



Ms. Gayle Genene Brown

August 18, 1975 - January 24, 2023

Our beloved Gayle “Nene” Mayfield was born on August 18, 1975 in Opelousas, LA, to Virgie J. Mayfield and to the late Joseph Curvis Mayfield. Gayle Mayfield holds a Master’s of Education degree from the American College of Education in Educational Leadership, and also a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Ms. Gayle also holds professional educator certifications in Educational Leadership at all levels and Elementary Education (1-8). Ms. Gayle Mayfield began her educational career in 2002 as a first-grade teacher at Grolee Elementary School. In 2007, she became the math teacher for grades fifth and sixth at Grolee Elementary. This paved the way to her passion and love teaching mathematics to middle school students. Ms. Gayle has been a middle school math teacher at various schools throughout St. Landry Parish and her students have had exemplary scores under her educational leadership. She has taught at Leonville Elementary, North Central High, and Lawtell Elementary. Ms. Gayle’s love and passion for mathematics and student achievement led to her becoming the NIET Math Master Teacher and the Math club sponsor of the Mathletes at Opelousas Junior High School. Ms. Gayle spearheaded the 1st math competition ever in St. Landry Parish. She believes that all children can learn but each learns in a different way and at different rates. She believes that with hard work and perseverance we can touch each child in a special way.

She was a loving and devoted mother, daughter, sister, grandmother “GiGi”,

Mother-In-Law, niece, aunt, God-mother, cousin and friend. Aside from being an amazing mother and educator, Gayle's greatest joy in life was spending time with family and friends over great conversations and laughter, while reminiscing about past-times. She had a passion for health and fitness and enjoyed going on runs, cycling and gym time. Gayle was known for her beautiful smile, that filled the room with joy whenever she entered. She lived her life to the fullest. While raising four boys, she also touched the hearts of countless students from all different backgrounds. While being a principle at Opelousas Junior High, Ms. Gayle also obtained her real estate license to become an official licensed realtor. She was a devoted woman of God. Ms. Gayle accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior and is now amongst the angels singing and dancing in God's kingdom.

On January 24, 2023, our dearly beloved was summoned from this life to her eternal home in heaven. Gayle preceded in death by her father, Joseph Curvis Mayfield of Opelousas, LA; grandparents, Efron and Mathilda Jones of Arnaudville, LA, Wilton and Florina Mayfield of Opelousas; godfather, Joseph Daniel Jones of Arnaudville, LA. She is survived by her mother, Virgie Mayfield; sisters, Carolyn Mayfield and Marie (Jermaine) Babineaux; children, Darrien (Da'Ja) Mayfield, Sr., Theodore Brown, III, Thomas and Devin Brown; and grandchildren; Demi and Darrien Mayfield, Jr. and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

We will celebrate her life on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 11:30 AM at Our Savior's Church in Opelousas, LA. Visiting hours will be observed from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the church. Interment will be in Serenity Memorial Park. Share words of comfort with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Not a Day goes by that you aren't missed, your name will live on through all your sons and grandkids. We love you and until we meet again - Theodore Brown III

Theodore Brown - September 11, 2024 at 03:22 AM

TD

“ So hard to believe you are gone but never will be forgotten 💔. I will miss our talks and encouraging each other. Miss you dearly. Prayers to the family.

T. Davison - February 23, 2023 at 03:11 AM

JL

“ Thank you, Gayle, for all the good times you gave me, and my girls. You were a joy, no, a blast, to be around, and always brought your "A" game to everything you did. It all feels like yesterday.

I love you!
Juanita

Juanita Linton - February 04, 2023 at 02:54 PM

BH

“ Dear SWEET GAYLE,

What an INSPIRATION YOU WERE to many 💖
FLY HIGH WITH JESUS 💖
LOVE YOU GIRL 💖💖💖

Bonnie Huguet

Bonnie Huguet - February 04, 2023 at 01:57 PM

SH

“ My deepest condolences to the family. May God’s strength and peace be upon them during this time. 🙏🙏🙏
Starlet Handy-Berry

starlet handy - February 04, 2023 at 11:25 AM

NF

“ Gayle was truly an angel on earth; she was a ray of sunshine and will be greatly missed. Heaven has truly gained an angel. My prayers for the family, friends, and loved ones of Gayle is that God’s love, peace, and comfort surrounds you like a shield. Sending you my prayers, love, and hugs.

Nicole S Freeman - February 04, 2023 at 10:45 AM

KC

“ I worked with her at Lawtell Elementary. She was a beautiful soul and an awesome Math teacher! Prayers and love to her family and friends.

Kathy Colligan - February 04, 2023 at 10:17 AM

AG

“ To the family of Mrs. Gayle Brown

Mrs. Brown was an inspiration to me. Although I’ve only known her for a short period of time....she touched my life in a positive way. From the time we met, she influenced me to do my best and convinced me that OJHS was family and she offered me a position at her school. From that time, Mrs. Brown always encouraged me to do my best and everything else would come together. Thank you to her family for sharing such a sweet soul with all of us. I loved her dearly and will always remember her beautiful smile, personality, and soul. RIH Mrs. B. 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️

Alana N. Guidry - February 04, 2023 at 09:31 AM

TB

“ Genene, you will truly be missed by many. Your beautiful smile, your laughs, your glow & the love you had for people will always be remembered. We love & will miss you. Rest easy Nene & fly high angel.



Tina Bias-Johnson - February 04, 2023 at 06:03 AM

LM

“ My deepest sympathy. Praying for the family 🙏



Lori Major - February 04, 2023 at 01:16 AM

CH

“ RIH Ms. Gayle Brown. You will be missed. You had such a beautiful soul here on earth. It was a pleasure meeting you as principal at OJHS, and as a teacher at Grolee Elementary when my kids went there. You definitely kept my oldest out of trouble and he remembered that. So thank you for all you did.



