The Celebratory Service

Friday, October 10, 2023 - 2:00pm PIPKIN BRASWELL CHAPEL OF PEACE

6601 E. Colfax Avenue Denver, Colorado 80220 Reverend Tanya Davis-Ezidinma, Officiating Reverend Gregory Miller, Eulogist

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Processional
"Amazing Grace"
A Glimpse Till GloryFuneral Directors
SelectionMusicians
"Grateful"
Prayer of SolaceMinister
Comfort from the ScriptureLisa Lewis
Old TestamentEcclesiastes 3:1-4
New TestamentJohn 11:25
SelectionMusicians
"Never Would Have Made It"
Acknowledgements, Condolences, and ResolutionsPipkin Braswell Director
ObituaryShirley Mouton
A Video Reflective Moment
OES ResolutionCrystal McAlpin
Honoring Gaye (Two Minute Remarks)
SelectionMusicians
"Precious Lord"
Eulogy
Committal Closing Prayer Benediction
RecessionalTara Washington Everette Daryl J. Walker
"Going Up Yonder"

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Patrick O'Malley II Steven O'Malley Choice Johnson Dominic Turner Lamont Turner Dominick James Wayne Gipson

PRIVATE CREMATION

Denver, Colorado

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family thanks you for sharing in the celebration of Gaye's life, we thank everyone for their love, prayers and support during this difficult time.

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"When Someone You Love Becomes A Memory; The Memory Becomes A Treasure."





PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Those we love remain with us, for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone; those we love can never be more than a thought apart; for as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart.

Born Gaye Lynn O'Malley to Pearl Hardiman-O'Malley and the late Joseph Henry O'Malley on September 13, 1958, in Denver, CO, Gaye was the oldest of three children. Her name of Gaye was divinely chosen because she was always filled with joy and was persistent to share and demonstrate impeccable positive energy and laughter in every space that she visited. As a young child, Gaye was never at a loss for the art of talking and conversation. She was a happy child who would talk, talk, and talk to everyone! She wasn't one who liked to stay still for any lengthy period of time, but rather often asked her mother, "where are we going" because she loved to get out and visit people. Long before she first attended school, Gaye found herself in love with her favorite amusement, the game of tennis. One could often find Gaye on the tennis courts at Denver City Park where she was happy to deliver a defeat to anyone who challenged her to a game.

Gaye grew up with her family in Denver's City Park neighborhood where she was a member of Shorter AME church and where she attended Wyman Elementary, Morey Jr. High, and East High schools. She graduated from high school in 1976 and continued with her college education on a tennis scholarship at Metro State College and Rust College located in Holly Springs, Mississippi. She continued to excel as a student athlete and received a bachelor's degree in physical education with a minor in Mass Communications. Upon completing college, Gaye returned home and began giving to children at Mt. St. Vincent Pediatric Behavioral Health. She continued to share her love and giving through her work at Aurora Mental Health, a center for those who were struggling with mental health, substance abuse and other challenges that affected emotional well-being. Gaye later became a certified horticulturist at the City Park Greenhouse where she found her love for plants and gardening. Not to leave children in her community behind, Gaye unselfishly coached young adults in the game of tennis at Camp Somerset in Oakland Maine and additionally, through the National Junior Tennis and Learning Camp, she coached tennis to students at Manual High School's summer tennis camp. She served as a paraprofessional for Denver Public Schools where her co-workers thought of her as a wonderful person and as one who "kept it 100". Gaye never, never took any mess from anyone and often displayed her sassiness in the name of standing up for herself, for her friends and family, and for protecting others.

In her spare time, Gaye enjoyed popping up and randomly visiting with family and friends. She enjoyed traveling and often traveled with her mother on cruises whereby the time the trip was over, she knew everyone on the ship! Gaye's famous past time was talking on the phone for hours. She loved taking in the theater, going to Juneteenth and the annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration. Gaye was the life of any family reunion and kept family and friends connected. For her, there was no such thing as an X-relative. She was unwavering with giving advice and wisdom to others. Gaye loved to cook and often offered up her specialty of jerk chicken. She loved to party and give the best of her humor and gift of gab at neighborhood establishments like Randalls. She spent time with many of her dear friends. Gaye could drive like no other and took it upon herself to teach many how to drive. She was a neighborhood big sister, a trusted neighbor, and a friend to strangers. She loved, loved, loved Adidas and represented the brand with over 100 pair of shoes and tee-shirts. Gaye loved her nephews Patrick II and Steven as if they were her own children. She gave to her community in special ways and was a member of the Lone Star Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, P.H.A. If given the task to choose a biblical gift Gaye was entrusted with, it would be difficult to select just one. Gaye was a servant, an exhorter who had the gifts of hospitality and teaching.

