



Gaynell Simmons Goudeau

June 3, 1953 - July 11, 2025

Gaynell Simmons-Goudeau was born on June 3, 1953 in New Orleans, La and passed away peacefully in her home.

Gaynell is survived by her two children, LaTisha Ervin and Jovan Ervin. 4 grandchildren, Malaya Thomas, Dylan Dugue', Jayla and Makenzey Ervin. A brother Alvin Brown Simmons, sister Yolanda Simmons. Host of neices and nephews and her special friend, Rodney Keys.

She was preceded in death by her father, Rev. Otha Simmons Sr. Mother, Ruthie Mae Simmons, two brothers, Otha Jr. (Nunna) and Anthony Simmons.

Gaynell was a graduate of Francis T. Nicholls high school class of '71 and Southern University at New Orleans. She worked in marketing at Long Beach Transit where she retired in 2008.

While our hearts will miss her hugs, her voice, and her playful personality, we take comfort knowing she's at peace, in the presence of the Lord she loved.

We believe, as Jesus said in John 14: "Do not let your hearts be troubled... I am going to prepare a place for you." We know her place is ready, and it's glorious.

We will smile through our tears, carrying her legacy forward. Her life was a gift

to us, and her love will never leave us.

We love you,
Your children and grandchildren.

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