



Karolena Gamble

July 8, 1944 - December 26, 2021

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith . . .

Karolena “Dollie” Gamble, 77 passed away Sunday, December 26, 2021 at her home in Derby, Connecticut Karolena was born July 8, 1944 to the late John Author and Lucille Montgomery Gamble

Dollie loved her family and she enjoyed spending time with them one of the ways she expressed her love was through her cooking. She could give you a recipe but no measurements because she was a “down home cook” she taught her girls to cook in that same manner. Dollie especially loved making meals for the late Bishop Aaron Gore Sr. and family. She was a caregiver by profession. She took care of the sick and the elderly because of her sweet spirit all of the families loved her and she was always in high demand.

Dollie has many names-Mommy, grandma, mama, Gigi and aunt Dollie. She was aunt Dollie to so many people. She was loved because she gave love.

She loved to talk and she would tell you about yourself, in love she felt it was her right and her duty.

She was the oldest remaining sibling so she was “in charge” of the family. She was respected, honored, loved and adored by this family. She will be missed

but her presence will always remain with us.

Karolena is survived by her loving children Naomi Benson of Hampton, GA, Alfreda (Felon) Anderson of Moncks Corner, SC, Alfred (Kimberly) Gamble of New Haven, CT; Sheena (David) Gamble-Mabery of Derby, CT; Torrence Gamble Sr. of New Haven, CT, Shenetta (Alex) Middleton of St. Stephens, SC; 14 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren her special caretaker/granddaughter Alisha Moore; God Daughters Debra Keeton-Via and Denise China-Johnson and a special baby A'sani Maddox; sisters in laws Faith Gamble of St. Stephens, SC, Mildred Gamble of Greeleyville, SC and a host of relatives and friends.

She also survived by her brothers Leroy (Joyce) Gamble of New Haven, CT Lavern (Norma Lee) Gamble of Clarendon, NC, Ronald (Jannice) Gamble of Greeleyville, SC, Julius (Philippine) Gamble of Greeleyville, SC and a Sister Debra (Billy) Patterson of Lane SC

Karolena was predeceased by her son Kevin Winfrey Sr., grandson Torrence Gamble Jr. and her sisters Mattie "Tootsie" Driffin, Helen "Bill" China and Marilyn Gamble. Brothers John "Buck" Willie "Herman" Sam, Larry Gamble; maternal grandmother Ella Scott Burgess and her Paternal grandmother Ella Daniels and sister-in-law, Ann Ree Gamble

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthews UFWB Church
400 Dixwell Ave.
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Karolena Gamble*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *James Clayton lit a candle in memory of Karolena Gamble*



James clayton - January 04, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Sending condolences love and prayers to the family 🙏*



Latanya "Tanya" Blair - January 04, 2022 at 05:42 AM



“ *Ma you will truly be missed, but we will forever keep you and your beautiful smile in our hearts! Love you Aliecia(Boogirl) Winfrey*

Aliecia Winfrey - January 02, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ *iThrive Christian Church purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Karolena Gamble.*



iThrive Christian Church - January 02, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *Maria Coardes lit a candle in memory of Karolena Gamble*



Maria Coardes - January 02, 2022 at 08:10 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Karolena Gamble.*



January 01, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ *Aunt Dolly you will truly be missed I remember so many times when I was to come out to your house and Rockville and play with Sheena and Terrance and stay the weekend with you guys and just have a good old time my heart is so heavy right now but I know you are at peace you're resting god arms right now*



Shantell Warren - December 30, 2021 at 12:46 PM

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“ *The Matriarch of the Family. Aunt Dollie you will be truly missed. We love you soo much. She raised all of us.*

Shuwan Gamble - December 29, 2021 at 09:35 PM

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“ *Gary Bell lit a candle in memory of Karolena Gamble*



Gary Bell - December 29, 2021 at 08:43 PM

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“ *Gary Bell*



Gary Bell - December 29, 2021 at 08:42 PM