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Class of 1980

Pallbearers

Arthur Bentley
Marcus Jones
Rakim Melvin
Larry Owens, Jr.

Jimmy Clark, Jr.
Emmanuel Melvin
Jimmy Melvin, Jr.
Daniel Sayles

In Appreciation

Our family will forever be grateful for the kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy extended to us during this time of bereavement. Your love, prayers, and support have been a source of comfort and strength. May you experience in equal measure the daily restoration of strength you have generously bestowed upon us. Your kindness will forever be remembered.

The Gail Annette Melvin Rumph Family

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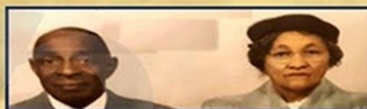
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Ms. Gail Annette Rumph

October 16, 1961 - September 15, 2026

Homegoing Service

Tuesday | September 22, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Saint Paul AME Church

114 Johnson Street | Oglethorpe, Georgia

Reverend Norris Harris | Pastor-Officiant

Reverend Dr. Angel Howard | Eulogist

The Obituary

Gail Annette Melvin Rumph was born on October 16, 1961, in Sumter County, Georgia, to the late John Henry Melvin and Catherine Williamson Melvin. On September 15, 2026, Gail transitioned from this earthly walk of life, leaving behind a vibrant legacy of love, joy, and cherished memories.

A proud product of Macon County, Georgia, Gail was a member of the D. F. Douglass High School Class of 1980. After graduation, she pursued higher education at Albany State University. She remained an enthusiastic, devoted member of the Class of 1980 throughout her life, delighting in every reunion, gathering, and connection with her lifelong classmates.

Gail accepted Christ and dedicated her life in service to the Lord. She was a faithful, pillar member of Davis Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Guided by the pastoral leadership of Reverend Norris Harris alongside various clergy over the years, Gail served wholeheartedly wherever she was needed—most notably as Church Secretary and Class Leader. Her commitment to community and fellowship also shone through her active involvement with the Bikers for Bob Foundation.

To know Gail was to know life, laughter, and style. She was a true D.I.V.A. who loved looking glamorous from head to toe. Known as the undeniable life of the party, Gail possessed an infectious sense of humor, loved telling jokes, and could light up any dance floor. She had a passion for cooking, opening her heart and kitchen to bring family and friends together over good food and endless laughter.

Gail was preceded in death by her beloved parents, John Henry Melvin and Catherine Williamson Melvin; her maternal grandparents, Sam Williamson and Rachel Rogers Williamson; her siblings, Thelma Mitchell, Annie Pearl Hamilton, John Melvin, Henry Melvin, and Joe McCullen; and her devoted friend, Eddie Lee Warren.

A lifetime of unforgettable memories are left to be cherished by: her loving children: Lorenzo Porter, Jr. and Kabreshia Harris (Van) both of Atlanta, Georgia, and Jerry Sanders, Sr. (Brittany) of Americus, Georgia; her godchildren: Trent Jolly and Stephanie Collins; her stepchildren: Shannon Brinson and Asha Jones, both of Atlanta, Georgia, Fredericka Rumph of Marshallville, Georgia, Tameika Sanchez (Gabriel) of Arlington, Texas, DaShawn Rumph of Cochran, Georgia, Eddie Warren, III and Piper Warren both of Orlando, Florida, Tamika Warren, Travis Warren and Frederick Raines all of Oglethorpe, Georgia; her grandchildren: Asyria, Eythan, Madyson, Micah, Malachi, Hannah, Jerry Jr., Kenzie, Kenna, Lorenzo III, Ciera, Kadijah, Wynter, A'lisa, and Gabriel Jr.; two great-grandchildren; her sisters: Shirley Hawkins of Perry, Georgia, Mary King of Montezuma, Georgia, Inez Owens (Larry) of Atlanta, Georgia, Rachel Clark (Jimmy) of Montezuma, Georgia, Jimmy Melvin of Jacksonville, Florida, and Willie Melvin (Vernell) of Atlanta, Georgia; her devoted nephew and niece: Barry Melvin of Atlanta, Georgia and Mistie Jones of Bonaire, Georgia; her special cousins: Cora Cephus, Laverne Perkins, Evonne Moore, and Calvin Melvin; her devoted friends: Shirley Coleman, Karen & Ralph Oliver, Eva Hayes, Gloria Meadows, and the members of the D. F. Douglass High School Class of 1980; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and many sorrowing friends.

A Wish Come True



If we could have a wish come true,
A dream that'd come to pass.
We'd ask to spend a day with you.
And pray that it would last.

We'd run to you and hold you close.
We'd laugh and smile again.
We'd listen so intently,
As you told us how you've been.

When time was up we'd hold you close
Not wanting to let go.
You'd smile and tell us, "See you soon!"
And somehow we would know.

That while it's very hard to wait,
One day the time will come,
we'll join you there forevermore,
When we too are called Home.

Our wish may go ungranted
But it always will be true...
we'd trade many of our tomorrows
For one yesterday with you.

The Order of Service

Reverend Norris Harris | Officiant
Reverend Dr. Angel Howard | Eulogist

Musical Prelude

Processional
Led by Pastor Norris Harris

The Final Viewing
The Final Sealing of the Casket

Hymn of Preparation/Prayer of Comfort
Elder Rory Edge

Selection
Anointed Voices of McRae, Georgia

Scriptures
Old Testament | Reverend Jeffery Cannady
New Testament | Reverend Alphonso Melvin

Selection
Anointed Voices of McRae, Georgia

Words of Comfort
Pastor Norris Harris

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Anointed Voices of McRae, Georgia

Eulogy
Reverend Dr. Angel Howard

Letter of Condolence
Congressman Sanford Bishop
United States House of Representatives

Acknowledgements, Heirloom Bible
and Memorial Blanket Presentation
J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional and Postlude

The Committal Service

Davis Chapel AME Church Cemetery
Oglethorpe, Georgia

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