



Tomorrow

When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand.
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand.

My place was ready,
In Heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.

Honorary Pallbearers

Henry Lee Kirby
John Kirby
Wilbert Fryson
Wilburn Karl Pope

James Cohen
Harold Cohen
Kenneth Cohen
Titus Stallworth

Active Pallbearers

Darwin Kirby
Cleon McFarlane
Christopher Allen
Derrell Caldwell

Chadrick Allen
Denez Stallworth
Barney Sapp, Jr.
Shawn Fryson

Floral Attendants

The Retired Divas of Tallahassee
Ushers, Macedonia & Pilgrim Rest P. B. Churches

The Service of Committal & Interment

Oakland Cemetery
838 North Bronough Street * Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Repast

The Kirby's Family Home
201 Kirby Circle * Havana, Florida

The Family's Message of Gratitude

We, the family of *Mother Gwendolyn B. Kirby*, acknowledges with sincere appreciation the comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and other expressions of kindness during this time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered. We pray that God will bless you abundantly.

Services Entrusted To:

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The Celebration of Life

FOR

Mother

Gwendolyn B. Kirby



Sunrise: November 2, 1950 – Sunset: February 15, 2026

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON

Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church
1027 DEWEY STREET * TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The Elder Harold K. Brown, Sr.
PASTOR - OFFICIATING

Reflections of Life

Gwendolyn B. Kirby, affectionately known as “**Gwen**”, was born November 2, 1950 in Tallahassee, Florida. She was the third child born to Louise Nicholson Cohen and Flem Barber. She’s preceded in death by her daughter: Kendrill Bonds; parents; and sisters: Cynthia Jackson and Marian Pope.

Gwen met her future husband, Henry Kirby in 1975. After a courtship, they married on August 6, 1979 and enjoyed 46 years of marriage.

Gwen found God at an early age and joined Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, where she remained faithful until she was unable to serve because of her health. **Gwen** served as the Chairman of the Mother’s Board and the President of Choir No. 2. She spear-headed the Food and Clothing Ministry, serving the surrounding Macedonia Community.

Gwen was one of the first members of the retired Diva’s of Tallahassee. She also enjoyed traveling with the Church of Christ Written in Heaven Women’s Retreat.

Gwen attended Leon County Public Schools and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1969. She also attended Tallahassee Community College (TCC) and Florida A&M University (FAMU).

On Sunday, February 15, 2026, **Gwen** was called to her Heavenly Home. She is now resting in the arms of her Savior. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Gwen leaves to cherish her precious memories, her **loving husband of 46 years**: Henry Lee Kirby of Havana, FL; **one daughter**: Erica N. Kirby of Havana, FL; **four sisters**: Beverly (Ted) Fryson, Tallahassee, FL, Deborah Cohen and Alder Cohen, both of Tampa, FL, and Angela (Titus) Stallworth of Tallahassee, FL; **three brothers**: Harold Cohen, James Cohen and Kenneth Cohen, all of Tampa, FL; a **special niece**: Roshannon (Wayne) Jackson of Tallahassee, FL; **four sisters-in-law**: Ira Jean Kirby, Eddie Ruth Kirby and Margaret Kirby (Herbert) Harmon, all of Tallahassee, FL and Shelley Kirby of Dayton, OH; **two brothers-in-law**: John Kirby, Tallahassee, FL and Wilburn Kurl Pope; a **goddaughter**: Alicia Figgers of Tallahassee, FL; a **godson**: Cameron Sapp of Tallahassee, FL; and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



Order of Service

The Elder Harold K. Brown, Sr., Presiding

- Prelude Combined Choirs
- Processional Pastor, Clergy, Officers & Family
- The Parting Glance & Seating of Family The *Tillman* Staff
- Hymn Deacon Robert Adams
- Prayer Deacon Eddie Graham
- Selection Combined Choirs

The Holy Scriptures:

- Old Testament Elder K. I. Vaughn
- New Testament Minister Shawn Fryson

- Selection Combined Choirs

Reflections & Tributes: Two Minutes Each, Please

- As Her Friend Sister Louvenia Haynes
- As I Knew Her Sister Deborah Hannah
- As A Christian Deacon Eddie Graham
- Family Tribute Sister Angela Stallworth
Brother James Cohen

- Resolutions & Acknowledgements Mother Priscilla Adams

- Selection Combined Choirs

- Eulogy* Elder Harold K. Brown, Sr.

- Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends