



## Richardine B Gresham

June 24, 1940 - March 3, 2023

On the beautiful summer morning of June 24, 1940, as the sun rays danced across the sky and kissed the cotton fields of Garnett, SC, the Almighty God manifested his Glory in the lives of Woodrow and Marie Brantley, as their first child Richardine Brantley was born. Soon after Richardine's birth, the family moved to Savannah, Georgia. Her Christian education began at a young age as a member of Tremont Temple Missionary Baptist Church. She understood and accepted the assignment God placed on her life to be a Missionary. In addition to being actively involved in the Mission Ministry, she served in the George J. Faison Choir, Orchettes, Floral, and Hospitality Ministries. She attended the Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools and was a proud 1959 graduate of the Alfred E. Beach High School. She furthered her education at Savannah State College (University) majoring in Social Science. She was employed by the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System for 30 years walking in her purpose and God's plan for her life as a

paraprofessional.

Love spoke to her heart and she united in holy matrimony to John L. Gresham, Sr. on June 22, 1963. In the early years, they spent their Sunday afternoons at the movie theater and he always purchased her chocolates. During the summer months, boat rides with Captain Sam and family and friends were a favorite pastime. From this sacred marriage of over fifty years, they were gifted with the lives of five children...Wanda, Renee, Paprice, John, and Tahisha. Their home became an open door to holiday and birthday celebrations, laughter and good cheer, prayer meetings, etc.

If there were a picture to illustrate Missionary, that picture would be of Richardine affectionately known as "Dene" by some and "Ertlene" by her brother but most of us, she was known as God's love personified. We will remember her visits to our homes, to the hospitals; her prayers, her laughter, family reunions, rallying the troops in support of whomever, wherever; her constant worship and love of God. Her legacy of sharing love and being loved shall be a blueprint for all of us to follow.

She lived her life to the fullest, traveling wherever she desired, being the belle of the ball at everybody's party and danced the night away on the 360 photo booth...oh how she loved it. She was a Warrior Queen. She fought many battles, never giving up because she trusted God every

step of the way. In one of her last conversations, when asked, "what can I get you or do for you,"

she remarked, "you do not have to do anything for me. I wish nothing. I have had a great life and

I thank God for it."

On Friday, March 3, 2023, surrounded by family and friends at home, Richardine heard the call

of God, took his hand and claimed the victory. Now the battle has been fought and the victory

has been won. May God be magnified and glorified for the life she lived.

Richardine was preceded in death by her parents, Woodrow and Marie Brantley, her husband,

John L. Gresham, Sr. and her son, John L. Gresham, Jr.

We the following are grateful to God for blessing our lives with His daughter, Richardine Brantley Gresham: daughters, Wanda Chaplin, Renee Crawford, Paprice Simmons, Tahisha Wright; bonus daughter/goddaughter, Gena Taylor, and adopted son, Michael Royal all of Savannah, GA; grandchildren, Malcolm (Cierra) Chaplin of Savannah, GA, Martin Chaplin of Boston, MA, Nicholas (Cara) Chaplin of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Iyana Crawford of Atlanta, GA, John Gresham, Jamaya Gresham, Derrick Wright, Jr. and Kaitlyn Aiken all of Savannah, GA; brother, Woodrow Brantley, Jr.; sister, Earthell Wittlinger both of Savannah, GA; nephews/sons, Eric (Tina) Brantley and Derrick (Angie) Brantley both of Savannah, GA; godchildren, Dominic Miller, of Savannah, GA and Karla Baker of Atlanta, GA, and a wealth of nieces, nephews, cousins, and devoted friends. To God be the glory for what He has done!

