



## Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins

March 13, 1951 - March 22, 2019

On Thursday, March 31, 1951 in Bethel, NC, the late John H. and Julia Ann Wilson welcomed the birth of a daughter into their home to live and learn to grow and to work. In this home filled with love and laughter, discipline and devotion the baby girl, whom they named Vernelle, would become curious, energetic, and caring young woman for which she would be known for the rest of her life.

That curiosity and energy served Vernelle well as she matriculated through the Pitt County Schools system toward her 1969 graduation from H.B. Suggs High School, where one of her fondest memories was playing on the girls' basketball team as a point guard. And these same characteristics would follow her afterward into the world of work where she held such prominent positions as Assistant Manager of Roses Department Store and Supervisor of Pitt County Memorial Hospital Transportation System at a time when neither women or African Americans were widely considered for such responsibilities. Later Vernelle would combine her innate compassion with the talents she had gained in these fields to direct the public relations' efforts of numerous funeral homes lightening the burdens of many mourning, families even while helping businesses prosper and ultimately, as entrepreneur of Granelles Limousines Services, which she co-founded and co-owned with her partner in business, in life, and in love, Grady Gaskins, whom she married on April 6, 1983. Besides a thriving business, this union brought together two daughters, Shenilla and

Starr, and one son, Darrell.

In her sixty eight years of life Vernelle scripted her legacy: a straightforward, hard-working woman, who would do anything she set her mind to do. She loved her family and was the picture of devotion as a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a sister, an aunt, a cousin and a friend. And after her grandchildren, her greatest delight was making it known that her door was always open to family and friends.

In the early morning hours of Friday, March 22, 2019, in Greenville, NC, God and His Council welcomed the return of a faithful servant back home this time to rest.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband Grady Gaskins; three children, Shenilla (Gary) Solomon (Fayetteville, NC), Darrell Wooten (Greenville, NC), and Starr Powell (Greenville, NC); three adorable grandchildren, Justin Solomon, Alonna Solomon, and Jovonte' Powell; three sisters, Delores (Bishop Carlton) Gay, Elaine (James) Parker, and Missionary Deborah Brown; She also leaves two God-sisters, Betty Jean House and Shirley Hunter; three God-brothers, Bishop James Tripp, Kelly Dewitt, and Thomas Wilkes; one astounding uncle, Earl Wilson; five sisters-in-law, Verna Gaskins, Mary Benekin, Gloria Dixon, Alice Wilson, Willie Carol Forbes; two brothers-in-law, Donald Forbes (Carol Forbes) and Kermit (Gloria) Dixon; four God-children, Kimberly Blount, Tamara Person, Dontario Brown, and Reverend Curtis Joyner; a devoted nephew, Andre (Cynthia) Gay; and dedicated friends, Barbara Baker, Grace Waters, Deborah Johnson, Yolonda Little, and Shelia Jones. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Viewing

MAR **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Koinonia Christian Center Church  
1405 Greenville Blvd SW  
Greenville, NC 27834

## Service

MAR **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*

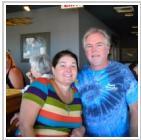
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“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*



**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - April 08, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ *I never had the opportunity to met Ms Vernele but I worked with Grady several years and knew him to a leader among his peers. Got Bless Grady and family and all who loved Ms Vernele.*

**David French** - April 01, 2019 at 11:12 PM



“ *She was the sweetest person and always wore a beautiful smile.*



**Barbara Chapman** - March 30, 2019 at 09:19 PM

SY

“ *Sybil.kearse@gmail.com lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*



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**Sybil.kearse@gmail.com** - March 30, 2019 at 09:36 AM

MC

“ *Min Dora Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*



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**min dora cox** - March 29, 2019 at 10:38 PM

PS

“ *So many lovely memories my sisters and share. Time spent with Vernell over 40 plus years! Hearing the news of her passing was heart wrenching. God is your Strength during this time and days to come. Lean and depend on him for all things! Know through Eternal Life of Jesus his birth, death and resurrection promises we'll be reunited with our love one!*

*Much love,  
Associate Pastor Patricia Silas and family*

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**Patricia Silas** - March 29, 2019 at 08:46 PM

AB

“ Sending this heartfelt prayer of condolences to the family. I just found out today of Vernelle passing. She was a sweet person. I meet Vernelle many years ago with her sister Delores (Tickie) who was a friend of my cousin Peggy. She was the same back then as she was in the present. No matter where you saw her she always held a conversation with a warm wonderful smile. She will truly be missed. Praying and knowing God will give each of you the strength and comfort to face the days ahead.



