



Gwendolyn Louise Nolen

February 12, 1968 - January 29, 2025

On January 29, Gwendolyn Louise Nolen peacefully transitioned to join her ancestors. Gwen, as affectionately known by her family and friends, was born on February 12, 1968, to A. Jay Nolen, Jr. and Martha Pope in Portsmouth, Virginia. Gwen graduated from the School Without Walls in Washington, D.C. She worked as a Salesperson, Cashier, and Bus Driver for Norfolk Public Schools. For the past 30 years, she dedicated her life to teaching children with autism and special needs at Mount Herman Elementary School in Portsmouth, VA with SECEP, the Southeastern Cooperative Education Program. As an Educator, she shared her amazing creativity and demonstrated her sincere love for children, families, and the community.

Gwen is a celebrated cook and a lover of music, movies, and reality TV. A sophisticated lady, she is known for her talent to put together spectacular outfits and interior designs for relative's homes and school events. Her recent passion for fashion was with Shein and Temu. She enjoyed spending quality time with her children and grandchildren, and her grandchildren adored their "GiGi". Gwen will always be remembered for her vivacious spirit, sense of humor, and love of family.

Gwen is predeceased by her father, mother, and maternal and paternal grandparents. To cherish her memory, she leaves her aunt Jane A. Tucker; her uncle Soloman "Val" Lopez, her uncle William Pope (Patricia); son, James "Ryan" Vann, his wife, Katrina and their children Kamiya and Jameer Vann; her daughter, Cierra Vann and her children Zoe Daniels and Ashton Boyer; her son, Quayshawn Nolen; and her daughter, Rasheena Nolen and her children Amora and Aria Saunders. She also leaves siblings Angela D. Bethea and her husband Wesley, Andre Nolen, Crystal Nolen, Jimmy Myrick Jr., Veronica Myrick, Sarah Myrick, Jeremy Myrick, her beloved niece, Jimmell Peele, and her special friend, Terrence S. Battle. In addition, she will forever be loved by a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, her "bestie" and great-niece, Dalis Howard, and extended family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
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Chesapeake, VA 23323
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Service

FEB 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 21, 2025 at 12:57 PM

CV

“ Hey Mommy not a day that goes by that I don't think of you! its been almost a year and it has not gotten easier but I'm pushing through and trusting GOD! I love you so much please please please visit me in my dreams

Cierra Vann - January 22 at 08:05 PM

MD

“ Michael Duzant purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen.



Michael Duzant - February 05, 2025 at 10:13 AM

MD

“ Michael Duzant planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen.

Michael Duzant - February 05, 2025 at 10:13 AM

HR

“ My dearest Gwen, my heart is devastated. I miss you sweet hugs, contagious laugh, and huge heart.
Fly high and rest easy my love,

Always,
Heather Boyette-Randle ❤️💔

Heather Boyette Randle - February 04, 2025 at 10:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen.*



February 04, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen.

February 04, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ *Jimmell Peele lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen*



Jimmell Peele - February 04, 2025 at 10:13 PM



Gwen, I remember your infectious smile and your Love for your children and my grandchildren TaJohn and TJ. I Thank God for being in your presence if even for a little while. Continue to Rest in the arms of Our Lord and Savior. To Your Family I Extend My Condolences, I Pray that God's Love will Surround each one of you and give you The Strength you need as you go through this Journey ❤️

Veronica White - February 06, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ 31 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 04, 2025 at 10:11 PM

JP

“ You always told me, you lived your life through my adventures! You will continue to love on through my memories of you! The "Great ones" never die! Continue to watch over us! Your beloved niece! Love you always



Jimmell Peele - February 04, 2025 at 10:06 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen.



February 04, 2025 at 07:34 PM

LV

“ Lula Vann sent a virtual gift in memory of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen



Lula Vann - February 04, 2025 at 06:11 PM

CV

“ Mommy your presence was a gift everyone who knew you loved you! Life will never be the same and I'll never be ok I know you are at peace but I would give anything to kiss you one more time I love and miss you so much! Your oldest Girl 💕💕



Cierra Vann - February 04, 2025 at 06:05 PM

BL

“ Beth Lowery purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen.



Beth Lowery - February 04, 2025 at 04:33 PM

BL

“ Beth Lowery planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen.

Beth Lowery - February 04, 2025 at 04:33 PM

WF

“ Waymond F. purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen.



Waymond F. - February 04, 2025 at 03:39 PM

TV

“ Terri Valentine lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen



Terri Valentine - February 04, 2025 at 03:28 PM

SW

“ Sabrina Walker lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen



Sabrina Walker - February 04, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen.



February 04, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen.

February 04, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen.*



February 04, 2025 at 07:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gwendolyn Louise Nolen.

February 04, 2025 at 07:14 AM