Gaye! Sweetheart this so devastating to me we just talked on your birthday you sent me pictures of you in the ocean, you will always and forever be in my heart rest in peace sweet lady. Love you!

LEEWOOD GROVE III

We must say this came as a shock. We loved talking to you when we came in King Scoopers. Loved your smile and laugh. KEITH& JANIS HAGGERY

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the O'Malley family. I will miss Gaye's smile and robust laughter. I remember last running into her at Randall's during the lunch hour.

DHAWKINS

Shocked is the word.
Sad is the feeling.
Rest in peace my home girl.
Wherever you are there is a party going on .
CINDY BROWN

Tennis back in the 70's, there was Author Ashe Billie Jean King and the GOAT of all times Gaye OMalley, the coolest cat in town who played tennis in high school and college. When the odds were against her she didn't back down. Amazing, outstanding, and EXCELLENT tennis player. She lived her life to the fullest, traveling the world. Love you OMalley rest in peace my friend. raynita RAYNITA

To the O'Malley family, Gaye was like a daughter to me, she would bring me some food and my dog Bus some dogfood, and would sit on my back porch and play dominoes talk stuff to her Chapman and Pruitt family and we would enjoy ourselves with her, she is going to be truly miss seeing her in my backyard, love and miss you Mother Vernell Chapman.

BARBARA BURDEN AND MRS. VERNELL CHAPMAN

You was always there cousin from when we where kids and every time I come onto town you would come pick me up stay for hours just kicking it and talking mess to each other and my sons. Well I'm back again but it isn't the same without you cuz and I guess you and Sandy are kicking now and that thought is what's getting me through the day I love you cuz so very much and will miss you all the rest of my days. We had a ball cuz, be at peace

I will miss seeing Gaye around the block! Her wonderful humor really lit this place up! She was a wonderful human that was taken way too soon! LAURIE MOEGLEIN

Aunty Gaye! I'll miss running into you and no matter where we were you tell everybody "dis my niece" then you say something crazy to them and we start laughing. I can remember when we were little. We'd come over your house and you'd buy us chocolate and put on Willie Wonka. I love you so much and am so grateful for being able to experience such a beautiful soul! Forever your Niece!

Wow! I'm still in complete Shock and Denial Gaye, that you are no longer with us. However, we know that God makes no mistakes and you have taken residence in your Mansion. My friend I miss you more than words can say. Rest in Peace and Paradise GAYLE LEALI

Rest in peace my Friend, your smile and outgoing personality will truly be missed! God's got you now. BEVERELY

Our Dear friend Gaye, We will miss you, the one that always had a hug and a smile whenever or where ever we seen you. the one who was always full of life and who's laughter would fill any room. I will miss running into you and my cousin Georgie and us standing there cracking jokes and laughing. To the beautiful O'malley family we love you all and we will be praying you through this trying time. We are always here and just a phone call away. Rest well our dear friend, we will always love, miss and remember you.

Love Sherri and Shannon Landrum SHERRI LANDRUM

Gaye will be missed. Prayers, condolences and blessings to the O'Malley family. ANGELA HOLMES

I was so sorry to hear about this. I remember her wonderful sense of humor. Rest in peace, dear one. DIANE OLLIE COLEMAN

Joy, I am going to miss you very much!!! Rest easy my dear friend. JEHN-AI JACKSON

I know heavens having a party with you and Adubb! Together again! JAIME WEBB

I too was shocked by the passing of Gaye O'Malley. Last time i seen Gaye was when President Barack Obama was at City Park for rally in 2012. We are both members of Shorter Community AME Church and both attended East High School. For years, we partied together with Allen Webb. Will always remember those times. May God bless the O'Malley family.