Cheryl Hicks - February 03, 2023 at 11:50 PM

LH

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Ms Gayle Mayfield . You are in my thoughts and prayers. Keep keep the memories of her in your heart. ❤️

Lovenia Sennet Harris - February 03, 2023 at 04:05 PM

KG

My condolences to the entire family. Gayle was a God sent to all our school children, she seen every child as a winner and never labeled the children. She will always be cherished in my heart. Rest on in the hands of the Lord Gayle! 🙏

Katina Guillory - February 04, 2023 at 09:08 AM

MW

“ *My Prayers goes out to the Families, Gayle’s visions was already manifested. Praying God wraps his loving arms around all of you.*



Minister Mary Williams - February 03, 2023 at 01:56 PM

SS

“ *May you rest in peace my beautiful friend, i still can't believe your gone. I will miss your beautiful smile and warm embrace. 😭*

Stephanie Schexnayder - February 03, 2023 at 11:17 AM

SS

“ *Stephanie Schexnayder sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Gayle Genene Brown*



Stephanie Schexnayder - February 03, 2023 at 11:15 AM

TM

“ *My deepest condolences and sympathy, to my dear family, Carolyn and Marie
Her life spoke for itself ❤️*

Tim Mayfield - February 03, 2023 at 07:01 AM

RE

“ Nene,
I'll never forget how I'd always look forward to
seeing you when I'd visit Marc & Astrea.
You're a special, sweet soul. I love you.



Royce Eckley - February 03, 2023 at 01:41 AM

SS

“ My deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family and
friends. Keeping you all lifted in prayer.

Sandra Smith - February 03, 2023 at 12:22 AM

GF

“ Gloria Fuselier lit a candle in memory of
Gayle Brown



Gloria Fuselier - February 02, 2023 at 09:32 PM

BS

“ Sincere condolences to the Family of Ms. Gayle Mayfield. You are
iny thoughts and prayers. Cherish the precious memories you have
of her. 🙏

Barbara Mayfield Senegal - February 02, 2023 at 06:41 PM

TW

“ *What a beautiful and precious heart - she truly was an angel! I absolutely loved the kindness and sweetness that she shared with us all.*
I was sad to hear of her passing, but it's the beautiful memories she left behind that made a difference in our lives.

Theresa Williamson - February 02, 2023 at 05:43 PM

AK

“ *Angela Kennerson lit a candle in memory of Gayle Brown*



Angela Kennerson - February 02, 2023 at 03:21 PM

AK

“ *Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏🙏*

Angela Kennerson - February 02, 2023 at 03:17 PM

DW

“ *Rest in peace Gayle such a sweet, happy and loving person 💜😭 everytime we met it was always beautiful times 💕 my condolences to the family 🙏 Love Dionne Washington ❤️*



Dionne R. Washington - February 02, 2023 at 02:17 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Boast lit a candle in memory of Gayle Brown



Dorothy Boast - February 02, 2023 at 01:27 PM

TT

“ Terminal Transport purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ms. Gayle Genene Brown.



Terminal Transport - February 02, 2023 at 12:11 PM

PF

“ Pam & Cedric Kizzee & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Gayle Genene Brown.



Pam & Cedric Kizzee & Family - February 01, 2023 at 08:56 PM

TN

“ My sincere condolences to her Mom, Mrs. Virgie, her sister Carolyn and the family. I'm keeping all of you lifted in prayer that God will wrap His loving arms around you during this time.



Tisha Narcisse - February 01, 2023 at 07:42 PM

BS

“ *My deepest condolences to her family.*

Bernice Richard Smith - February 01, 2023 at 07:41 PM

AA

“ *To our beloved Gayle. You were a true "light" to this world. You will forever burn in our hearts. We love you!!! Agents of Reality Realty LLC*



Angela D. Angello - February 01, 2023 at 06:37 PM

SS

“ *Glad I the pleasure of meeting you your smile lit the room when you entered your personality and kindness was awesome may you rest in perfect peace sweet lady.*

Shawndell Savoy - February 01, 2023 at 04:21 PM

SP

“ *Shala Pickney sent a virtual gift in memory of Gayle Brown*



Shala Rene Pickney - February 01, 2023 at 04:18 PM

SC

“ SORRY MS VERGE AND MARIE FOR THE LOST OF GAYLE SHE WAS A VERY PLEASANT PERSON I REMEMBER HER FROM WAL-MART WE WORKED TOGETHER AGES AGO AND FROM CHURCH MY PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY. SHE IS NOT IN ANY PAIN ANYMORE

sandra castille - February 01, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Gayle Genene Brown.



February 01, 2023 at 02:27 PM

RM

“ Rosalie Meullion lit a candle in memory of Gayle Brown



Rosalie Meullion - February 01, 2023 at 01:47 PM

LL

“ My condolences to all Gayle’s family. Her infectious smile is how I remember her as a student, then as a parent, and later as a co-worker at Leonville Elementary. May God hold all of you in the palm of his hand. 🙏❤️
Lolita Lemelle

Lolita Lemelle - February 01, 2023 at 01:25 PM

KB

“ *Gayle, you are a jewel and I am honored to say you were my sister in law. The beautiful times and the family you and my brother built symbolized what true family is and I admire the principled woman you are! Thank you for my four wonderful nephews! Although we may not physically have you here, your spirit, as I feel you, is still illuminating. I will always love you!* 🙏🎵📖💜✨

Kendra Brown - February 01, 2023 at 12:34 PM

HI

“ *Hilda sent a virtual gift in memory of Gayle Brown*



Hilda - February 01, 2023 at 11:18 AM