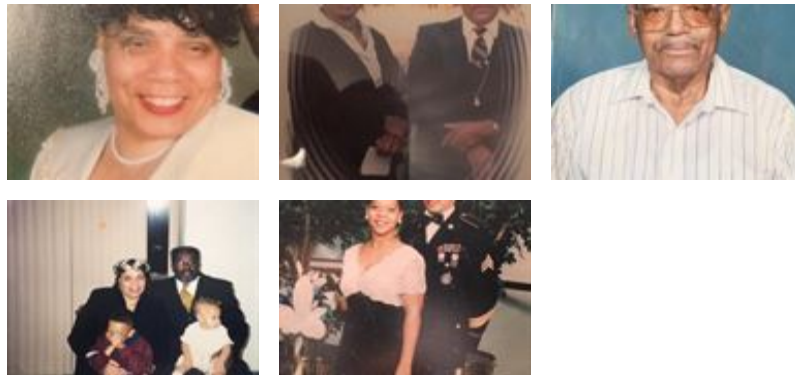
*Aletha N. Britt*

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**Aletha Nobles Britt** - March 29, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ 78 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - March 29, 2019 at 03:28 PM

VF

“ VA Telehealth Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins.



VA Telehealth Family - March 29, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins.



March 29, 2019 at 09:15 AM

PC

“ Praying for this family as well that God will give you all the strength to go through.

Patrice Cox - March 29, 2019 at 08:36 AM

LF

“ LaVette Lang Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



LaVette Lang Ford - March 29, 2019 at 05:24 AM

DK

“ *Darlene Gray King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*



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**Darlene Gray King** - March 28, 2019 at 08:14 PM

SF

“ *Sharon Williams And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*



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**Sharon Williams and Family** - March 28, 2019 at 06:35 PM

BT

“ *Words sometimes cannot explain how much you truly feel when a loved one has gone to be with the Lord. May god's tender touch embrace and comfort you all during this time. Always with a smile and warm embrace. God bless you all Brenda Pippins-Tyson*



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**Brenda P Tyson** - March 28, 2019 at 05:31 PM

RF

“ *Rex Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*



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**Rex Fleming** - March 28, 2019 at 12:48 PM



RF

“ It is with great humility that we share this moment with this family. Vernelle, was a beautiful person that shared a great smile when ever you saw her! She will be missed, However family, look unto the hills which come your help! In April 1998, they (Grady & Vernelle) put a limo in our daughter's Yaneika S. Dudley"s Home Going Service. We are forever grateful for those fond memories. We know that the Lord will carry you through this dark moment in your lives. Cherish her memories and grab hold of your FAITH as God lead you through this valley!

*Pastor Dr. Rex Fleming, Eldress Lillian D. Fleming, Minister Yashica & Yaniah Dudley/Family*

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**Rex Fleming** - March 28, 2019 at 12:40 PM

RW

“ Rusty & Betty Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



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**Rusty & Betty Weaver** - March 28, 2019 at 11:59 AM

JM

“ Jacquelyn Michelle McClaud lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



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**Jacquelyn Michelle McClaud** - March 28, 2019 at 11:06 AM

RL

“ To Mr Grady and family, I was so,so sorry to hear about Vernelle passing. As one of your Chauffeur I felt like part of the family. We had some great stories along the way, and some long nights! You all are great people and you provided a great service to this community. Know that you and your family are in my prayers.



