

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude..... Soft Music

Prayer..... Deacon, True Vine Missionary Baptist Church

Scripture..... Pastor Anthony Fletcher

Scripture: Psalm 23

Selection..... True Vine Missionary Baptist Church Choir

Acknowledgements & Condolences..... Sis. Dorothy Brown

Life Reflections..... Secretary, True Vine Missionary Baptist Church

Remarks..... Family & Friends (2 minutes)

Selection..... Sis. Alexandria Sharp

Words of Comfort..... Pastor Anthony Fletcher

Benediction..... Pastor Anthony Fletcher

Recessional

Interment

XII Gates Memorial Garden
9500 Bannister Rd.
Kansas City, MO 64134

Family Acknowledgement

We deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy in our time of great sorrow. There are really no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the love and support you have extended towards our family during this time of sadness.

The Family of Gwendolyn Hooks

Pallbearers

Michael Thibeaux

TJ Cleveland

Keith Leverette

Marcus "Tre" Cleveland

Adrian Langston

DeWaun Harvey

Honorary Pallbearers

Alvin Jones Sr.

Warren Thibeaux

Irvin McGee

"Don't Cry For Me"

Don't cry for me.

I will be okay.

Heaven is my home now,
and this is where I'll stay.

Don't cry for me.
I'm where I belong.
I want you to be happy
and try to stay strong.

Don't cry for me.
It was just my time,
but I will see you someday
on the other side.

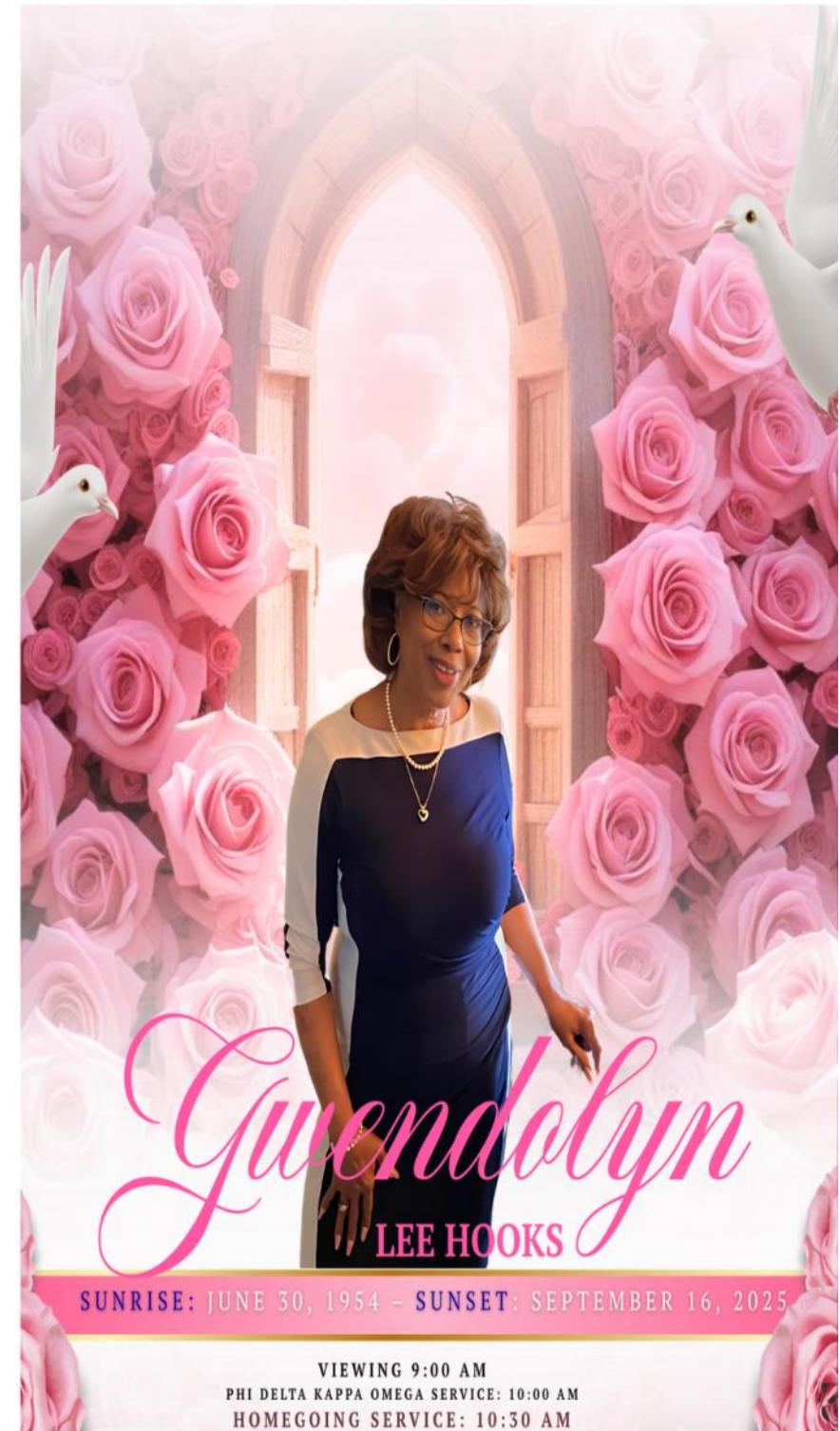
Don't cry for me.
I am not alone.
The angels are with me
to welcome me home.

