



Ms. Gail Robyn Buckner Odom

June 23, 1937 - December 28, 2024

ODOM, Ms. Gail Robyn Buckner - Age 87, transitioned on Saturday, December 28, 2024 in Portage, Michigan. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. 48505. Gail was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) from her 4th grandfather Charles Storum and Daughters of the Union (DOU) from her 2nd Grandfather Moses Wright, who served in the 10th Calvary Regiment of Lapeer, Michigan. She was the first African American woman member of the Genesee County's DAR chapter. She was the 3rd generation graduate of Flint Central High School and University of Michigan (Flint). She taught school at Flint Public Schools for over 40 years. Gail had a great love for genealogy, golfing, gardening, the arts, and music. Most of her genealogy research was done at the Flint Public Library now renamed the Gloria Coles Flint Public Library where she was able to go back 7 generations which is unheard of for African Americans due to slavery. She attended the First Church of Christ Scientist in Flint until she moved with her daughter to Kalamazoo, Michigan. She also took Christian Science teachings under Elis Moore for a number of years. Gail was a member of the Flint Institute of Arts and Flint Institute of Music. She enjoyed most music; classical, jazz, and global. Her most recent CD was jazz by Les McCann that was gifted to her from staff at StoryPoint Memory Care in Portage, Michigan. She leaves to cherish her memories, her devoted daughter; Kyle Odom (Dundi), her Grandson Michael Neeley, her great

granddaughter Asa Edwards Neeley, her sister Janis DeGroat; nieces and nephews, Craig (Terri) DeGroat, Kelley (Alton) DeGroat, Kim Buckner, Kevin Buckner, Kerry Buckner, Joy (Darryl) Holmes, Kent (Nicole) Buckner Jr. Host of many other great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. Her father, Melvin Buckner passed in 1979. Her mother, Ruth Buckner passed in 2003. Her brother, Kent Buckner passed in 1996. A special mention to cousins Brenda (Earl) Bryant and Robin Fields. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Gloria Coles Flint Public Library, 1026 E. Kearsley St., Flint, MI

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 21. 1:30 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Gail Robyn Buckner Odom*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - June 23, 2025 at 09:27 AM

DM

“ *Remembering the vibrant Ms. Gail teaching us to dance with belly dance wraps, I could barely keep up and she is almost 20 years my senior. Rest well Ms. Gail, life well lived. Sincere condolences to Dundi and family!*

Diane Milner - June 25, 2025 at 03:54 PM

EA

“ *I Met and fell in Love with Mother's first cousin! She was and will remind a strong memory in my life* ❤️ 🙏

Earlice - June 21, 2025 at 02:35 PM

AD

“ *My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during their time of sadness!*



AC Dumas - May 29, 2025 at 09:41 AM

TJ

“ *Tonya Jackson-Battle lit a candle in memory of Gail Odom*



Tonya Jackson-Battle - February 01, 2025 at 06:50 PM

CJ

“ *Colleen Jenkins-Roberts lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gail Robyn Buckner Odom*



Colleen Jenkins-Roberts - January 24, 2025 at 07:29 PM

DM

“ *Debra Miller lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gail Robyn Buckner Odom*



Debra Miller - January 22, 2025 at 03:58 PM

ET

“ *May the angels welcome her to Paradise 🙏*



Ernelle Taylor - January 17, 2025 at 05:29 AM

WP

“ *Wildeane Payne lit a candle in memory of Gail Odom*



Wildeane Payne - January 12, 2025 at 08:50 PM

GG

“ *I had the privilege of teaching with Gail at Manley School. She was an excellent teacher and a fountain of wisdom.*

Gwendolyn Gaines - January 12, 2025 at 01:32 PM

BR

“ *Belinda Gail Ross sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Gail Robyn Buckner Odom*



Belinda Gail Ross - January 10, 2025 at 06:15 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Burks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gail Robyn Buckner Odom*



Cassandra Burks - January 10, 2025 at 06:14 PM

DM

“ *Dolorise Moman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Gail Robyn Buckner Odom*



Dolorise Moman - January 10, 2025 at 03:55 PM

DM

“ *Remembering one of the best teachers ever fly high Ms. Odom*



Dolorise Moman - January 10, 2025 at 03:54 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Gail Odom*



Brenda Kimble - January 10, 2025 at 01:50 PM

VN

“ *Veronica Nickens lit a candle in memory of Gail Odom*



Veronica Nickens - January 10, 2025 at 01:39 PM

DM

“ R.I.H.P. Ms. Odom!🕊️ I'll always love you!
You were a beautiful lady and an amazing
educator!😊🙏❤️



Deb Milling - January 10, 2025 at 11:47 AM

DO

“ Deloris Odom sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ms. Gail Robyn Buckner Odom



Deloris Odom - January 10, 2025 at 09:50 AM

KB

“ Buckner Family



Kim Buckner - January 09, 2025 at 07:30 PM