*Your friend / chauffeur, Randy Little*

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**Randy Little** - March 28, 2019 at 09:56 AM

MC

“ Dear Gaskins family,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. May you find comfort in God's promises for the future. "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life"  
- John 5:28, 29

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**M Campbell** - March 28, 2019 at 09:51 AM

RL

“ Randy Little lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



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**Randy Little** - March 28, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ *Addie Rouse-Cannon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*



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**Addie Rouse-Cannon** - March 28, 2019 at 07:10 AM



“ *Keith Goddard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*



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**Keith Goddard** - March 28, 2019 at 06:14 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins.*



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March 27, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ *Doris McClendon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*



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**Doris McClendon** - March 27, 2019 at 08:53 PM

JD

“ *Joyce Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*



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**Joyce Daniels** - March 27, 2019 at 08:50 PM

ML

“ *Mary Langley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*



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**Mary Langley** - March 27, 2019 at 07:02 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins.*



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March 27, 2019 at 05:51 PM

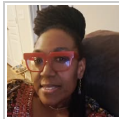
AC

“ Grady, please know that we are praying for you and the family as you bid farewell to your partner in the business, your soul mate, and your best friend. You two guys were inseparable here on earth but you shall be united in that great resurrected morning. In the mean time, hold on to those wonderful memories, and cherish those days that you had together. It may seem dark, dreary and lonely right now but the sun will shine again because God will see you through these hours of bereavement and all the days ahead. We will keep you lifted up in prayer.

*The Cannon Family  
Alice Cannon-Parker  
Ayden, NC*

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**Alice Cannon-kParker** - March 27, 2019 at 04:57 PM



*I'm just finding out about this Grady, I can hardly believe this. We will be praying for you, the boys, my mom we send our love.*

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**Addie Rouse-Cannon** - March 28, 2019 at 06:44 AM

TS

“ Hi Mr. Grady I'm soooooo sorry for your lost. She was a very nice n great person. I am a phone call away if you need me. Love Ya,  
*Tarshia Sutton & Family*



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**Tarshia Sutton** - March 27, 2019 at 10:53 AM

MW

“ Grady, I am so sorry for your loss. Vernelle was such a sweet lady. Will certainly miss seeing my cousin. May God continue to watch over you in your time of bereavement. Thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Deepest Sympathy!!



Margaret Chapman Williams - March 26, 2019 at 11:07 PM

MS

“ Grady and Family, I was so sorry to hear the passing of Vernelle. Vernelle will be missed. She always had a big smile and always had encouraging word to say when we ran into each other. Grady I pray that God will strengthen you and the family during this difficult time. Melody Sheppard- Ellison

Melody Sheppard-Ellison - March 26, 2019 at 08:44 PM

RV

“ Prayers go out to you, It's difficult at such a time to know what words to say. Understanding thoughts and prayers are there with you today.



Robert & Joyce Vines - March 26, 2019 at 07:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins.



March 26, 2019 at 05:27 PM

RW

“ Grady and Family sorry to hear the loss of your love one. Praying God gives you and the family the strength that's needed during this difficult time. Today and days to come.

Robert and Debbie Williams - March 26, 2019 at 03:11 PM

HR

“ Helen Chapman Rawlinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



Helen Chapman Rawlinson - March 26, 2019 at 01:22 PM

DC

“ Our Love, Thoughts and Prayers are with you Soror Shenilla and your family, Sorority Sisters of Omicron Omega Omega Chapter, Southern Pines, NC



Deborah Davis Carpenter - March 26, 2019 at 11:35 AM

LA

“ Lorraine F Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



Lorraine F Atkinson - March 26, 2019 at 09:18 AM

KP

“ Prayers for the family during this hard time, praying God gives you strength, peace and wraps his arms around you now and in the upcoming weeks. She was an amazing woman!



Kim Price - March 26, 2019 at 07:25 AM

DJ

Lineal Hyman and family sends our prayers to the family during this time of sorrow. She will be missed she was a beautiful soul inside and out

Deborah Johnson - March 26, 2019 at 03:16 PM

CG

“ My heart truly goes out to Grady & family. I was very sadden to hear of her passing.  
Vernelle was a jewel. She will be truly missed.  
I pray God's peace in the days to come.  
Cathy Simpson Gorham

Cathy Simpson Gorham - March 25, 2019 at 09:18 PM

CG

“ Cathy Simpson Gorham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



Cathy Simpson Gorham - March 25, 2019 at 09:14 PM



TJ

“ Vernelle was one of my precious Curves members here in Farmville. She was an absolute joy and sweetheart!! She spoke of Mr. Grady often and the limousine business and how they enjoyed it. You all are in my heart and prayers!!



