Celebrating the life of
Gail Ray McAfee-Martin



Earthly Birth
December 31, 1954

Eternal Life
October 20, 2026

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Goodway Baptist Church
255 Atkins Street
Philadelphia MS 39350
2:00 PM

Rev. Willie Rush, Officiating

Order of Service

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7

Mistress of Ceremony	Vivian Seales
Prelude	Soft Music
Processional	Minister and Family
Old Testament Scripture	Rev. Stan Jones
New Testament Scripture	Evangelist Ruthie Nash
Prayer of Comfort	Rev Jarvis Rush
Solo	Ayana Whitlock
Acknowledgements	Vivian Seales
Special Remarks	Patsy Coleman
Expressions (2 minutes only)	
Solo	Rev. Stan Jones
Reading of Obituary	Vivian Seales
Words of Comfort	Rev Willie Rush

Funeral Directors in Charge

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Obituary

Gail was born on December 31, 1954 to the late Gaddis G. McAfee and Esther Berneice Connor. Gail received her early education at Booker T. Washington Philadelphia Public Schools. After graduation she attended Mary Holmes Community College. Gail worked many years as a cashier, her later years she worked as a shift supervisor at Neshoba County Detention Center.

Gail enjoyed spending time with her family and decorating. She was a big sports fan, especially for the New Orleans Saints. Gail loved the lord and carried Jesus in her heart everyday; always willing to pray with or for you. In 1992, she married the love of her life. (Mr. Barry Martin)

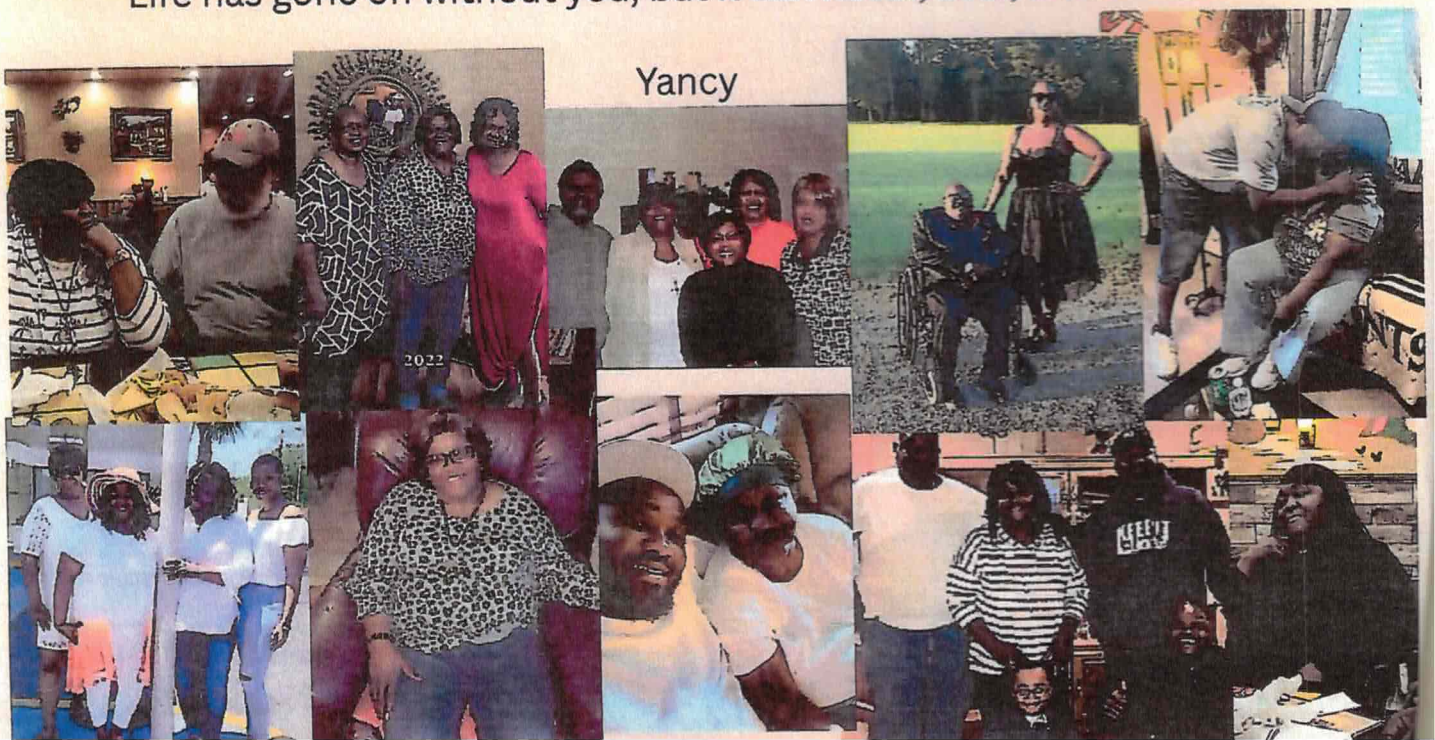
Gail is preceded in death by both mother (Ester Berneice Conner) and father (Gaddis G. McAfee), Sisters - Mary Ann Nichols, Deborah Henson, Ester (Brown) Wells, Jane McGee, Teala Gill, Dorine Sims, and Brothers - Thomas Conner, Curlee Conner, and Charles Ray McAfee.

