



## Mrs. Delories Gay

October 11, 1949 - September 28, 2021

By all recorded accounts, Tuesday, October 11, 1949, was just an ordinary day. The sun had set the day before and was sure to rise again tomorrow. Time ticked away on clocks, just as it always had, but with the harvesting done, there was no need to make haste. No major world, state, or even local events interrupted daily life, and people--especially those in Eastern North Carolina--could just relax and enjoy the calming peace of a beautiful day. No one knows for sure what John and Julie Wilson of Bethel, NC, were planning to do on that quiet, early-autumn day, but what they actually did would prove to be anything but relaxing or ordinary. It was on this day that they welcomed into the world their first daughter, Delories. In school--both Bruce-Falkland and HB Suggs High School--Delories was known for her quick wit and congenial manner. Preferring funning to fighting, she was sure to make fast friends and few enemies. If others recognized her more as a "fair weather" friend, Carlton "CD" Gay recognized her as far more, and on August 1, 1968, the two wed. Although they began their lives as husband and wife in Greensboro--where Delories would spend her working life with Burlington Industries and where the two would later welcome into the world their one and only child Andre'--Delories and CD would spend years apart but ultimately find themselves reunited in 1996 to fulfil their vows "til death do us part" back in Eastern, NC. Those years apart, however, were not without benefit, for during this time she and Andre' forged and then nurtured a

relationship many sons (and daughters) would envy--one of absolute support and unfailing encouragement.

The love perfected borne of this maternal bond has grown--and is yet to grow--within and through her six grandchildren, Sharne G. Ward, Asia Gay, Destene G. Robinson, Onya Gay, Deona Gay and Niya Gay; two great grandchildren, Ananias and Adonai Robinson; one grand godchild, Kayla Mitchell; one sister, Missionary Debra Brown; one uncle, Earl Wilson; six brothers-in-law, Herman Gay (Sherlene), Marion Barnes (Edith), Ronald Gay (Ruth), Donald Gay (Lawan) and Grady Gaskins; three God brothers, Bishop James E. Tripp, Jr, Kelly DeWitt, Thomas Wilkes; God sister, Betty Jean House; a host of nieces and grand nieces, nephews and grand nephews, cousins and all who were fortunate enough really to know her.

By all accounts, Tuesday, September 28, 2021, was an extraordinary day. Time and the Sun continued their measured treks even while world, state, and local events interrupted our daily lives, and many people found it impossible simply to relax. We who are gathered, here, have one consolation, though--knowing that the He who has overcome the world welcomed home our own...His own...Delories Wilson Gay: she can simply rest and enjoy a beautiful day that has no end.

# Cemetery Details

## Holly Hill Cemetery

755 Porter Road  
Greenville, NC 27834

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations  
3205 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858  
(252) 355-9995  
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com  
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

OCT 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Holly Hill Original Free Will Baptist  
755 Porter Rd  
Greenville, NC 27834

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - October 04, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ *Mrs. Delories Gay*

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October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *R.I.P. Sister Gay Rest In Heavenly PEACE*

*Formerly of NC*



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**Evangelist Vickie Suggs-Moore & Family** - October 17, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ *Brother Carlton, this is Rev Jerry Spruell I am sending this act of sympathy because as much as time will heal I really do know the pain and suffering you are enduring now. I have known you all for a long time and was so sadden to hear of the passing of your wife. I want you to know i will continue to be praying for you and your family and may God continue to bless you.*

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**Rev. Dr. jerry Spruell** - October 15, 2021 at 04:55 PM

BW

“ *Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Delories Gay*



Ben Wooten - October 05, 2021 at 03:11 AM

DD

“ *Dianna Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Delories Gay*



Dianna Daniels - October 04, 2021 at 07:35 PM

TD

“ *Tony Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Delories Gay*



Tony Dawson - October 03, 2021 at 03:12 AM

PS

“ *Condolences to the family of Mrs .Delores Gay. She was my classmate at H.B.Sugg High School. I have known her for many years. She was a very kind and compassionate person. May God give all.of you the strength to get through this difficult time in your lives. Rest in heavenly peace Delores*



Patricia Edwards Sutton - October 02, 2021 at 08:50 PM

DD

“ My condolences to my cousin Carlton Gay and family 🙏. I will continue to keep you in my prayers. I love y'all. Diane Dupree



Diane Dupree - October 02, 2021 at 03:32 PM

EB

“ Prayers to Andre and the rest of the family. I'm so thankful for the years in Greensboro that I had a chance to share and get to know and love on my cousins, Delories and Andre. They were a blessing in my life. As a struggling college student she fed me and my friends so many days. We shared so many laughs and good times. Rest in Heaven. I love you. Etolia Biggs



Etolia Biggs - October 02, 2021 at 07:27 AM

SW

“ Stephanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Delories Gay



Stephanie Williams - October 01, 2021 at 09:31 PM

BF

“ “When anxieties overwhelmed me, you [God] comforted and soothed me.”

Brenda Franks - October 01, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *Janice Reid lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Delories Gay*



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**Janice Reid** - October 01, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *Praying that the peace of God will bring comfort in knowing that His love is eternal*

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**John Moore** - October 01, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ *I Pray That God Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family.*



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - September 30, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ *Sending love and condolences to Andre and the family during this difficult time. We love you. Nella and Brandy Black*



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**Brandy** - September 30, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Delories Gay.*



September 30, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I am so sorry of your loss Praying for the family My God be with you Love Lena Johnson and Family Greensboro NC*

**Lena Johnson** - September 30, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Delories Gay.*



September 30, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ *Rev.Milton & Delores Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Delories Gay*



**Rev.Milton & Delores Staton Family** - September 30, 2021 at 02:58 AM

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“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - September 29, 2021 at 12:02 PM