



Gwendolyn Henderson

December 28, 1938 - January 29, 2020

Gwendolyn Stanford Henderson affectionately called Gwen was born to Edward Stanford Sr and Claretta Mott Stanford on December 28, 1938, in New Haven CT. She was the youngest of three children. Gwen was educated in the New Haven School system. She graduated from James Hill House high school. Gwen was one of the founders of Dwight Neighborhood Corporation, which later became the Hill Dwight Neighborhood Corporation. She was also vital in the formation of the Dwight Health Center that merged into the Cornell Scott Hill Health Center. She was well known for community advocacy work, during and after her employment at Community Project Corporation.

Gwen was the co-chair for Ward 3, New Haven Democratic Town Committee from 1988 to 1998. She was an employee of the State of Connecticut Department of Developmental Services (DSS) where she retired.

Gwen became a member of Ark of Refuge Church of God in Christ in 2009 under the leadership of Superintendent James T. Harris. She was appointed to the mother board. Mother Henderson provided enormous support through her tithes, prayers, and fund-raising projects.

Mother Henderson entered into her eternal rest on January 29, 2020 at Yale New Haven Hospital, St Raphael Campus. She leaves to cherish her memory five children, Prophetess Escelena (Pastor James) Harris, of Hamden, CT;

Theresa Mobley, Keletha Mobley, Shirrod Henderson and Holly Henderson all of New Haven, CT; Sister-in-law Mother Ruby Stanford of New Haven, CT; childhood friend , Lillie Mae Kilpatrick; 21 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and children who affectional called her Nana and Auntie. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and spiritual church family. Mother Henderson was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Stanford Sr, Claretta Mott Stanford and brothers; Minister. Edward Stanford Jr, and Elder John Stanford.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT 06519
(203) 624-5505

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church
285 Dixwell Avenue
New Haven, CT

Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ
285 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511
(203) 776-8179

Tribute Wall



“ I LOVE YOU MA. Untill we meet again. Thank you for your Love and support. I appericate you and I miiiiissssss You sooo much. I love you love always ur daughter Holly Henderson.

Holly Dorsey-Henderson-Diaz - June 06, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ Gwendolyn Henderson

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ RIP Nana you will be truly missed Thank you for everything and for always showing me love and support may you rest in peace...Until we meet again.



Annette Dorsey - February 03, 2020 at 10:04 PM



“ Lubertha "Bert" Bynum Hill And Family



Lubertha "Bert" Bynum Hill And Family - February 03, 2020 at 03:32 PM

SR

“ *Sanganette Ramsey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gwendolyn Henderson.*



Sanganette Ramsey - February 03, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ *5.5" EBN Kneeling & Praying Angel was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Henderson.*



February 01, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ *5.5" EBN Kneeling & Praying Angel was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Henderson.*



February 01, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Henderson.*



February 01, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ 5.5" EBN Kneeling & Praying Angel was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Henderson.



February 01, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ To Henderson Family: what an great woman Gwen was over in the hill neighborhood, doing her political duties,cook-outs,and helping the neighbor's in the area..Now going upstairs to rest and enjoy after her labor is done SIP my sister 🙏❤️



Helen C Powell - February 01, 2020 at 01:45 AM



“ Condolences to the Henderson Family.Mrs Gwen was a friend of my mother Chee Chee .. praying for you guys.



Nadine Wylie - January 31, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ Sending love & many prayers to the Henderson family during of sorrow! Love cousin Laura



Laura Mott Williams - January 31, 2020 at 05:55 PM

MM

“ Sleep peacefully cuz You are gunna be sorely missed but never ever unloved or forgotten. I think I got my entrapanuer/business sense/ attitude from you Until we meet again Rest!!!! lol love u



Maxine R. Mott-Floyd - January 31, 2020 at 05:46 PM

JB

“ I joy Bailey work at Arden meet miss gwen there am one off her daughter I love her I just want to send my condolences to all members off the family's sip my mother miss you but not forgotten you.

Joy Bailey - January 31, 2020 at 04:12 PM

SB

“ May you rest in peace with the best of them and i love you and going to miss you i can fill this page up with things to say but ill say thank you for being you as i Wright this i here your laughter i feel your tuch and your love sleep in peace auntie the Ball family❤️❤️
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Samantha Ball - January 31, 2020 at 03:21 PM