

*Everyone thinks that they have the best mother in the world and I am no different. You were more than just my momma; you were and are my everything. My best friend, my mentor, my inspiration, my rock and I can go on and on. Your smile lit up the room just like your personality.*

*You were a beautiful person inside and out and it showed by all the people's lives you have touched. You were that angel on earth and I am so lucky to call you, my momma.*

*Love you to the moon and back.... Alledine (Your Sweetie Pie)*

*To my loving and precious sister, you were my sister and friend and this I will never forget no matter what my wrongs you offered only love. Until the day you left me for your new home up above, I know you are still with me. Your love is within my heart though life is no longer present. Our souls will never part this is given to you in honor of all that we did share. I just want you to know my dear sister how much I really care. Sisters forever!!!*

*I love you, Rosemarie.*

*To My Aunt Gwen:*

*Oh, what I would do just to hear your voice and see your face, you were my special aunt and a great example of a real woman. Although I'm hurting, I understand why GOD chose you first, for if anyone is ready for paradise, it's you. Just thinking all of this is true, one who has made so many sacrifices, one who had been through so much, but yet came through. Your journey was not easy but your faith never faltered. You have been my courage, my hope, my strength and my inspiration. I am grateful for the years the Lord gave us together. Yet it broke my heart to lose you, but you did not go alone because a part of me went with you. I tried my very best to fulfill every promise. Every promise I made to you as I know you would have done for me. You left me peaceful memories and your love is still my guide. Although I cannot see you, you are always by my side. I will think of you each and every day. I will miss our talks, your smile and tender care because you were always there. We were all so blessed to have you here and I will always love you.*

*From Your Nephew, Greg*

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
*Gwendolyn Elizabeth*  
*Pelote*



**PROOF**

Sunrise: November 25, 1940 ~ Sunset October 14, 2022  
Saturday, November 5, 2022 | 11:00 AM  
**ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
1401 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. | Savannah, GA 31415  
The Rev. Guillermo A. Arboleda, Chief Celebrant

# Obituary

Ms. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Pelote was born in Savannah, Georgia, on November 25, 1940 to Mr. Alexander Pelote Sr. and Rosalie Best-Pelote. The second of four children, she was baptized at an early age under the leadership of her grandfather, Jessie Mims, at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia where she participated in the junior choir, the usher board, and Sunday school.

Gwendolyn attended Mrs. Lillie Hill Kindergarten, West Savannah Elementary School, and later she attended Woodville High School. Woodville High School's name changed in Honor of Mrs. Sopronia Tompkins in 1959 and she was part of the first class to graduate from Sopronia Tompkins High School. She was Ms. Congeniality and a member of Tompkins High School marching band where she played the clarinet and was a member of a social club.

Upon moving from Savannah to New Jersey, she earned degrees from Upsala College, Jersey City State College, and Seton Hall University. She was an educator with the Newark Board of Education for over 30 years teaching at Newton Street School as a Special Education Teacher. Gwendolyn's deep Christian roots led her to join St. Agnes St. Paul's Episcopal Church where she was a faithful member whose infectious smile and loving heart was freely shared at every Sunday morning service.

She is preceded by both parents Alexander Pelote Sr. and Rosalie Best Pelote Miller; brothers Carl Leroy Best Sr., Alexander Pelote Jr. and Alphonso Pelote; grandmother Mrs. Maude Best Mims, and grandfather Mr. James Miles Best.

She leaves behind a devoted and loving friend, Mr. Jessie Weems for almost 50 years; two devoted children, Mr. Michael R. Pelote and Ms. Alledine R. Goines; a special nephew, Mr. Gregory W. Pelote Sr.; loving sisters, Mrs. Rosemarie Pelote-Bowers, Mrs. Maretta Pelote-Daniel (Kerry), and Teresa Pelote-Thornes; one aunt, Mrs. Carolyn McCloud; three grandchildren, Mechelle Clair (Marco), Jonathan M. Pelote, and Andrew N. Pelote; three great grandchildren, Mario Jackson II, Mechi Butler and Morgan Clair; and a host of nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews, great grand nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. goddaughter, Dr. Rosalyn Matthews; and godbrothers, Robert Green (Poole) and Harold Lewis; also cherished family, Mr. & Mrs. Donikle Hardy Sr., the Oliver family, Chris Brown and Family, the Newton Street School family, and devoted best friend, Carol Branch.

## Gwendolyn Elizabeth Pelote

### **The Burial of the Dead**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
November 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

#### *Prelude*

*The Opening Anthem – BCP, 491*

*The Collect of the Day – BCP, 493*

*Isaiah 61:1-3*

*Psalm 23 – BCP, 476*

*Revelation 7:9-17*

*Blessed Assurance – LEV #184*

#### *The Sermon*

*The Apostles' Creed – BCP, 496*

*The Lord's Prayer – BCP, 364*

*Prayers of the People – BCP, 497*

*Eulogies (please keep remarks under 2 minutes)*

*The Commendation – BCP, 499*

*The Blessing of the People*

*The Dismissal – BCP, 500*

*What A Friend We Have in Jesus – LEV #109*

#### *Postlude*

*~Interment to follow at Hillcrest Abbey East Cemetery~*

### *Acknowledgements & Abbreviations:*

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Guillermo A. Arboleda*

*Music Director: Ms. Beryl C. Dandy*

*Reader: The Rev. Earl Herman*

*BCP – The Book of Common Prayer (red book)*

*Hymn – The Hymnal 1982 (blue book)*

*LEV – Lift Every Voice and Sing II (black and red book)*