Winston "Dino" Keyes Mayo Shorter Community AME Church

Such a beautiful and humble person. Always greeting you with a smile and hug only a Mother could give and a laugh to make your day. Angels are sent into our lives but must eventually return home. Her presence will endure time forever. BYRON RUSSELL

Gaye OMalley...When heard the sad news of your passing, all I could think of was how, and why so soon. We fought as college roommates (2) (2). But you taught me to be a fierce tennis player that moved up to the #I position. Fast forward to 2023, you opened up your heart and home to my daughter Joy when you found out her base would be Denver and treated her like your blood niece. When she left you on last Saturday, she didn't know it would be the last time with you (she loved your stories) but what she did know was that her "Auntie" treated her well. Rest on OMalley, you were the life of the party and will be missed! !! !! CANDICE JACKSON

My neighborhood big sis ***
I will miss your smile . R.I.H.
TINA HALL

You will be truly missed. Rest in peace. FLOWERS SR. THOMAS J.



From Gaye

"TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME"

When I am gone release me let me go I have so many things to see and do You must not tie yourself to me with tears Be thankful for our many beautiful years I gave you my love you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness I think you for the love you each have shown But now it's time I traveled on alone So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must Then let your grief be comforted by trust It's only for a while that we must part So bless the memories within your heart I won't be far away, for life goes on So if you need me, call and I will come Though you can't see or touch me I'll be near And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear All my love around you soft and clear And then when you must come this way alone I'll greet you with a smile and say "Welcome Home"





A tribute to our sister

Sis -Nothing can replace the love of a sister. You were our coach, our driving instructor, our swimming instructor, our boxing coach, our protector, our biggest fan and so much more. We will continue tell the stories of the times of how we had grown up. I know some people think these stories are f arfetched, but the people who really know you can testify that you truly are one of a kind! We know you are already running things in heaven, there is no doubt in our mind. You probably already have wings with the adidas logo!

Even though you flew away, you are in our souls forever.

Sis, we hope you feel at peace, we love you torever.

Patrick & Todd O'Malley

showed me and you will definently be her birthday weekend. missed W Ronald L RONALD LEWIS

