



*Gwendolyn Yvette Smallwood*

*(Nee) Madison*

**HOME GOING**

*Saturday, January 16, 2016*

*Viewing 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.*

*10:00 A.M. Service*

*Rev. Calvin Williams- Eulogist*

*St Luke C. C. Church*

*Fourth Street & Central Avenue*

*Chester, Pennsylvania*



# The Obituary

Gwendolyn Yvette Madison was born in Delaware County Memorial Hospital on August 10, 1961 to Evelyn Madison and Wendell Gans. She Departed this life on January 4, 2016 surrounded by her loving family.

Gwen received her education in the Chester Upland School System. After School she worked at the Chester Extended Care Facility where she held several positions.

She fell in love and married the late Dennis Kenneth Smallwood. From this union four beautiful children were born.

Gwen had several hobbies which included: completing puzzles, playing games on her phone, partying, and sports. She was a diehard Dallas Cowboys fan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Smallwood; Brother, Todd Madison; Grandmother, Ada Holley; and two nephews, Maurice (Reese) Madison and Marty McCommons, Jr; Sister-In-Law, Elsie Smallwood.

She leaves to cherish many memories, her two sons, Dante Madison and Dennis Madison; two daughters, Yvette Madison, and Hope Madison; her special friend, David Thompson; her parents, Evelyn Madison and Wendell Gans; Six sisters, Eunice Madison, Antoinette Madison, Cassandra Madison, Evelyn Madison, Jackie Madison and Myra Sington; and five brothers, Wendell Madison, Vern Madison, William Martin, Larry and Jerry Meades, Sister-in-laws Mona Lisa Butler (Mike), Joan Davis, Paulette Fuller. Brother in laws, Paul Smallwood (Gloria) Edwin Smallwood (Novia). Fifteen Grandchildren, Four Aunts, Three Uncles, a special Uncle Vern Holley; Special Aunt Justine Holley; Special Cousin, Joe Hofmann and a host of nieces, Nephews, Cousins and other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Closing of Bier

Opening Hymn

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Calvin Williams

Solo.....Michael Church

Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo.....Darius Jones

Acknowledgements

The Obituary.....Chelsea Rogers

Solo.....Yvette Musa

Reflections and Remarks

Eulogy.....Rev. Calvin Williams

Final Viewing and Signing of the Casket.....Immediate Family Only

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

## *Loss of Mother*

Now that I am gone, remember me with smiles and laughter. And if you need to cry, cry with your brother and sister who walks in grief beside you. And when you need me, put your arms around anyone and give to them what you need to give me. There are so many who need so much I want to leave you something. Something much better than words or sounds. Look for me in the people I've known or helped in some special way. Let me live in your heart as well as in your mind, You can love me most by letting love reach out to our loved ones. By embracing them and living in their love. Love does not die, people do. So, when all that is left of me is love, give me away as best you can.

## *Dear Sister in Heaven*

I sit here and ponder how very much I'd like to talk with you today. There are so many things that we didn't get to say. I know how much you care for me and how much I care for you. And each time that I think of you I know you'll miss me too. An angel came and took you by the hand and said your place was ready in Heaven far above.... And you had to leave behind all those you dearly loved. You had so much to live for, you had so much to do.... It still seems impossible that God was taking you. And though your life on earth is past, in Heaven it starts anew. You'll have eternity just as God has promised you. And though you've walked through Heaven's gate, we are never far apart. For every time I think of you, you're right here deep within my heart.

Sisters and Brothers

# Missing a Special Daughter

At this time and always, this pain is indescribable. IT shouldn't be this way. We should be looking forward to a joyful year. Instead, there's only sorrow and the blinking back tears when thinking of the joy you brought throughout the happy years, dear laughing young lady. That special person you became has left behind a world that simply will never be the same. And yet, your presence lingers. You will always be nearby. For the love of a precious daughter will live on and never die.

Mom

## In Memory of a Dear Mother

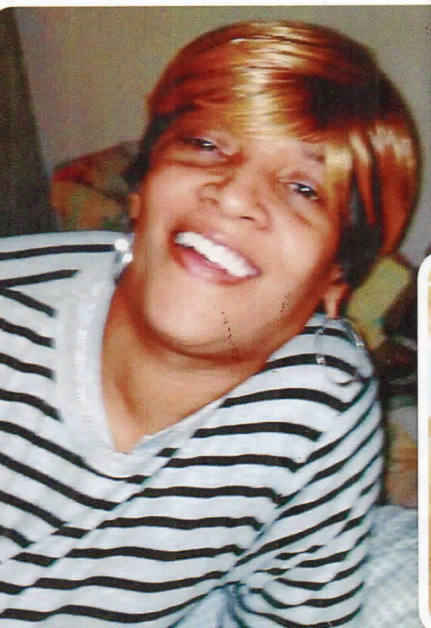
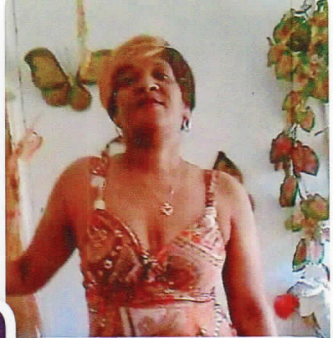
You are with the angels now. It was time to say goodbye. Yet still it's hard to hide the pain no matter how we try. For you were such a special Mom with lots of love to share. And knowing you're no longer here is very hard to bear. And though the grief will pass and time will help to heal the pain, somehow life without you MOM will never be the same.

Children

## Grandmother

God looked around his garden and found an empty space. Then he looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face. He put his arm around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.

Grandchildren





## PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

## Acknowledgements

The family of Gwendolyn Yvette Madison wishes to express sincere gratitude to family and friends who have shared their love through thoughts, cards, calls, visits and other acts of kindness. May God forever Bless and keep each of you in His tender, loving care.

Internment

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Collingdale, PA

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