C. Corbin-Butler*

Sunrise  
February 1, 1985

Sunset  
February 22, 2021

Thursday, March 4, 2021 - 12:00 Noon

**Christ Church USA**  
140 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, New Jersey  
Pastor Anthony Franklin, Officiating  
*Rev. Dr. David D. Ireland, Lead Pastor*

# Obituary

Gail Catherine Corbin-Butler, the wife of Paul J Butler, was born on February 1, 1985 in Trenton, New Jersey to Michelle Corbin and the late Ernest Roy Wilder III. Gail was the first born babygirl to her Aunt Erica and she was beautiful, lovable, and well mannered. As a little girl Gail would call Erica, Americawa, because she could not pronounce her name. As a child Gail would sit with her Aunt Erica and talk about how much she loved her little brother.

Gail was brought up in Passaic, New Jersey and as a youth she attended St. Anthony of Padua School in Passaic for a few years, then went on to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School in Passaic until she graduated in 1999. Gail then went to Fair Lawn High School and Passaic County Technical School in Wayne until she graduated in 2003.

In September 2003, Gail decided to join the military, the United States Air Force. In December 2003, Gail attended and graduated the Air Force Information Management School. In December 2006, Gail received honorable discharge from active duty, she then joined the Air Force Reserves and completed her service totaling 12 years. Some of the awards Gail received in the military are: Air Force Achievement Medal with one device, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Training Ribbon, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Gail earned a degree of Bachelor of Science in Workforce Education and Development in May 2012, from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and was pursuing her Masters degree.

Gail's 11 siblings lovingly called her, Gailby-Shelby, and she loved all her siblings equally. She was the kind of sister that they can always count on to be there, a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear, and someone they can laugh with all day. Gail would unselfishly give whatever she could to her siblings and tried to be there for them as much as she could. Gail's first job was as a summer program counselor at Theodore Roosevelt School in Passaic and when she received her first check, she proudly went out and bought all her siblings' sneakers. For her 11 brothers and sisters, Gailby-Shelby, was a beautiful, smart, strong, brave, and loved woman whose smile would brighten up their darkest days.

In 2007, Gail met the love of her life, Paul Butler, and they fell in love. They welcomed two beautiful children, Payton (2008) and Paul Jr. (2012) into their lives to complete their family. Gail's two children meant the world to her and there was nothing she would not have done for them. Gail went above and beyond for her children and loved to throw them amazing birthday parties every year and she had the best ideas to create unique centerpieces. Paul and Gail loved to spend time hanging out with their friends, their family and they enjoyed traveling everywhere. Gail's mother Michelle always believed that Gail's passions stemmed from her close bonds with her family and friends.

Gail overflowed with love, kindness, and compassion for others and she left a positive impression on whoever crossed her path. She grew up to be a smart, independent, and beautiful young lady, and she made her Aunt Erica proud of her life.

Gail had a flare for fashion and home décor, was exceptional at Event Planning and very crafty. Gail "shined bright like a diamond" and was our angel in disguise. Michelle is honored to have been blessed with such a beautiful soul for a daughter.

Although Gail battled with her health for the past 8 years, she would always say her famous words, "I'm OK!" Even when she was not okay, she never wanted anyone to feel sorry for her. It was during this time 8 years ago, her Aunt Barbie introduced her to Christ Church. Gail and her family attended service almost every Sunday and her faith grew tremendously. She especially loved to worship, pray and read her bible daily.

Gail worked two jobs as a Data Entry Operator 1 for Fire Prevention in Passaic and a Residential Support Staff for Advancing Opportunities. She was loved by her clients and went above and beyond her job description. She never wanted to stop doing for others, even during her most difficult times with her health. Gail stayed active in the community. She is an Air Force Veteran, a member of the Albert Lawson Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10117 (135 Summer Street, Passaic, NJ 07055), became the founder of the Albert Lawson Memorial Girl Scout Post 9754/ 10117 and Girl Scout Leader, Corresponding Secretary of a local non-profit organization called More Than Friends Cares. She was the Secretary for the local chapter of the NAACP, and in her spare time, Gail volunteered as a Parent Mentor for "Parenting with a Purpose LLC" where she would provide support for parents and their children who were going through a rough patch in their lives. She made such an impact into the organization by adding helping resources and company policies to better improve parent-child relationships in the community.

She was predeceased by her father, Ernest Roy Wilder III, her grandfather, Hugh C. Corbin and her cousin Holden Adams.

Gail departed this life and received her angel wings on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Remaining to carry out her legacy of strength, servitude, and love: Her husband, Paul J. Butler; daughter, Payton Journey Butler; son, Paul Butler, Jr.; mother, Michelle Corbin; maternal grandmother, Carol Corbin, and paternal grandmother, Louise Perkins-Wilder; grandfather, Ernest R. Wilder, Sr.; uncles, Michael Corbin, Hayden Adams, Lamar Wilder; aunts, Aiyda Corbin, Erica McDade, Davida "Barbie" Blackman, Maxine Harris, Clara Aguilera, Aunt Dawn Robitaille; sisters, Amber Wilder, Brionna Wilder, Jasmine Wilder, Sirrena Wilder, Claire Wilder, Tinamarie Wilder, Roajia Wilder, Aaliya Wilder; brothers, Thadius "Tad" Wilder whom she loved dearly, Ernest Wilder, Damon Wilder; god-parents, Renna Edwards and Desmond Edwards; her husband's family, Dolores Manuel-Lewis (mother), Crystal Butler (sister), Givonni Butler (brother), Kevin Lewis (stepfather), Paul Butler (father), Zahmir Butler (brother), Rosemary Talley (stepmom); some of her devoted friends: Raquel, Miya, Stacy, Lauren, Tasia, Latasha, Natasha, Eva, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family members, loved ones and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. Anthony Franklin
Musical Selections.....	“How Great Thou Art” “10,000 Reasons”
Scripture Reading.....	DaVida “Barbie” Blackman
Remarks / Reflections.....	Brionna Wilder-Poem Cheryl James - Prayer Minnie Hiller-Cousins-VFW NAACP - Proclamation Marcia Romero-Cadogan-Prayer
Reading of Obituary.....	Renee Edwards
Musical Selection .....	“Till We Meet Again”
Eulogy .....	Rev. Lionel King
Benediction.....	Rev. Anthony Franklin

*Interment*  
East Ridgelawn Cemetery  
Clifton, New Jersey

*Glorious heavenly Father we hallow your majestic name. We declare that your kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We acknowledge and give thanks to you for giving Gail as a gift to us. We thank you for family and friends who have demonstrated such a great outpouring of love to her when it was needed. Gail has fought the good fight of Faith and having accomplished her assignments here on earth, you have welcomed her into your glorious paradise, Hallelujah!!! Now Father we ask that the strong faith in you, exhibited by Gail and the strength and courage you gave her in return, inspire us, all to embrace Your wondrous Salvation, in Jesus name, Amen*

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of the late **Gail C. Corbin-Butler** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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