Mama's Passing

There's a sadness consuming my soul,
Because your passing has left me less than whole.
There is no way I can tell,
When you are going to enter my mind,
Or even what emotions I might find.
I might be just sitting down to read a book,
Think of you – and at your picture –
Take a quick look.
That look might cause a smile to come upon my face,
Or sometimes, instead of a smile,
I might find tears in its place.
Those tears sneak up on me,
Like a thief in the night,
As memories of you,
Suddenly come to light.

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Doug Decker
Tatum Decker
Brandon Porter
Dedric Rumph
Justin Rumph
Victor Rumph

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Taylor Decker
Candice Pierre
Savannah Rumph

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you for being with us in our time of sorrow and sharing in our prayers today and tomorrow. God gives us comfort in the form of family and friends. May His peace be with you and may his love never end.

THE FAMILY

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IN LOVING Memory



Gail Rumph

NOVEMBER 15, 1949 - SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

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OCTOBER 10, 2026
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A LIFE WELL LIVED

Gail Rumph was born on November 15, 1949 in Peach County Georgia. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Fort Valley State College in Georgia. She later moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan with her husband, Jerry, and their son Victor, where she earned her Masters in Education at Western Michigan University.

Gail began her career in education at Northeastern Elementary School and later taught social studies at Milwood Middle School. For more than 25 years, she dedicated herself to the Kalamazoo Public School system, touching the lives of countless students, parents, colleagues, and families along the way.

To Gail, teaching was much more than a profession. She genuinely cared about her students and wanted to see them succeed both inside and outside of the classroom. Her love and dedication became so well known throughout the Kalamazoo Public School district, she became affectionately known as "Mama Number Two." It was a fitting name for someone who naturally cared for, encouraged, and looked after so many.

Gail raised four children, Victor, Qianna (Douglas Decker), Justin (Hope Rumph) and Dedric. She treasured spending time with her grandchildren, Brandon, Candice, Tatum, Taylor, Savannah, and Gianna, Kayden, Jada, and when able to visit, Alexis and Jayden. She enjoyed life and believed in experiencing it. Gail loved traveling, visiting new places, going to the casino, and making memories with friends and families. Her adventures took her to places such as Paris and went on the Middle Passage in Brazil. She was also proud to create her Black History Coloring Book for students, reflecting both her commitment to education and her desire for children to see themselves represented in the materials they used.

Gail did not only belong to us - but her family was also blessed to share her with the world. Her influence can be seen in the lives of her children and grandchildren, nieces, nephews, in the students she taught, and in the many people who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

After more than 52 years of marriage, Gail now rests alongside her loving husband, Jerry as well as her sister, mother, and father.

Thank you, Gail, for all the love, wisdom, support, laughter, and memories you gave us. You were truly an inspiration and an amazing woman. You will be deeply missed, but the love you gave so freely will continue through everyone whose life you touched.

We miss you, Mom, grandma, auntie and friend and we will love you always.

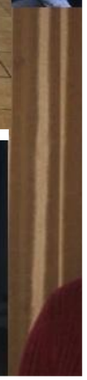


















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Rev. Keith Milton, Officiating

PRELUDE

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MUSICAL SELECTION
Minister Dexter Davis

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 3:1-4,11-13
Qianna Decker

New Testament....Matthew 5:4 & Philippians 1:3-5
Hope Rumph

PRAYER
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POSTLUDE

Family

like branches on a tree,
we all grow in different directions
yet our roots remain as one.