# Cemetery Details

## Magnolia Memorial Gardens

5530 Silk Hope Road  
Savannah, GA 31405

# Previous Events

## Walk Thru Viewing

MAR 10. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bonaventure Funeral Home  
2520 Bonaventure Road  
Savannah, GA 31404

## Homegoing Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tremont Temple Baptist Church  
1110 M.L. King Jr. Blvd  
Savannah, GA 31401

## Live Stream Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Bonaventure Funeral Chapel Of Savannah Facebook

## Interment

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Magnolia Memorial Gardens  
5530 Silk Hope Road  
Savannah, GA 31405

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Our deepest sympathies.* ”



Michael & Marva Gresham and Family - March 22, 2023 at 09:29 AM

SB

“ *Sylvia Brown purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richardine B Gresham.* ”



Sylvia Brown - March 12, 2023 at 11:55 PM

YF

“ *Yolanda Fontaine lit a candle in memory of Richardine Gresham* ”



Yolanda Fontaine - March 11, 2023 at 01:19 PM

JA

“ *To the Gresham family,*

*As you walk through this time, may you know that the Lord will comfort you.*

*My condolences*

*Joanne Alexander*

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**Joanne Alexander** - March 10, 2023 at 10:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richardine B Gresham.*



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March 10, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Richardine B Gresham.*



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March 10, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richardine B Gresham.*



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March 10, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richardine B Gresham.*



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March 10, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ *Barbara Small lit a candle in memory of Richardine B Gresham*



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**Barbara Small** - March 10, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Thinking of you and family with deepest Sympathy 🌸 Patricia West*

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**Patricia West** - March 10, 2023 at 01:24 PM



*May we all live a life as loving, devoted and Godly as Morher Gresham. May she rest in eternal peace. Love and prayers to the family.*

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**Yolanda Fontaine** - March 11, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Richardine B Gresham.



March 10, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ LearnLaunch Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richardine B Gresham.



**LearnLaunch Team** - March 10, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ My condolences to the Gresham. May God continue to Bless you All. 🙏🙏❤️

**Keith Johnson** - March 10, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Our prayers are with you all.

**Pastor Errol and Evangelist Joan Roach** - March 10, 2023 at 08:08 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richardine B Gresham.



March 09, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richardine B Gresham.



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March 09, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richardine B Gresham.



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March 09, 2023 at 08:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richardine B Gresham.



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March 09, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Richardine B Gresham.



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March 09, 2023 at 12:52 PM

SL

“ School of Humanities at Juliette Low purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Richardine B Gresham.



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**School of Humanities at Juliette Low** - March 08, 2023 at 03:42 PM

SW

“ Sister-in-law Mary, Tina, Lois & Walter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richardine B Gresham.



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**Sister-in-law Mary, Tina, Lois & Walter** - March 08, 2023 at 03:41 PM

RT

“ Momma Gresham had a kind and loving spirit. Sending my condolences, love, and prayers to the family during this difficult time.

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**Rachel Turner** - March 07, 2023 at 06:13 PM

WC

“ Prayers and condolences to the family of Mrs. Gresham. My heart is heavy, Thank GOD for blessing me that she cross my path on the prayer line. I will treasure her memories forever. Rest Well My Sister in Christ!



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**Willie Mae Collier** - March 07, 2023 at 07:36 AM

KB

“ *She was a beautiful person in and out she will truly be missed, family I love you all*

karen brown - March 06, 2023 at 08:50 PM

IO

“ *Praying for the family during you time of loss. Look unto God for your strength at this time of bereavement. He understands your tears. Earth has no sorry that heaven cannot heal*

Iona - March 06, 2023 at 03:38 PM

IO

“ *Iona lit a candle in memory of Richardine B Gresham*



Iona - March 06, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richardine B Gresham.*



March 06, 2023 at 11:57 AM

KJ

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to you all during this difficult time.*

*Kelly Jordan-Johnson and family*



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**Kelly Johnson** - March 05, 2023 at 06:56 PM

PR

“ *Patricia Rountree lit a candle in memory of Richardine B Gresham*



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**Patricia Rountree** - March 05, 2023 at 04:28 PM

LC

“ *Lawanda C. Tillman lit a candle in memory of Richardine B Gresham*



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**Lawanda C. Tillman** - March 04, 2023 at 08:21 PM