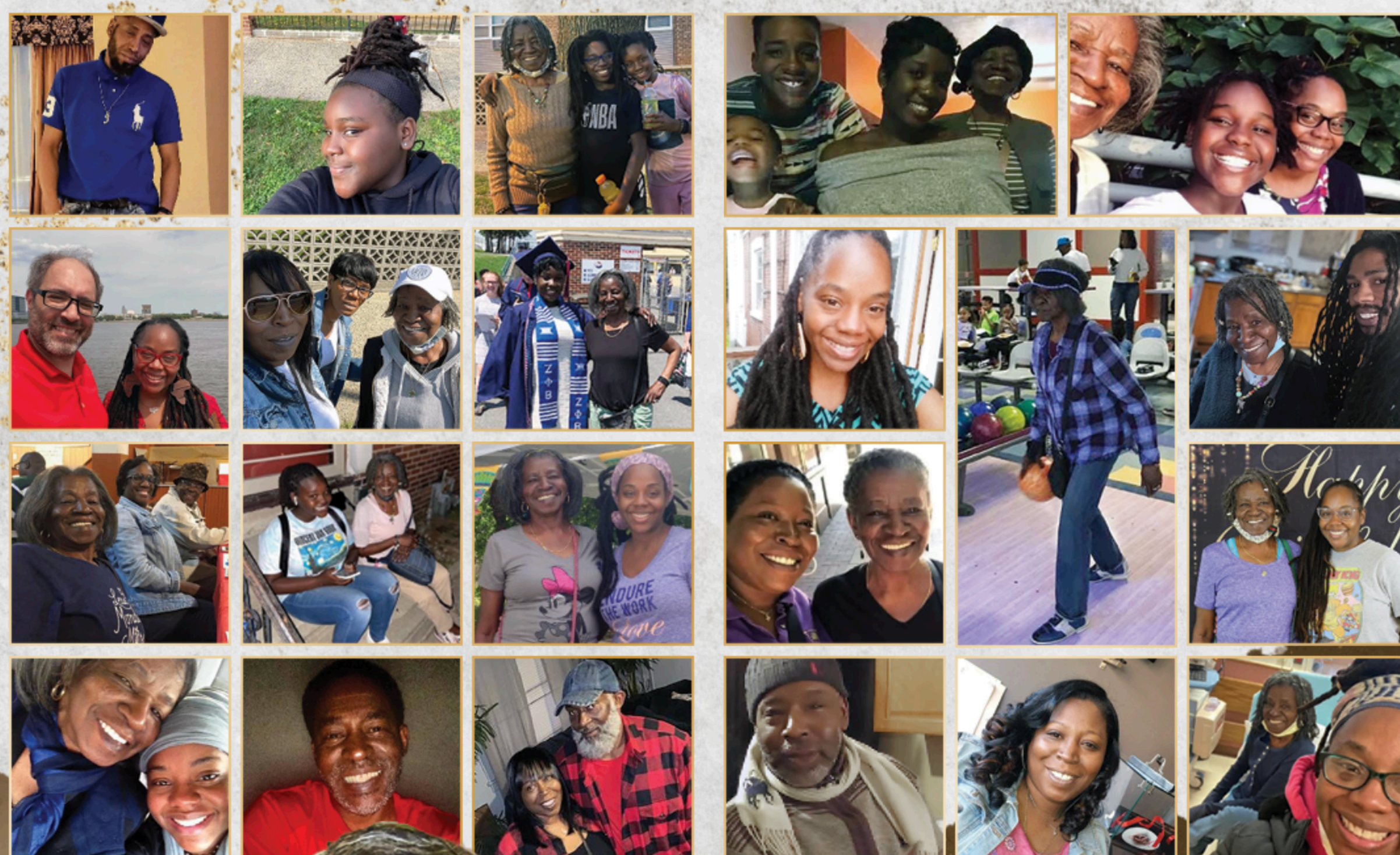


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# Gwendolyn LINDSEY

MAY 10, 1942 - NOVEMBER 24, 2023

GWENDOLYN ELIZABETH LINDSEY was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA on May 10, 1942 to parents of Native American descent, Robert Watson and Lois Watson. Gwen, also known as Jeanie and Cool Breeze, was the 4th of 9 children and the only girl.

