



*Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.*

*James 1:12*

### *Acknowledgements*

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To send the family personal messages of condolence, please visit Alene's online webpage guestbook at [www.terryfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.terryfamilyfuneralhome.com)

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# *Alene Rose Gill*

Sunrise  
February 6, 1959

Sunset  
November 11, 2019

## *Homegoing Celebration*

Friday, November 22, 2019 at 11:00 AM  
River View Cemetery Chapel  
0300 SW Taylors Ferry Road  
Portland, Oregon 97219

Alene Rose Gill was born February 6, 1959 in Portland, Oregon to Lola Lee Gill and Herbert Kennedy Sr. Her mother raised her in a Christ-centered home and Alene accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior at an early age. Alene was educated in Portland public schools where she attended Jefferson High School.

Alene lived her entire life in the Pacific Northwest where she took every opportunity to let you know that she loved it and had no desire to leave. In fact, she didn't travel much further North than Vancouver, WA and any further south than California and would regularly tell her kids that she could stay right here in Portland and travel the world just by looking at pictures. Truth be told, she meant every word of that statement. Rather than travel she chose to spend her time making sure she kept up on her favorite past time, watching TV game shows! Her favorites were The Price is Right, Family Feud and every singing competition known to man.

Alene was a woman who was as simple as she was complicated. She was well known in N.E. Portland (The Hood) for being an extremely loyal person. She was known for her jovial personality and infectious laugh. Her warm personality and desire to help others going through hard times, made her an anchor of trust amongst those who knew her. She had loving adoration and non-judging support for all of her nieces and nephews which made her a favorite to many of them. She looked out for those that needed it in her own way, often finding ways to help them out in their most difficult times. Alene truly believed in them all, wanted the best for all of them and she was very vocal about this. Never speaking anything but love and support of them. Alene's children were often told how Alene's smile and the way her face lit up when they walked through the door, made them feel loved. She had a unique ability to make the hardest days feel like they were going to be alright.

Most importantly throughout her life, Alene stayed true to herself and never wandered. Over the course of her life she swung for the fences, many times striking out. The important thing is that she never stopped swinging. She loved life and she fought hard until the very end. Alene leaves to cherish her memory: her two loving children: Louis Charles Taylor (Marissa), Ronnet Rashaunda Bryant; four siblings, Tina Taplin (Charles), Lee Gill (Mary), Shirley Murphy (Fred), Eugene Gill; two grandchildren: Savannah Taylor (13), Maleah Taylor (10), a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and cherished friends.



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## Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional	Clergy & Family
Officiating	Rev. Dr. Paul A. Stoot, Sr. Sr. Pastor of the Greater Trinity Church (Everett, WA)
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Dr. Paul A. Stoot, Sr.
Scripture Reading	Old Testament 2 Corinthians 5:1-10      Anthony Gill New Testament John 14:27-28      Keyunna Baker
Musical Selection	
Obituary Reading	Michelle Gill
Words of Expression	Rev. Dr. Paul A. Stoot, Sr.
Musical Selection	
Eulogy	Louis Taylor
Viewing	
Recessional	
Interment	River View Cemetery

### Pallbearers

Louis C. Taylor	Melynn E. Baker
Anthony D. Gill	JaQuawn B. Brookins

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."  
- Maya Angelou

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."  
- Maya Angelou