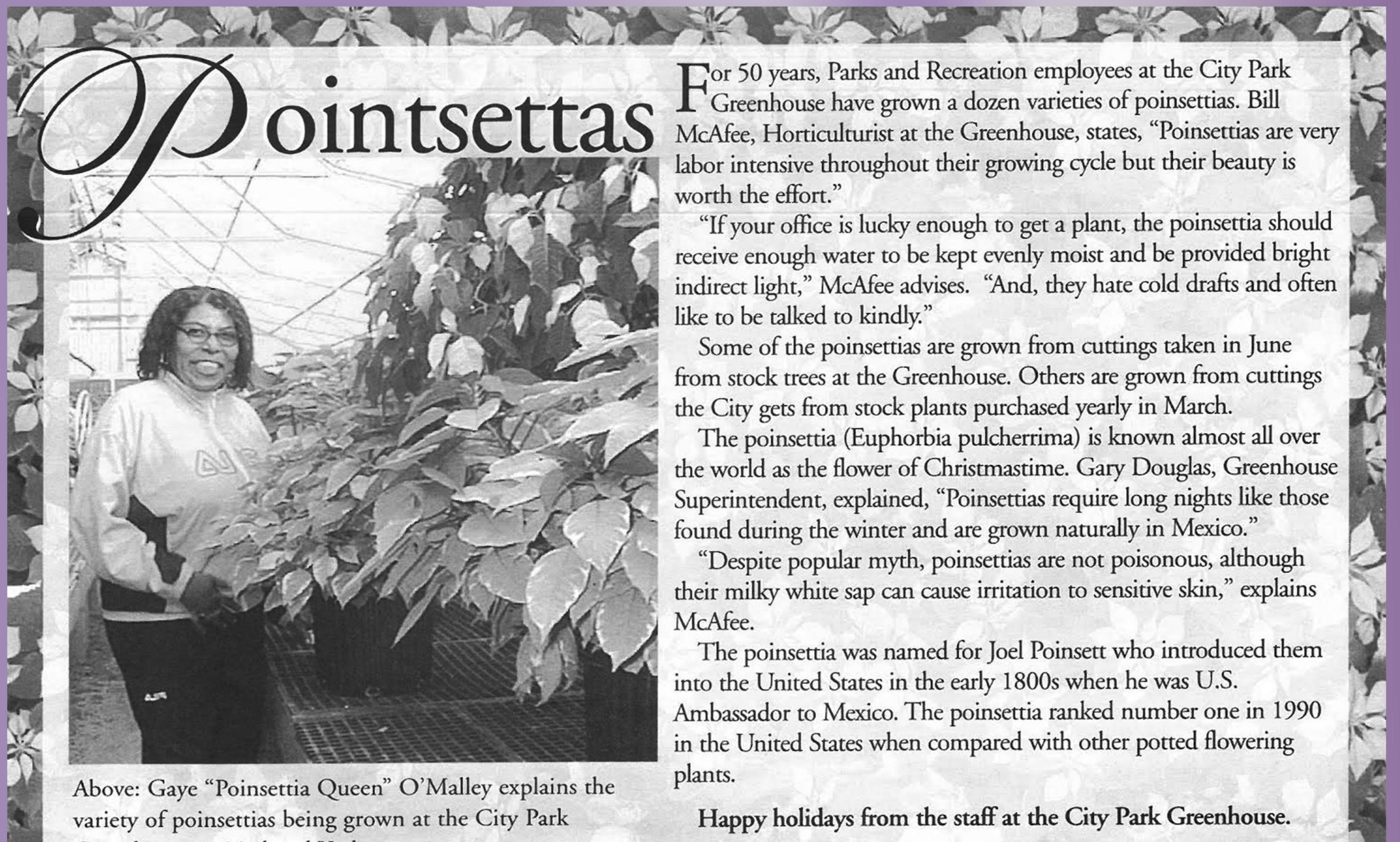
Gaye it's still unreal to me! They say GOD Expressing my deepest sympathies to The To the family of Gaye, the don't make mistakes but somehow I'm O'Malley Family. We, The Hackett family lived Bennett family would like thinking this was one! RIParadise Cuzz across the street from you growing up. My to say you have our deepthough we were cuzzins through marriage I sister and I played with you and your siblings. est condolence for the loss couldn't tell the difference, I'll miss hearing Gaye, you taught me how to play and love of your love one and our you tell someone "Dis My Cuzzin" when you tennis. Last time we chatted, you were spend- long time School mate... see me. Thanks for the love you have always ing time in the mountains with "Aunt" Pearl for rest in peace

TONI HACKETT

THE BENNETT FAMILY, DAVID AND-*FELICIA*

She is preceded in death by her father, Joseph H. O'Malley; grandmother, Pearl Hardy-Hardiman; grandfather, Albert Hardiman; grandmother, Luella Norris-O'Malley, and grandfather, Patrick J. O'Malley.

Gaye Lynn O'Malley made her heavenly transition on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. In Denver, Colorado. Those left to cherish her memory and mourn her loss include are her mother, Pearl Hardiman-O'Malley; her brothers, Patrick O'Malley and Todd (Lynn) O'Malley; her nephews, Patrick O'Malley II, and Steven O'Malley; her uncle, Donald Hardiman; and a host of cousins, and friends.



Tor 50 years, Parks and Recreation employees at the City Park OINTSETTAS Greenhouse have grown a dozen varieties of poinsettias. Bill McAfee, Horticulturist at the Greenhouse, states, "Poinsettias are very labor intensive throughout their growing cycle but their beauty is

> "If your office is lucky enough to get a plant, the poinsettia should receive enough water to be kept evenly moist and be provided bright indirect light," McAfee advises. "And, they hate cold drafts and often

Some of the poinsettias are grown from cuttings taken in June from stock trees at the Greenhouse. Others are grown from cuttings the City gets from stock plants purchased yearly in March.

The poinsettia (Euphorbia pulcherrima) is known almost all over the world as the flower of Christmastime. Gary Douglas, Greenhouse Superintendent, explained, "Poinsettias require long nights like those found during the winter and are grown naturally in Mexico."

"Despite popular myth, poinsettias are not poisonous, although their milky white sap can cause irritation to sensitive skin," explains

The poinsettia was named for Joel Poinsett who introduced them into the United States in the early 1800s when he was U.S. Ambassador to Mexico. The poinsettia ranked number one in 1990 in the United States when compared with other potted flowering

Happy holidays from the staff at the City Park Greenhouse.





