



## Mrs. Gayle Goodman Murphy

July 11, 1963 - November 4, 2017

Hot summer day July 11, 1963 and you are born beautiful, deep dimpled to James and Frances Goodman. Nothing was ever quite the same because of your boundless energy and inquisitive nature. You were the baby, not spoiled just "privileged" to go on every fast food restaurant run with Mama and Daddy, movie night and where ever else they decided to go because you thought you were supposed to go. "Why Not?" was your way. We didn't find out you went until we were grown.

Growing up, childhood fun, living on Laconte Street was the joy of Gayle's life. We talked about it all the time. We got our foundation there. Learned how to deal with others, treat your neighbor as yourself, mind your own business, do unto others as you would have them do unto you, love, and laugh it is good for the soul. Gayle wanted to have a Laconte Street reunion. Her friends were lifetime friends. Going to Nadine's grocery, getting a chicken sandwich from Parham's, the coldest drink in town from Marshall's were great memories.

Gayle attended Jackson Central-Merry High School where she met the "legendary" Ricky Murphy. They dated throughout high school and it was no ordinary love. They married when she was 18 and were an example of being in love to the end. 34 years of laughter and love. They lived all over Arkansas, Oklahoma, Istanbul Turkey, San Pedro, California. Gayle acclimated well to each place developing great relationships, wonderful friendships, great jobs,

but her priority was always her family. She sought God continuously... How can I be the best wife to Rick? How can I be the best Mother? The best daughter to Mom and Dad? How can I be your best example of servant hood? How can I be love to my friends?

Gayle was called to be a servant for God a minister of his Word. She was faithful in ministry, faithful in study, diligent in prayer, worship, praise, consecration. She was often seen on the television broadcast ministering the Word of God. She loved her church family at Abundant Life.

If you are Gayle's facebook friend, there are mainly recipes she shared them to keep up with them. She loved good food. She would only give a restaurant one chance. If the food wasn't good she would use her famous line "They popped me down!"

Life Legacy Continued...

She loved music, laughing, cutting up, sweets, babies, you tube videos, and beautiful décor.

Family meant everything to Gayle. Ricky, Ronnie and Lauren said her greatest lessons were:

1. Walk the right path in life
2. Be a doer of doer of the Word
3. Be a blessing to others
4. Enjoy life to the fullest while being a doer of the word
5. If you run out of money this time you better have a plan

As a grandmother of eight, she kept her grandbabies for the entire summer. She wanted them to spend time in church, experience camp, amusement areas, fun with their cousins, she always said I have to teach them their

prayers and confessions. She was the Aunt kids dream of she kept Jaden when Nickie went back to work, ate lunch with Joe Michael at school, picked up Jacob, rocked Janelle and Joseph to sleep and always had snacks and candy for all of them.

She was unsurpassed, as a daughter, no Mother could ask for better love and support. No sister could ask for a better friend. No brother a more devoted sister.

Her BEAUTIFUL SMILE was signature and she always called you Pumpkin. When Gayle was around joy was in the room.

Love and missed by her sons Ricky (Julia) Murphy, Ronald (Charity House) Murphy; daughter, Lauren Murphy; mother, Mrs. Frances Goodman; brother, James (Tonya) Goodman; sister, Cheryl (Michael) Brady; grandchildren, Ricky, Jada, Jade, Kaden, Kaleb, Kallie, Kamryn, R. J. Murphy; mother in law, Mrs. Dorothy Ware; nieces and nephews, Nicole (Jason) Oggs, Joseph (Kimberly) Britt III, Shelbie Brown, Michael (Jocelyn) Brown, Ronald McGhee II, and a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her spouse, Ricky Murphy; father, James T. Goodman Jr.; brother, Ronald McGhee .

# Cemetery Details

## Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery

7931 McCrory Lane  
Nashville, TN 37221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Abundant Life Church  
2315 Joe B. Jackson Parkway  
Murfreesboro, TN 37317

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Gayle Goodman Murphy*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Gayle. She used to watch my daughter Danielle at her home. I am very grateful that I got a chance to meet her and spend time with her.*

**B.Davis** - June 16, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ *Peace Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayle Goodman Murphy*



**Peace Turner** - December 04, 2017 at 08:25 AM



*From JJH to JCM, Gayle has always been a sweet person inside and out. But, she and I really got to know each other when I moved to Nashville. We would run into each other at Publix's and talk forever, forgetting what we had come in the store to get. One day Gayle and I ended up at the same exercise Hip Hop class. The very funny thing about this is that neither one of us had any rhythm and every time we saw each other we would crack-up laughing and say, "are you going to class this week," and we both will say NO! and laugh. I'm really going to miss her sweet, friendly and caring spirit. Love you Gayle, rest in peace*

**Peace Turner** - December 04, 2017 at 08:29 AM

DM

“ From Jackson Junior High to JCM to adulthood, we have shared so much. Concerts, music, the love of clothes and makeup, shopping, skating, church, family gatherings, hopes, and dreams. We have shared the truth, the word of God, our love for God, and love of family. So blessed to have you as my friend. You have gone to receive your great reward. Well done. You have served in excellence.