Gail's memory will live on in the hearts of her loved ones: Barry Martin (husband), Children - Natasha, Cedric, and Yancy (Dominique) McAfee, Grandchildren - Ladarius Spivey, Jaiecon Ball, Sisters - Ruby Jean Brazzle, Beverly (Milton) Noblin, and Brothers - Gaddis McAfee, Fred McAfee, Cleveland (Bettye) McAfee, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and best friend - Betty Sue Hill.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY MOM

The moment that you left me my heart was split in two.
One side was filled with memories, the other died with you.
I often lay awake at night, when the world is fast asleep.
And take a walk down memory lane with tears upon my cheek. Remembering you is easy. I do it every day. But missing you is a heartache, that never goes away.
I hold you tightly within my heart, and there you shall remain.
Life has gone on without you, but it can never, ever, be the same



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To my angel Mom.

Mom, there isn't a second that has passed since you left this earth, where you haven't been on my mind.

I have so much I wish to tell you, the words almost seem impossible to find, for every day without you

has been the hardest battle I've ever faced.

I still find myself searching for you in every room, looking for you in every place.

I miss everything about you, your kindness, your heart, your laugh; the journey forward seems impossible as I continue without you on my path.

Because you were not just my Mom, but everything I hope to be.

I cherish our memories with all my heart, they are what keeps you close to me.

And on the day you went to heaven, a piece of me left with you, yet even though you're gone from sight, you are the light that pulls me through.

I hear your voice within, forever my saviour and my guide, and I know that if God allows, you will never leave my side.

I know you only want to see me smile, for you only ever wanted the very best for me, so I promise I'll try my hardest, as difficult as that may be.

I know that heaven is so lucky to have a soul as beautiful as yours;

I pray it's you who greets me when I knock on heaven's door.

But for now just know I am looking up to you, in awe of everything you are,

missing you now and always, as you're dancing with the stars.

Munch

Flower Bearers
Family and Friends

Pall Bearers

Timothy Boler
Charles Clemons
Jonathan McGee
Radeon McClendon
Yarnell Steele
Nicolas Triplett

Honorary Pall Bearers

Jessie Lyons Islah Martin Mark Stribling

Interment

Donald Rest Cemetery
Philadelphia, MS 39350

Family statement of gratitude

The family of Gail Martin would like to express our gratitude for all the prayers and love during this difficult time we say thank you for every phone call and words of encouragement. Our prayer is that God will richly bless and keep each of you.

Also a very special thanks to Neshoba General Hospital, Philadelphia fire department, Philadelphia police department EMT, Fresenius Kidney Care, and Cora Hollins.

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Goodway Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
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