

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PALLBEARERS

Dontae Nellum | Sadique Nellum
Freddy Wooden | Greg Finch
Dame Drake | Howard Nellum
Davien Bias | Tyshajuan Cotton

REPAST

Family and Friends
1802 Kelly's Path
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
Starting at 4:00 pm

Come celebrate her life with us! In honor of our Mother, Sister and Friend, please wear your favorite Ohio State Buckeye gear. She was the BIGGEST Fan of the Bucks!

With Sincere Appreciation

Our family is deeply grateful for the prayers and special acts of love and kindness extended to us. We would like to thank everyone who sent lovely cards, flowers, came to visit, made a phone call or sent a text. Your kind words and sympathy are felt by us all. We appreciate everything and please keep us in your prayers.



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Gwendolyn
ANN NELLUM

JULY 24, 1955 | SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

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Obituary

In Loving Memory of Gwendolyn Ann Nellum

Today, we gather to honor the remarkable life of Gwendolyn Ann Nellum, 69, of Beckley, West Virginia. Born on July 24, 1955, Gwen peacefully departed this life on September 23, 2024, to be with her heavenly Father.

Gwen is preceded in death by her father, Charles Nellum; her son, Richard Nellum; her stepfather, Franklin Pye; and her siblings, Victor Nellum, James Nellum, and Clifford Cotton, as well as her beloved nephew, Freddy Wooden Jr.

Gwen received her education in the Beckley City Public Schools before moving to Columbus, Ohio, where she earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from DeVry and an associate degree in Business from Southern Ohio College. Before retiring, she spent 27 years as a devoted employee of Roxanne Laboratories.

Gwen was a beautiful soul, both inside and out. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and radiated joy wherever she went. A true family woman, she was the light in her loved ones' lives, offering strength during difficult times. Her resilience and unwavering faith inspired everyone around her.

Those who knew Gwen recognized her as strong-willed, selfless, meek, caring, loyal and a woman who was true to her word. She was a devoted listener, always ready to lend an ear or a helping hand. She would always be there when you needed to talk, vent, laugh, and you couldn't wait to hear her perspective on things. She was so smart, you couldn't get anything over on her. She was quiet, the one that would sit back and analyze things, but she was quiet until she wasn't. Everyone that knew her knows she was direct and straight to the point even if it hurt your feelings. When that eyebrow raised and she gave you that look, you knew she wasn't dealing with no foolishness- she kept it real! Music was her go to. It was soothing to her soul. She loved her old school and would blow them speakers out, dancing the night away, just life of the party wherever she was.

Gwen was a devoted Mother and Grandmother, fiercely loving her children and grandchildren. She would always go all out for her children, Ricky, Tamika and Dontae. She loved them more than life itself, she was always a supportive Mother throughout the good times and the bad. She loved her grandkids more than anything. They knew they could always count on her support, regardless of the circumstances. They knew they could run to Grandma, and she would have their back no matter what, she never cared if they were right or wrong, you couldn't mess with her grandbabies. Her whole family was everything to her. She was so funny, always cracked a joke, talking her stuff then change over to fuss and then you would just be on the floor laughing and crying in tears, seriously she really should have been a comedian. She was the life of the party, and her humor brought laughter to every gathering.

A die-hard Ohio State Buckeyes fan, Gwen never missed a game and loved to cheer on her team in her scarlet and gray watching it especially with her sisters and brothers. Cooking was another passion; some of her favorites were collard greens with ham hock, and she loved her turkey legs too, blackeye peas, pinto beans, cornbread and cabbage...always had some beans on the stove simmering and loved making her famous homemade peach cobbler and sweet potato pie. Mama could throw down, she got that from her mama. Her garden flourished with fresh fruits and vegetables, a testament to her love for nurturing and teaching her children the importance of self-sufficiency.

Gwendolyn leaves behind a loving family to cherish her memory. Among them is her devoted and beautiful mother, Marjorie Pye; her children, Tamika Nellum and Dontae Nellum; her beloved grandchildren, Danaisha Nellum (Greg), Sadique Nellum (Morgan), Sha'de Harris, Dontae Nellum Jr., Milijah Nellum, and Dalila Nellum; and her great-grandchildren, Gregory Finch Jr., Gianna Finch, and Serenity Nellum; her loving siblings, Howard, Jerry, and Bob Nellum, Gloria Cotton, Alma Burton, and Patricia Carter; her goddaughter, Tiffany Keith; her spiritual sister, Percetia West; and a multitude of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Gwen, we will carry your spirit with us always. Your love, laughter, and unwavering support have left an indelible mark on our hearts. Thank you for being the incredible person you were. You will be deeply missed.

A Mother's Love

*A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems...
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation..
A many splendoured miracle
man cannot understand;
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.*

Tribute to Our Beloved Queen

“Mama”

There's so much we could say about you, Queen. We could fill this entire booklet, but we'll say this. Mom, you were the foundation of our family, and we deeply appreciate everything you've done for us. The struggles and challenges you went through and sacrifices you made for us reflect your unconditional and undying love for us, and the lessons you taught us will forever remain in our hearts.

Through your examples, you've shown us how to live, and through your actions, you've shown us how to love. Mama, we thank you for the gift of life. As kids, we sometimes didn't understand your choices or the challenges we faced, but your strength kept us together. You were not perfect and didn't have all the answers, but we always trusted your intuition because you had our best interests at heart no matter what.

You are a beautiful queen, one of the strongest phenomenal women we know. You always made something shake, always made it do what it do, and that strength is instilled in us. Standing Ovation, Mama!

Your sayings—like "a hard head makes a soft behind" and "spare the rod, spoil the child"—guided us. We now understand that your discipline came from a place of love, equipping us for the real world. There's no handbook for raising children, and you did the best you could. Without your love and guidance, we don't know how we would have made it, thank God for you.

As adults, we reflect on your words and actions, and we are grateful for the way you raised us to the best of your ability with love and resilience. For that, you deserve a Standing Ovation Mama!!

You were a wonderful mother. There was magic in your touch, your smile was made of sunshine, your laughter was a source of joy, your heart was pure gold, your eyes were as bright as a shining star. You are one of a kind, and we will always cherish that. We know you'll be keeping an eye on all of us, so we need to make sure you like what you see and be proud.

Now you're reunited with your beautiful son, Ricky. We can only imagine the joy of your reunion, and we know you both are watching over us, laughing together and celebrating together, especially with Frankie Beverley...LOL. Please take care of Ricky Mom and let our brother know how much we love and miss him. We'll see you both again.

It has been such a blessing to have you as our Mother. We are so grateful for being a part of your life and every moment spent. We love and thank you for everything you have done as well as the things you will continue to do from heaven above, but most of all we love and thank you for just being you.

Forever in our hearts, Forever in our minds...an unconditional love lasting forever through all time.
Rest peacefully Mama

Gone too soon, but your legacy lives on, you will always forever live in our hearts.

*Love you always and forever,
Your children Tamika and Dontae*

Order Of Service

PRELUDE
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SELECTION
Seleana Watkins
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HOLY SCRIPTURES
Elder Hicks

PRAYER OF COMFORT
Evangelist Kimberly King

SPECIAL REMARKS
Family and Friends

READING OF THE OBITUARY
Tiffany Keith

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Deasha Mitchell

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Pastor Neicey Johnson
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