*I lift up Ricky, Ronnie and Lauren, Mrs. Frances, Tommy, Cheryl and all of your family in prayer.*

*I hear you saying, "See you later, Princess. Love you. I say, See you later, Queen. Love you forever.*

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**Deanea Mercer** - November 13, 2017 at 01:21 AM

DM

“ Deanea Mercer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayle Goodman Murphy



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**Deanea Mercer** - November 13, 2017 at 12:59 AM



“ Mrs Gayle!!! Im still at a loss for words, this was an outstanding woman!! So much grace and class!! I remember the many nights I spent at that Murphy house with Lauren, the love Mrs Gayle showed me will never be forgotten!!! I love you Murphy Family!!!

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**Tabitha Johnson** - November 11, 2017 at 10:36 AM

JB

“ James Brenda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayle Goodman Murphy



James brenda - November 10, 2017 at 01:50 PM

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“ Gayle was a great friend, and I will miss her tremendously! She loved my children as if they were her very own. We shared so many walks together, and life's moments together on the military base at Fort Mac. I will never forget that she was the one to lead me to my Bethany Church family, and I will forever be grateful for her love, friendship, and family. May the peace that surpasses all understanding be with Ricky, Ronnie, and Lauren during these most difficult times. Remember we are here for you just reach out to us! With much love! Rainiar, Cathy Howard & family!

Cathy Howard - November 10, 2017 at 01:41 PM

GF

“ Gerard, Tabitha, Rainiar & Cathy Howard family purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Mrs. Gayle Goodman Murphy.



Gerard, Tabitha, Rainiar & Cathy Howard family - November 10, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gayle Goodman Murphy.*



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November 10, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ *Gayle & Cheryl. You two are SUPERHEROES to me! Always have been. I will forever cherish what we be our last visit together (Sunday Brunch in Nashville). Gayle. I your smile, your laugh & that Southern Belle molasses-dripping voice will forever be etched in my heart and soul! We love you Gayle! Rest in Heaven. You have your Angel Super Powers now! BUT GOD!!! Prayers and condolences from The Price Family to the Goodman & Murphy Family.*



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**Dr. Yolanda Price** - November 10, 2017 at 03:53 AM

DP

“ *Gayle & Cheryl. You two are SUPERHEROES too me! Always have been. I will FOREVER cherish what would be our last gathering together (Sunday Brunch in Nashville). Gayle. Your smile, your laugh and your Southern Belle molasses-dripping voice will always be etched in my heart & soul. I love you always. Rest in Heaven. You have your ANGEL Super powers now. BUT GOD!!!*



Dr. Yolanda Price - November 10, 2017 at 03:17 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gayle Goodman Murphy.*



November 10, 2017 at 03:04 AM

CE

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Goodman and Murphy Families.  
Beautiful picture of Gayle.*

*Carolyn Barksdale Ewing*



Carolyn J. Barksdale Ewing - November 08, 2017 at 10:35 PM



“ *Gayle was the most lovely person I've ever meant. We would talk on the phone and laugh and cry about everything. She was a wonderful listener, I could tell her anything and she would say that's right pumpkin! She adored my boys always buying them things and loving on them. Gayle Murphy RIH see you in Glory one day pumpkin.*



**Angela Brooks** - November 08, 2017 at 04:02 PM



“ *Thelma A Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gayle Goodman Murphy*



**Thelma A Murphy** - November 07, 2017 at 06:50 PM



*To Ricky, Ronnie and Lauren, it is hard to understand, and it may even feel really cruel that you are having to go through losing another love one that is so near and dear to your heart, but you hold the love and sweet memories of your Mother right there in your heart because she's still with you along with "Big Rick". To Ms F. Goodman and Cheryl you have my sincere deepest condolences during this sorrowful time. May God keep his arms wrapped around you all and strengthen you.*

*Jimmy Ray, Thelma, Montrell and Marlin Murphy*

**Thelma A Murphy** - November 07, 2017 at 07:03 PM

KS

“ I can recall many days & nights on the phone talking to Gayle. We talked about everything. We will say encouraging words to each other. After the end of our conversation, she would say, "ok talk to you, later, I love you." I will miss her, dearly. Rest my Sister. I love you, too.

Katherine Smith - November 07, 2017 at 03:32 PM

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I also wants to give my condolences to my God Niece Lauren (Lo), God Nephew's Ronnie & Ricky. To all other family members, we have to try and be strong. I have cried many tears and I know that you all have, too. Let's hang in there. Continue to be Blessed! I Love all of you!

Katherine Smith - November 07, 2017 at 07:37 PM

DW

“ Our deepest and sincere condolences to the Goodman Family! Ms. Francis Goodman you are in our prayers. We loved Gail as she was our family. On behalf of the Murphy-Ware Family we are here if you all need us. We will continue to lift you all up in our prayers.



Doris Ware - November 07, 2017 at 02:29 PM