



Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis

January 31, 1959 - December 12, 2021

Ms. Gaynell Davis, 62, after a short illness, went from labor to reward at 4:01 pm on Sunday December 12, 2021 at Kindred Hospital, Peoria, IL.

Gaynell was born on January 31, 1959 in Greenville, MS to John and Annette (Watkins) Winfield. She was the second of seven children. Gaynell accepted Christ and baptized at an early age in Greenville, MS. She received her early education in Greenville, MS and after moving to Chicago, IL she graduated from Marshall High School. After graduating from high school, she began her working career at Sloan Valve in Franklin Park, IL and upon moving to Peoria, Gaynell worked for Peoria Plastics. After parting ways with Peoria Plastics, she began her journey of being a Childcare Provider.

Gaynell was united in holy matrimony to Levi Davis in July, 1982 and to this union two sons were born, Antoine and DeShaun. She united with the City of Refuge Worship Cathedral under the leadership of Bishop Timothy Criss where she faithfully served Christ until her health failed.

Anyone in the family can always count on Gaynell calling and checking on them. Gaynell was known for watching her Lifetime movies and House Hunters. If you asked her what she was doing on any given day she would say "not a thang". One of her favorite words was "whatever". At family gatherings someone would always have to bring her something and it usually

included her favorite thing, dessert. Then she would say “I gotta stop getting all these sweets”.

In September 2003, Gaynell was blessed with a second chance at life; and was a heart transplant recipient.

Gaynell’s love and memory will be treasured by her loving and devoted children Antoine (Candace), Deshaun; four brothers Cedrick (Deborah) Bolingbrook, IL, Terry (Arnetta) Bellwood, IL, Glenn (Annette) Chicago, IL, Andre (Toyia) Villa Park, IL, one sister Brenda Bellwood, IL. Nine grandchildren Alexis, Deonte, Janessa, Antoine, Damere, Deshaun, Adriana, Daniya, and Tristyn. A special friend Sandra Pigge. Along with a host of loving nieces, nephews and relatives. She is preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Keith Winfield.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at the Greater City of Refuge Worship Cathedral with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 10 am. Bishop Timothy Criss will officiate. Gaynell will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services. *In an effort to mitigate the spread of

COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). *It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St
Peoria, IL 61604
(309) 688-0733

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater City of Refuge Worship Cathedral
2201 SW Adams Street
Peoria, IL 61602

Funeral Service

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater City of Refuge Worship Cathedral
2201 SW Adams Street
Peoria, IL 61602

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis*



Simons Mortuary - January 03, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis*



Simons Mortuary - December 28, 2021 at 03:37 PM

EW

Watching this video make it finally hits home that Mz. Gaynell is gone. Jesus, RiP 🙏🙏💕💕. Love, Auntie Adeline

Ernestine Wyatt - December 28, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ *Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Burial at Parkview Cemetery



Simons Mortuary - January 03, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ Rest in heaven Gay. I'm going to miss you. I love you ❤️



Tarnesha Watkins - December 29, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ Rest in Love Gay. Your big beautiful smile will be missed at all the family gatherings. I take comfort in knowing that you were loved by everyone and there is a beautiful place beyond this world that welcomed you with open arms. Tell all the family up there I love them and miss them. Until we see each other again big cousin. I love you 💜💜💜💜💜

Nora Smith - December 29, 2021 at 10:47 AM

EW

“ Earnestine Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis



Earnestine Wyatt - December 29, 2021 at 10:36 AM

FT

“ From Anthony & Marilyn McGee Houston, Tx purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis.



From Anthony & Marilyn McGee Houston, Tx - December 28, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis.



December 27, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis.



December 27, 2021 at 03:08 PM

DP

“ *Darlene Peterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis*



darlene peterson - December 25, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis.*



December 25, 2021 at 02:18 AM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis.*



December 25, 2021 at 02:02 AM

HJ

“ *Sending heartfelt prayers and sympathy to the family at this difficult time, hoping your memories will warm your heart and bring u comfort.*



Hattie Johnson - December 24, 2021 at 01:57 PM

NW

“ Rest in heaven my beautiful friend. You will truly be missed every Sunday passing peppermint at church. God gained a beautiful angel..



Nikki wright - December 24, 2021 at 11:40 AM

YW

“ YVONNE WATKINS lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis



YVONNE WATKINS - December 24, 2021 at 02:54 AM

YW

“ TO My LOVING BIG COUSIN GAYNELL," I MISS YOU SO MUCH" RIP LOVE YOU.

YVONNE R WATKINS - December 24, 2021 at 12:43 AM

TW

“ Terry W. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis.



Terry W. - December 22, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis.*



December 18, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis.*



December 18, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *Gaynell is the big sister to my oldest and dearest friend, Brenda. My encounters with her were always pleasant. My deepest condolences to her family.*

TeWana

Tewana - December 17, 2021 at 11:49 AM



Condolences to Gaynell family her mom was a very good friend and neighbor for many years loving family.

Doris McSwine - December 22, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *Lefaye Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis*



Lefaye Jackson - December 17, 2021 at 12:56 AM



“ *I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Brenda and the entire family. God Bless and keep you all.*

GL Harrison - December 16, 2021 at 11:39 PM



“ *Sending love and hugs your way. You have our sincerest condolences. Love always John and Carla Murray*

Carla Murray - December 16, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Gaynell "Ms. Gay" Davis.*



December 16, 2021 at 10:18 PM

WR

“ *Brenda,
You and your Family have my Deepest Condolences on the passing
of your Sister. Thinking of you and praying for your entire family.
May She Rest In Peace,
Love Wanda Russell & Family*

Wanda Russell - December 16, 2021 at 08:35 PM

TI

“ *Gay was my next door neighbor. She would go out of her way to
say hello and ask how I was doing. She would always ask how my
heart was doing and I would ask how her heart was doing. I'm going
to miss her.*

Tim - December 16, 2021 at 10:05 AM