

Celebrating the Life of



Lorna Veronica Gayle

Sunrise
June 24, 1951

Sunset
May 25, 2021

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Paterson Church of God
351 10th Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey
Rev. Donnie Anderson, Pastor
Rev. Kermit Moss, Officiating
J.E. Williams, Organist

Obituary

Lorna Veronica Gayle was born in St. Catherine Jamaica West Indies on June 24, 1951. She was the daughter to the late Florence Owens (Mac Donald) and David Owens. She was the oldest of nine children. She migrated to the United States of America when she was twenty-one years old. Lorna resided in the city of Paterson for forty-nine years.

Lorna joined the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic (Paterson) in January 1973. She was an active member and served as Secretary to the Young People's Department. It is there that she met her husband Earl when he visited the church. They were married April 10, 1976 and recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. They are proud parents of Earl Patrick Gayle, II, Gregory Gayle, Sr. (deceased) and Marcus Gayle.

Lorna and her family joined Christ Church United Methodist Paterson in 1987. Not long after she became part of the Sunday School Department and eventually the Superintendent. A majority of all her nieces and nephews have attended Christ Church Sunday School because of her. She had a passion for children and teaching and taught the Junior class for over 30 years. Lorna brought love, dedication, and commitment to her class every week.

In 2002, Lorna received her certification for Lay Speaking ministry from the Lay Speakers School. Since receiving this certificate, she has brought forth the word at least once a year, this allowed her to serve, to learn and to grow. She was chosen to be the Vacation Bible School director in 2006, under God's direction and the help of her Christ Church family, VBS was a success. Lorna was a faithful member of the Gospel Choir, United Methodist Women, and the Higher Education Committee.

Lorna graduated Shortwood Teacher's College in Kingston Jamaica in 1972. She worked at Verizon as a telephone operator and retired after 25 years of service. Lorna may have retired however she never stopped working. She volunteered at Oasis a haven for women where she helped take care of the babies while the mothers went to class and Camp YDP for 5 years where she assisted students with their homework. She also sat once a month for the Juvenile Conference Committee. Lorna also worked part time at International High School for almost 10 years.

Lorna was a great cook, amazing baker, fantastic sewer, loved to crochet and knit and avid gardener. She began learning to play the piano three years ago and was teaching her nieces to play and even wrote a song. Lorna could do anything to she put her mind to.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Florence and David Owens, and son, Gregory Gayle, Sr.

Lorna will be greatly missed and leaves behind with precious memories, her husband, Earl Gayle, Sr.; sons, Earl Gayle II and Marcus Gayle; grandson, Gregory Gayle Jr.; siblings, Jimmy Owens, of England, Franz Owens (Sonia) of Morristown, Sharon Owens of Paterson, Vivienne Williams of Paterson, Maxine May of Willingboro, Trevor Owens, Sr. (KadyAnn) of Paterson, Garfield Owens (Jennifer) of Plainfield and Winsome Lawrence (Russell) of Virginia; brothers-in-law, Geoffrey Gayle and Neville Gayle; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, Christ Church United Methodist family, long time Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic family and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Procession

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise.....How Great Thou Art

Prayer of Comfort..... Joyce Thomas

Scripture Lesson(s)

Old Testament: Psalms 116:1-15 Sylvia Williams

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Vivienne Williams

Acknowledgement/Resolutions:Ignace Conic

Tribute to Grandma:Gregory Gayle, Jr.

