

## Notice of Change of Address

Dear Family and Friends,

Please be advised that I have moved. I received a call from GOD, the Chief Architect the other day, and He informed me that my new home was complete. You all know that I have been working on my building, sending up my timber, packing up and getting ready to go. I knew that my mansion needed some finishing touches and that the Chief Carpenter JESUS CHRIST, had to inspect it and give me the final approval. On the morning of October 23, 2019, HE let me know that my mansion was complete and that I could move in. He told me to go ahead and change my address!

Well, my new home is finished and what a sight it is to behold! It is located on an exclusive estate behind a beautiful Pearly Gate. It is just over on the other side of a serene celestial shore. Of course, you know the streets are paved with Gold and every day is Sunday, just like you've been told, I can walk and talk with the MASTER with not a worry or a care.

I resided at 46 Park Place, New Rochelle, New York 10801, but my new home is so much better than any other place I have ever lived. There is peace here, joy, happiness, no pain or heartache, no more pills or doctors, no strife or discontent, only sweet serenity. I can dine at the MASTER'S bountiful table and sing with the Heavenly Choir and best of all, my HEAVENLY FATHER is here in all HIS Glory! And Oh yes, I have my own designer here who has fitted me with my very own white robe and wings. I could go on and on about my new home, but instead I'm going to pray that you get to move here yourself someday! Before I go though, let me give you my new address: Gwendolyn Cynthia Golding Lawrence, 100 Glorious Avenue, God's Town, Heaven 10000.

Forever Loved,  
Gwen

P.S. I don't have a telephone or cell phone, but you can always call on GOD. If you don't know HIS number, read your BIBLE, it's listed on every page.

## With A Grateful Heart

The family of Gwendolyn Lawrence wish to extend heartfelt and sincere appreciation for your many expressions of love and concern during this most difficult time. Your presence and support here today mean so much! Words cannot express how much it means to have you help us to reflect, celebrate and capture the essence of our Mom's life. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

### PALL BEARERS

Sherman Lee Rowe  
Everrod Benett  
Daniel Stults

Dave Jackson  
O'Neil Bennet  
Leslie Cuthbert

### INTERMENT

Monday, November 11 2019 | 11:00 AM

White Plains Rural Cemetery  
167 N Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603

The Cartage Leaves the church at 10:30 AM

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ENTRUSTED TO

Granby's Funeral Services, Inc.  
4021 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY 10466

Celebrating a Beautiful Life

# Gwendolyn Cynthia Golding Lawrence

Sunrise  
September 24, 1934

Sunset  
October 23, 2019

Homegoing Celebration  
Sunday, November 10, 2019

Mt. Vernon Seventh-day  
Adventist Church  
230 S. Columbus Avenue  
Mt. Vernon, NY 10550

Officiating Ministers  
Pastor Pierre Eddy Laguerre  
Elder Desmond Thompson

## HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Musical Prelude.....	Songs of Praise
The Professional.....	Clergy & Family (Standing on the Promises)
Invocation.....	Reverend Lamont Granby Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bronxville, NY
Welcome & Opening Remarks.....	Elder Desmond Thompson
Old Testament.....	Sharmaine Jackson Hewitt Isaiah 57:1-2; Ps 23
New Testament.....	Bro. Donovan Boyd, Head Deacon Matthew 25:31-40
Prayer of Comfort.....	Pastor Willis Reed
Ministry Through Song.....	Mt. SDA Praise Team
Tribute & Reflections.....	Church Family ( <i>please limit remarks to 2mins</i> ) Sis. Janice Simpson, Head Deaconess Sis. Charlene Blair, Usher Elder Godfrey South & Bro. Raymond Thomas
Ministry Through Song.....	Mt. SDA Praise Team Ms. Inez Beckford The Lewis Family The Jackson Family
Acknowledgements of Cards & Resolutions.....	Sis. Janet Loten, Church Clerk
Musical Selection.....	Sis. Audrey Rose-Glenn
The Obituary—A Life of Service.....	Read Silently ( <i>Instrumental music</i> )

### VIDEO PRESENTATION

Musical Selection.....	Mt. SDA New Creation Choir
The Eulogy.....	Pastor Pierre Eddy Laguerre
Final Viewing.....	Granby Funeral Services
Closing Hymn.....	When We All Get to Heaven
Recessional.....	Clergy & Family



She was a Woman of Service in and outside of the church.