Gwen went on to have 5 children: James Watson, Anthony Canty, Maurice Canty, Gwendolyn "Gwenie" Canty and April (Bell) Brown. Gwen often referred to Gwenie as her "stylist" and April as her "strength" and "change-of-life baby." Gwen talked to Maurice every morning, afternoon and evening without fail about everything and nothing at the same time. James as the oldest son cherished Gwen's cooking. Anthony as the second-oldest was the most outspoken.

Gwen was educated and attended Robert Morris Elementary School, Harding Junior High School and William Penn High School, all a part of the School District of Philadelphia which she believed in so much. Gwen was unable to complete high school due to family obligations. With the support of family and friends, Gwen would later go on to get her high school diploma in 2003 from Benjamin Franklin High School at the age of 61.

Gwen believed so much in the power of education and the school district of Philadelphia that she held several positions beginning in 1984 including Bus Monitor, Office Aide, SSA, and Climate Staff as well as volunteering after retiring in 2008.

Gwen believed in working hard and playing hard. Not only did she dedicate her life to children and staff at Spring Garden Elementary School but she was an avid dancer, Pitty-Pat and Tunk card Player. Cool Breeze could often be seen toting her lucky 10 of Clubs in Richard Allen Projects and later at Zion Garden Apartments and any event that involved Pitty-Pat. She also took every opportunity to do the Moonwalk to any song that gave her a beat to move her feet. Gwen was also an avid Eagles and Sixers fan, sporting her jerseys on game days.

Gwen leaves behind to mourn: 2 daughters, Gwendolyn Canty and April Brown, 3 sons, James Watson, Anthony Canty and Maurice Canty. 1 Daughter-in-Law, Sharon Canty, 2 son-in laws, Terrance Reed and David Schopp; 16 Grandchildren: James Watson Jr, Lashay Gilbert, Jeffrey Pigford, Charles Jackson, Taylor Canty, Terrence Reed, Taryn Canty-Reed, Latisha Tindley, Lamont Tindley, Angelique Canty, Tatyana Canty, Quinyohna Canty, Kelly Taylor, Tsyon Brown, Judah Brown, Ayodele Brown, and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Gwen also leaves to mourn special family members whom she loved as her own children, Twain, Toni, Sissy, Dee Dee, Promise, Todd and Ernest.

Gwen also leaves behind special friends: Ms. Boyd, Dr. Carty, Ms. Velma, and Donna.

## LOVE LETTER to Grandma

by Jeffrey Pigford

Hey Grandma, I just want to let you know how much you mean to me.

You've been there from the start and throughout my whole life, through my greatest achievement to my lowest point.

You never looked down on me and you always left me encouraged to do my best in whatever I put my mind to. I always want to make you proud.

I know I am grateful you raised a respectful man. I hope your transition will bring the family closer.

I know that's what you wanted.

We will always love you and celebrate your life.

Until we meet again, I love you, my Queen.



## ORDER OF Service

Memorial Service

Friday, December 15, 2023  
Service: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

True Vine Worship Center  
521 W. Lehigh Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19133

Opening Remarks

Pastor James J. Christmas Sr.

Prayer: Psalms 27

Taylor

Music Selection - *I Won't Complain*  
Regina Cooper

Words of Remembrance

By Family and Friends  
(2-minute limit each)

Acknowledgment and Resolution

Reading of the Obituary

April Brown

Music Selection - *Safe in His Arms*  
Regina Cooper

Final Words of Inspiration

Pastor James J. Christmas Sr.