Tribute to our Mother:Marcus Gayle & Earl Patrick Gayle, II

Reflection of Life.....Sheri Owens

Musical Selection.....It is Well With My Soul

The Eulogy: Pastor Kermit Moss
Christ Church United Methodist
Paterson, NJ

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction

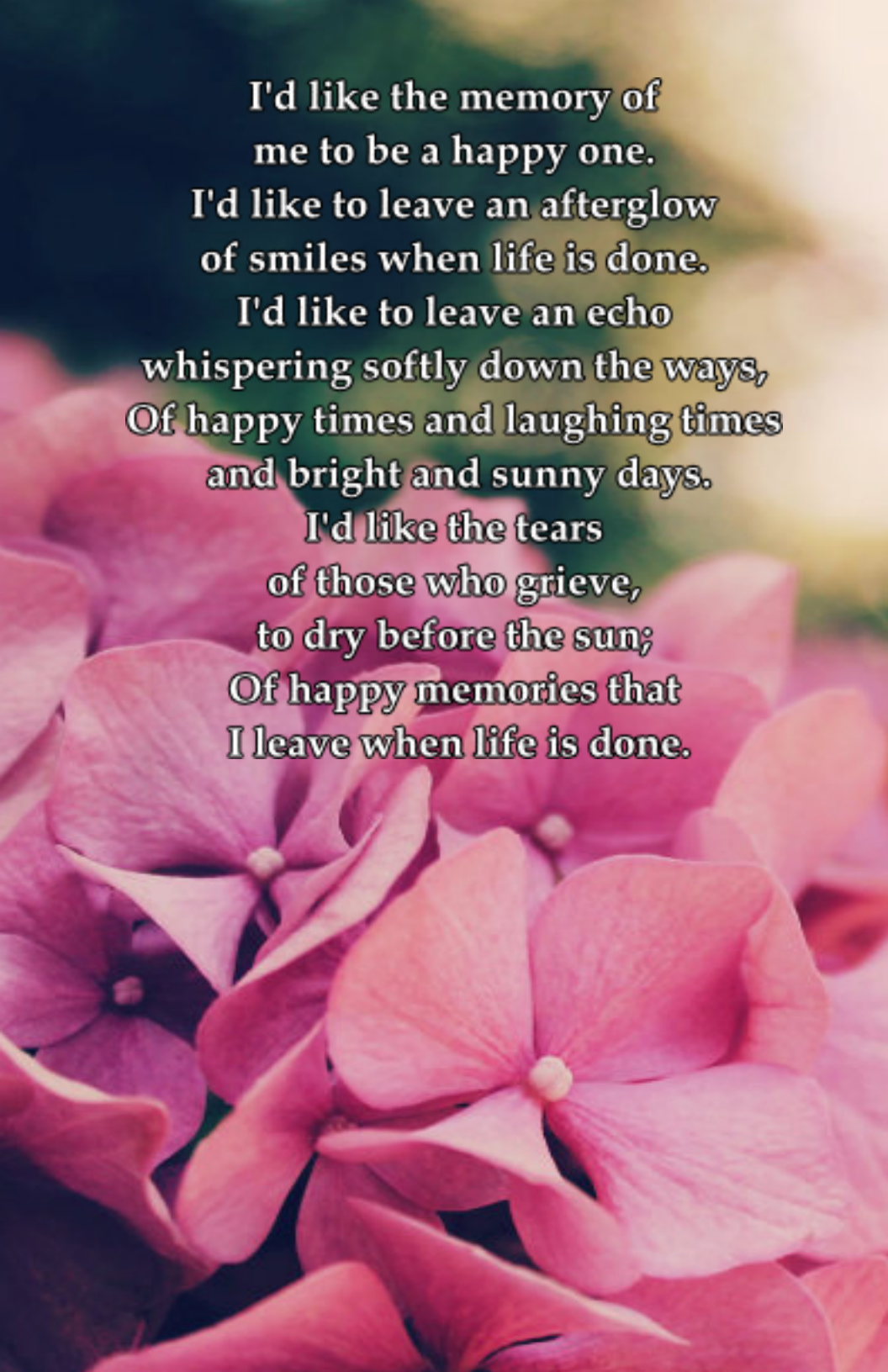
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Interment

Fairlawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey





A close-up photograph of several pink hydrangea flowers. The petals are a vibrant pink color with some darker shading towards the edges. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the same flowers and some green foliage. The lighting is bright and even, highlighting the texture of the petals.

I'd like the memory of
me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears
of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that
I leave when life is done.



Acknowledgment

The Gayle family wishes to thank everyone with great gratitude for their prayers, telephone calls and acts of kindness extended towards us during our time of bereavement.

May God bless each one of you

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