



Acknowledgements

We, the family of Mrs. Gwendolyn Beatrice Baxter Oakley, would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness and concern shown during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you with His grace, mercy, and love.


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Mrs. Gwendolyn

BEATRICE BAXTER OAKLEY

December 19, 1967- January 8, 2023

-Service-

Saturday, January 14, 2023 11:00 a.m.

House of Praise Non-Denominational Church of Deliverance

1662 Joe S. Jeffords Highway Orangeburg, SC 29115

Gwen's Life

Mrs. Gwendolyn (Ginny) Beatrice Baxter Oakley was born December 19, 1967, in Orangeburg, SC. She was the daughter of Elder Willie James Baxter and Sarah Mae Johnson Baxter. She departed this life on Sunday, January 8th, 2023.

Gwen was educated in the Orangeburg Public schools of Orangeburg, SC. She graduated in Orangeburg-Wilkinson, Class of 1986. She was a cheerleader. She graduated from Howard University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She was initiated into Tokyo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.

Gwen has an impressive education career throughout her lifetime:

- Gwen began her educational career at Rivelon Elementary School
- She taught in Stone Mountain Georgia.
- She relocated to Tokyo, Japan, to become a schoolteacher
- August 2000 Yokota Elementary School
- August 2002 Lanham Elementary School, Assistant Principal
- August 2009 Vogelweh Elementary School, Assistant Principal
- July 2010 Byrd Elementary School Principal
- January 2014 – August 2020 Arhn Elementary School Principal
- August 2020 – July 2021 Anderson Middle School
- The family moved to Germany where she became a Principal for Vogelweh, Germany
- Moved to Japan where she was promoted to Principal, Byrd Elementary Negishi, Japan
- Became in Arhn Elementary, Camp Zama Japan
- Next became a Principal in Guam.

In June of 2020, Gwen was awarded the Order of Bushido Award by Major General Viet X. Luong, Camp Zama U.S. Army Japan, Commander. The Order of Bushido is presented by the commander for those who exemplify the eight virtues of righteousness, courage, benevolence, respect, sincerity, honor, loyalty, and self-control, while serving with distinction in the Land of the Rising Sun.

Some of Gwen's hobbies included: traveling, reading, shopping, and crocheting. She was very thorough and informative but had an incredible sense of humor. She commanded respect whenever she entered in a room.

She was married to Edgard Randolph Oakley, August 4, 2001. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Ariana Simoe Oakley, and Zion St. James Oakley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Elder Willie James Baxter and Sarah Mae Johnson Baxter

She leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Edgard Randolph Oakley; children, Ariana Simoe Oakley, and Zion St. James Oakley; mother-in-law, Eleanor M. Oakley; siblings, Quintin A. Baxter, Maurice L. Baxter, James A. Baxter; aunts, Elese Johnson, Charity Baxter, and Eunice Baxter; Ruby Johnson, Anna Ruth (Curtis) McClendon; uncles, Allen (Marva) Johnson, John Wesley Baxter, Edward Odom, and Clay (Shirley) Johnson; sister-in-law, Vanessa Oakley; nieces, Demenia (Sidney) Fulton, Khyllona Baxter, and Keymiera Baxter; nephew, Quamall Mays; and a host of cousins, other relatives, a large extended family overseas: parents, teachers, and staff, and friends.

Order of Service

Mrs. Yvette Lowery-Andrews, Presiding

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old & New Testament.....Minister Ruby Johnson

Prayer of Comfort

Evangelist Anna Ruth McClendon

Trumpet Solo by Mr. Willie Bradley

Reflections (Three minutes, please)

Delta Soror.....Mrs. Evette Lowery Andrews
Friend.....Ms. Tonya Sprinkle
Family.....Mr. Quinton & Maurice Baxter, Brothers

Acknowledgements

Minister Montez P.V. Haynes

Saxophone Solo by Mr. Chris Odom

Words of Comfort

Ms. Beverly Schembri

Committal & Benediction

Co-Pastor Necole B. Stroman

Recessional