## A Life of Service

What the caterpillar perceived is the end, to the butterfly is just the beginning...



Thus, a new beginning came on October 23, 2019 for Gwendolyn Cynthia Golding Lawrence, affectionately called Gwenie, Lady, Ms. Gwen, or Aunt Gwen, as she departed this life and returned to her heavenly Father. God created Gwendolyn and commenced her life on September 24, 1934 in the beautiful Parish of EverGreen District, Mandeville, Jamaica West Indies to the late Hubert and Greta Golding.

Whether it was in Jamaica, England, or the USA, Deaconess Lawrence always had a deep love for the

Lord and education. She attended Comfort Hall Primary School; however, due to the early passing of her mother, Gwendolyn had to assume a leadership role in the family as she began to handle more household responsibilities thus preventing her from continuing her studies.

As a young woman Gwendolyn met and married Allan Noel Lawrence from Clarendon, Jamaica West Indies They both migrated to England to find employment. From this union they had two beautiful daughters, Diane and Veronie. While in England Gwendolyn worked as a Seamstress and Factory worker working with various textiles, which explained her love for clothing, hats, and fashion. While attending to her family and working, she was also actively involved in her church activities. She gave her life to the Lord and was baptized at Camp-Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Birmingham, England.

Deaconess Gwendolyn decided to start a new life in the USA. She migrated to New York in the early 80's, at which time the profession of choice for many immigrants was domestic work. Gwendolyn took pride in everything she did and being a House Manager for various families throughout the Westchester County area, primarily Mt. Vernon and New Rochelle was no different. She was grateful that her role of service extended beyond household chores and she became a teacher to many children. Gwendolyn wholeheartedly believed in Proverbs 22:6 *train-up a child in the way they should go and when they are old, they shall not depart from it.* She had a passion for seeing children smile and was a cook par-excellence - cooking was her love language. Gwendolyn was always willing to put the pot on the stove and soon you would smell the sweet aroma of curry-chicken, rice and peas, plantains, fired dumplings or whatever the request may have been. She would often say "she may not have much to give in money, but she had a Word from the Lord and she

could make sure your belly was full. The recipe that best describes Deaconess Gwendolyn Cynthia Lawrence is:

- 1 A mind stayed on Jesus
- 1 Moment of pray and thanksgiving
- 2 Seconds of willingness to help others
- 3 Drops of kindness
- A dash of love
- Gently mixed with faith and trust; then generously serve!

Due to various medical issues Gwendolyn could no-longer work full-time and was deemed disabled in 1998; from that time until her death she dedicated much of her time to the Mt. Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was a Woman of Service in and outside of the church. Her service was first and foremost through the Word of God, family, given and chosen, and with food. She served in the Church's Soup-kitchen, where she assisted in preparation of food and serving of food with love to the Mt. Vernon Community every Sunday. Additionally, she served on the Usher Board for 10+ years and would often recite the Psalms 84:10...*I would rather be a doorkeeper in the House of the Lord; than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

Until her death Deaconess Gwendolyn Lawrence faithfully attended Sabbath School and earned various certificates for completed studies, while diligently serving for 35+ years on the Deaconess Ministry, where she served Holy Communion and, visited the sick and shut in, until she was the one being visited. She loved her church family and adopted many as her family. Deaconess Lawrence attended and enjoyed the fellowship with her friends at the Hugh A. Doyle Adult Senior Center in New Rochelle, New York where she would brag about her Arts and Crafts, share her love of the Lord and famously share with others loads of treats-mangos!