Don't cry for me,
for I have no fear.

All my pain is gone,
and Jesus took my tears.
Don't cry for me.
This is not the end.
I'll be waiting here for you
when we meet again.



We Entrusted Our Loved One To The Golden Care Of:
Golden Gate
Funeral & Cremation Services, LLC
2800 East 18th Street, Kansas City, MO 64127
(816) 255-3676
A Service Designed...With You In Mind."



REMEMBERING *Gwen*

Gwendolyn Lee Hooks was born in Kansas City, MO to James Frank and Artie Lee Hooks, Sr. She was educated in the Kansas City, MO school district. As a majorette, she performed in three American Royal parades and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1971. She continued her education, achieving a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from UMKC, a Master of Arts in Elementary Education from Avila, and an Educational Specialist Degree in Elementary Administration. She taught from Pre-K to 8th grade, but she discovered her gift was shaping the minds of 2nd grade to 4th grade scholars. Although she spent many years in the classroom, she also held positions as an Instructional Coach, Reading Coach, Math Coach, and Vice Principal. She was a well-rounded educator and a dedicated member of Phi Delta Kappa sorority—a sorority for educators.

After teaching and being an administrator at several schools in the Greater Kansas City area, she retired from the Kansas City Missouri and Hickman Mills school districts with over 40 years in the education field.

Gwen enjoyed traveling, dancing, cooking, gardening, watching HGTV, playing her slot games on her phone (since she could keep her money in her pocket) and attending plays. Being a grandma and spending time with her granddaughter Leah was one of her favorite pastimes. Her passion for the Kansas City Chiefs inspired her to have a full wardrobe of Chiefs gear to be well-dressed for game day. She volunteered helping children in many facets, as well as families in shelters with her sorority and church—being of service brought her joy. She had an infectious smile and laugh that could light up any room. She had a joke for literally everything! She would have loved it if James Brown sang about bulldogs since she loved them both! On top of being a dynamic and loving person, she served the Lord above all. She attended and ushered at her family's home church, True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, for many years.

Gwen made her heavenly departure on Tuesday, September 16th, 2025. Her parents Artie and James Sr., brothers Clarence and James Jr., and sister Joycette were all waiting to welcome her into the pearly gates of Heaven.

Left to cherish her memory: Her children- Thomas, L'Sharesee', and Charles. Grandkids Gwen and Leah, her brother Warren (Kackie), and her sister Cheryl (Michael), a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

