



Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Ragland Long

August 16, 1958 - January 26, 2022

Gwendolyn E. Ragland-Long was born on August 16, 1958, at the Experiment Station in Jackson, Tennessee to her loving parents, Lizzie Ragland and the late Clifton Ragland.

At the early age of thirteen years old, Gwendolyn was baptized at the Middleton and Payne Street Church of Christ. She was a faithful member of the East Jackson Church of Christ at the time of her passing.

She received her education from the schools of Jackson, Tennessee. She was known by her family as “Sugamama”. She was a loving wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend.

She was a bus driver for 38 years and along with her side jobs: a server for the Old Country Store, a caretaker sitting with the elderly, a stocker for Walmart, and a concession stand operator for the Rodeo and the Carl Perkins Civic Center.

She was also a fashionista when it came to clothes, shoes, purses, jewelry, and jackets. She was a kind, giving, and helpful person. She would help anybody without a second thought. She enjoyed life and always joked. She had the biggest and brightest smile you would want to see and a laugh like no other. Her faith in God gave strength to all who were around her. She will be

truly and dearly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Ivan W. Ragland.

She leaves to cherish to her memory: her husband, Mitchell Long of Jackson, Tennessee; mother, Lizzie Ragland; children, Tamara Ragland (Melvin) Henning, Caria Harrison (Christopher) Thomas, and Mitchell Gillespie, all of Jackson, Tennessee, and Citchell Gillespie of Atlanta, Georgia; seven siblings, Charles (Linda) Ragland of Oceanside, California, Billy Ragland and Ronnie Ragland, both of Tucson, Arizona, Windle (Paul) Chambers of Chicago, Illinois, Gary (Gwen) Ragland, Tilda (Craig) Pearson, Perry Ragland, and Terry Willis Ragland, all of Jackson, Tennessee; thirteen grandchildren, Ta'Cori Thomas, Kendalyn Harrison, Kyson Thomas, and Cassius Thomas, all of Jackson, Tennessee, Aaliyah Gillespie and Amiya Gillespie, both of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Kennedy Gillespie and Kevonte' Brooks, both of Nashville, Tennessee, Mariah Dotson, Kaniah Dotson, Kylyn Dotson, Mitchell Gillespie, and Malik Gillespie, all of Jackson, Tennessee; a special brother, Raymond (Sara) Bonds of Indianapolis, Indiana; a special sister, Cynthia (Tappy) Steed; four godchildren, DaShunda Steed, Reginald Steed, Makhi Lee, and Tori Mitchell, all of Jackson, Tennessee; and host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

3360 Highway45 North
Jackson, TN 38305

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

East Jackson Church of Christ
1461 East Chester Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Ragland Long*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Praying and offering condolences to the Ragland family. Gwen and I were friends for over 50 years. My side kick in any situation, we could talk our way out of anything. Though we were Miles Apart, the Friendship was always there. I will “Cherish the Memories” at all times of My Friend. Rest On, Until We Meet Again. Love and Miss You Already.*

Doretta Pearson Freeman

Doretta Freeman - February 04, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ *Sarah Goyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Ragland Long*



Sarah Goyer - February 03, 2022 at 06:29 PM



Sorry About Gwendolyn

Jada - August 21, 2023 at 11:53 PM



“ *My daughter and her daughter was close friends. To the daughter, no one can take mom's place . Praying for you and your family.*

Sarah Goyer - February 03, 2022 at 06:28 PM

PS

“ Beautiful person!! Beautiful smile. My son loved you as his bus driver. You kept him safe. My husband said you drove better than any man! You did so many things for others when they couldn't. You and Cousin Lizzie kept Momma in greens ❤️ I'm glad I was able to share most of this with you. I'll miss you so much Gwen.

Phyllis Staten - February 03, 2022 at 01:43 PM

DH

“ Beloved friend and coworker always had a beautiful smile, God blessings to the family.
From Diane Holloman and family.



Diane Holloman - February 03, 2022 at 09:38 AM

SJ

“ Sylvia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Ragland Long



Sylvia Johnson - February 03, 2022 at 08:08 AM

PH

“ Pamela Hudson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Ragland Long



Pamela Hudson - February 02, 2022 at 08:36 PM

LA

“ I met Ms. Gwen when both of us did taxes one year. It's been many, many years but every time I saw her, it was like we'd never been apart. She drove my class on field trips once in awhile and those were the best trips of all. Her laugh would make a statue laugh back. She was one of the sweetest women I've ever known. The world has lost some joy but Heaven is hearing her laugh now.

Lynne Arnold - February 02, 2022 at 03:26 PM

JH

“ Jennifer Hardin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Ragland Long



Jennifer Hardin - February 02, 2022 at 12:32 PM

ER

“ I remember visiting Tennessee in the summers . My aunt Gwen would go out her way to make my brother , sister and I feel comfortable. She took us to the coolest places , bought us food , and would look out for us while my dad and Terry were at work . When I would go back home all my friends would be jealous of my new hair styles and colors that she would do to my brothers and I hair . She always is the cool one , and I will always remember and love her .

Erik Ragland - February 02, 2022 at 11:08 AM

BR

“ *Bobbie Rayner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Ragland Long*



Bobbie Rayner - February 01, 2022 at 03:34 PM

SJ

“ *Gwen was one sweet lady! She carried a smile and she cared for the little one while she was whipping and willing that school bus may she rest in peace prayers to the family*



Sharon (lil Shirley) Jones - January 31, 2022 at 10:35 AM

CE

“ *Gwen was a beautiful person. She always smiled. She will be missed.*



Carolyn Ewing - January 29, 2022 at 08:46 PM

ND

“ *Nakeyla Dodd-Vann lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Ragland Long*



Nakeyla Dodd-Vann - January 29, 2022 at 02:27 PM

PH

“ *We love and miss you but you will be in our hearts always Pam, Mitchell, Citchell and entire family*



Pamela Hudson - January 28, 2022 at 08:35 PM

MC

“ *My Condolences To The Long Family On Your Loss.My God give you strength.Ross/Carter Family*



Martha Carter - January 28, 2022 at 09:15 AM

JK

“ *Jacqueline King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Ragland Long*



Jacqueline King - January 27, 2022 at 10:36 PM

ED

“ *Elizabeth Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Ragland Long*



Elizabeth Douglas - January 27, 2022 at 10:17 PM

DD

“ *Donna Douglass lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Ragland Long*



Donna Douglass - January 27, 2022 at 06:14 PM

CB

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family*



Carmelita Brown - January 27, 2022 at 04:17 PM