Trena Johnston - March 25, 2019 at 06:31 PM

DW

“ Dena Wells lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



Dena Wells - March 25, 2019 at 06:21 PM

DE

“ Delicia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



Delicia - March 25, 2019 at 04:51 PM

LD

“ Linda Dupree lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



Linda Dupree - March 25, 2019 at 09:38 AM

MJ

“ *Mat De Jesus lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins*



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**Mat de Jesus** - March 25, 2019 at 08:56 AM

MA

“ *Years ago I was in a store telling a stranger about how excited I was planning a birthday party for Cousin Sang and Cousin Gratz. I told her that I wished I could get a limousine to drive them to their Birthday Party. She smiled and said "I'll do it free of charge, they are my cousins." God that was a quick answer to my prayer. You should have seen those Big smiles on Cousin Sang's and Cousin Gratz's faces when I told them about it. Cousin Sang explained that Vernell was my maternal cousin and Grady was my paternal cousin. I am going to miss my sweet cousin Vernell but Cousin Sang and Cousin Gratz are going to be Happy to see her when she gets to heaven.*

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**Mat** - March 25, 2019 at 08:56 AM

SM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family ,*

*Your colleagues from the Fayetteville  
Department of Veterans Affairs*



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**Sabrina Morris** - March 24, 2019 at 10:14 PM

DS

*MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY DURING THEIR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT MAY GOD CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE. DR. MARLENE SOLOMON AND FAMILY.*

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**DR. MARLENE SOLOMON** - March 26, 2019 at 10:17 AM

MB

“ Michael Bland just wanted to say sorry for your lost I pray that god keep you all strong if I can help or do anything let me no 252-565-3999 she will be truly miss.

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**michael bland** - March 24, 2019 at 08:46 PM

MH

“ My prayers goes out to the family of Vernelle Gaskins. Another angel has gained her wings.

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**Muriel Jones Hines** - March 24, 2019 at 07:17 PM

AD

“ Angela Brown Dupree lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



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**Angela Brown Dupree** - March 24, 2019 at 05:50 PM

LC

“ So sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in prayer.

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**Leon Chapman** - March 24, 2019 at 12:23 PM

D(

“ DORIS BLOUNT (E.) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



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**DORIS BLOUNT (E.)** - March 24, 2019 at 11:38 AM

BW

“ Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



Ben Wooten - March 24, 2019 at 01:25 AM

PF

“ Praying for the Gaskin & Wilson family, that God will comfort and strengthen you. Vernelle was beautiful person. She will truly be missed.

Patricia Daniels & Family - March 23, 2019 at 07:26 PM

GH

“ May God Continue To Comfort The Family.

Gwen Hudson - March 23, 2019 at 02:58 PM

DD

“ Dianna Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



Dianna Daniels - March 23, 2019 at 01:00 PM

AM

“ Aaron R. Cotten, MD lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



Aaron R. Cotten, MD - March 23, 2019 at 12:06 PM

BH

“ So sorry Grady for your loss, Vernelle will truly be missed, I can't even imagine seeing you without her.....Just remember time heals all wounds, our loss is heaven's gain.

Barbara Henry - March 23, 2019 at 10:30 AM

MW

Grady, I am so sorry for your loss. Vernelle was a sweetheart. I will certainly miss seeing her. I will keep you and the extended family in my prayers. May God continue to watch over you especially during your time of bereavement.  
Deepest Sympathy, Cousin Margaret Chapman Williams & Family  
.....Grifton, NC

Margaret Chapman Williams - March 24, 2019 at 11:38 AM

JD

“ JAMES DUPREE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernelle Wilson Gaskins



JAMES DUPREE - March 23, 2019 at 12:14 AM