Deaconess Lawrence was soft-spoken, until you got to know her and as she would say "the big talk can now start"; and she had an equally soft smile. She loved to laugh, and she was a comedian in her own right as she highlighted many of her stories, layered with jokes even though she wasn't trying to be funny, one couldn't help but laugh. In her spare time, she enjoyed watching Jeopardy, The Price is Right, Home Shopping Network (HSN), various cooking shows, and Joel Olsten. She was loved, honored and respected by all with whom she came in contact and was a lover of her God, her family, her church family and community here in the USA and Jamaica.

Deaconess Gwendolyn is proceeded in death by her parents Hubert and Greta Golding, her siblings Joseph (Sam), Gladys (Sister Mum), Imogene (Maroon), Guy (Robby), Gloria, Icybell (Princess), Vantie (Sis). She is survived by many who will cherish her memories, her stories, cooking, and laughter. She leaves to mourn her passing, her sister Elfreda (Blanche), daughters Diane Lawrence, Dr. Veronie Lawrence; grandchildren Chanel, Khari, and Daiyaan; and great-grand-daughter Amarah, along with a host of nephews and nieces, cousins, family, church family, and friends near and far.

Lovingly submitted,  
The Lawrence Family

*Deaconess Gwendolyn  
Cynthia Golding Lawrence*

May the Work I've Done Speak for Me  
Those I Love & Those Who Love Me  
I am always with you  
When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.

I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So, grieve for me a while, if grieve you must

Then let your grief be comforted by trust  
That it is only for a while that we must part,  
So, treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.

And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All my love around you soft and clear

And then, when you come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".

**-Author Unknown**



*God's Garden*

God looked around His garden  
And found an empty place.  
And then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your weary face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So, He closed your heavy eyelids  
And whispered, "Peace be thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

**HOLY  
BIBLE**



*The Daughters*

Mother Dear,

Told and untold memories, spoken and unspoken words  
presently flood the frontiers of my mind.

I look around and I see what you've left behind,  
broken hearts that I never thought would be.

Eyes filled and stricken with tears of grief, with thoughts  
in my mind of what now will never be.

I sit and wonder what happened to all those years that we  
seem to take for granted, longing seeds that we together  
should have planted and nurtured along life's road.

But that was not to be as God had  
a plan for you, and I to see.

Invisible, boundless LOVE that's the bond and holding key.  
Forever in my heart there you'll now remain for eternity.

So, take your rest sweet Mother Dear gently upon your Saviors  
breast, until that day I'm sure we'll see each other again.

Rest in Eternal Peace and Paradise.

*Love Always Your Daughters'  
Diane & Veronie*



Invisible, boundless LOVE that's the bond  
and holding key. Forever in my heart there  
you'll now remain for eternity.

# Loving Memories

Now, you've departed from this world to a far better place, where I cannot see you or feel your warm embrace; your precious memories and smile, will forever remain within the depths of my soul in a sacred place to be cherished forever. I will always love & miss you till we meet again.

*Love Chanel- Grand-daughter*

It's hard to believe you are no longer here, my mind is like a whirlwind trying to make sense of this void. Our plans to come and see you next year, were cut by God, but He knows best. I wish for one more time, just one to see your face. Grandma rest in eternal peace and paradise.

*My love always- Khari- Grandson*

Grandma, the hardest thing was to lose you as I wished to have the opportunity to hold you close. The stories of you and the memories shared will forever be in my heart and I will hold them dear. I know the Lord has called you home until we meet one day to embrace sleep in peace.

*Love forever more, Daiyaan - Grandson*

My GG,  
You gained your wings and now guide me from above. My loss is heaven's gain. I know you're at peace since you loved the Lord. You will never be forgotten as I carry your name through life and your memory in my heart.

*Love Amarah-Imani Cynthia Lawrence  
-Great Grand-daughter*

## A Beautiful Legacy

