



Gayle Ashford Person

August 8, 1951 - October 24, 2025

Friday afternoon, October 24, 2025 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the promise was fulfilled when Gayle Iberia Ashford Person ascended into fellowship with our Lord. Gayle was the fourth of nine children born to the late Aaron Ashford, Sr. and Carrie Lee Taylor Ashford. A lifelong Richland County resident, she was nurtured and reared in a Christian home, with love for God and family. At an early age, Gayle accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. She was educated in the Richland County District 1 public schools, and graduated from Columbia High School (Washington Street). She pursued further educational opportunities at Midlands Technical College, Columbia College, and the University of South Carolina. After many years of service and dedication, Gayle retired from the University of South Carolina. Upon retirement, Gayle pursued other endeavors. Her most gratifying work to date, was with her family and friends. She loved cooking, sewing/quilting and horticulture. She shared her

joys by gifting loved ones with various quilts and delectables.

In addition to her parents, Gayle was predeceased by four brothers, two sisters and two nephews.

Other than God, Gayles greatest love was her family. She leaves to cherish her most

precious memories - three children, daughter - Dana Michelle Ashford, son - Dexter Marc

Ashford, and daughter - SaMaria Ashford (Ronald) Hughes; four grandchildren - Jereme

Emmanuel Ashford, Mekhi Ashford Hughes, Mia Taylor Hughes, and Carrie Michelle Ashford;

two sisters Beverly Ashford and Sonya Ashford; two sisters-in-law are Donna Ashford and

Ola Ashford. She certainly loved her family and children, but she was in-love with her

grandchildren. To half the bundle she was affectionately known as "GG" and the remaining

grands called her "ShoSho." Additionally, she leaves nieces, nephews, cousins, other

relatives and close friends who will miss her dearly.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens of Columbia SC 29203

9301 Wilson Blvd
Columbia, SC 29203

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223

A Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
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Tribute Wall

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“ LIZ O'BERRY-MCMILLIAN & FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Gayle Ashford Person



LIZ O'BERRY-MCMILLIAN & FAMILY - November 22, 2025 at 08:11 PM

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“ I REMEMBER GAYLE THROUGH DANA & MY DAUGHTER, TANYA. DANA WE OFFER OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOU, YOUR BROTHER & YOUR FAMILY. PRAYING FOR COMFORT & A PEACE THAT ONLY GOD CAN GIVE. OUR PRAYERS & THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU.

LIZ O'BERRY-MCMILLIAN & FAMILY - November 22, 2025 at 08:10 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences and prayers to the family and friends.



Tammy Harrison-Edwards & Family - November 05, 2025 at 03:14 AM

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“ To Simaria and family, I am sending love and my deepest sympathy to you. Your mom was a Beautiful Bright light to us at the Mount.

Edna Hailey - November 04, 2025 at 12:31 PM

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“ *Izola Gist & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gayle Ashford Person.*



Izola Gist & Family - November 03, 2025 at 06:50 PM