



## Gwendolyn Mack

April 7, 1960 - September 3, 2023

Gwendolyn Mack began her journey on Thursday, April 7, 1960, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of Jesse Lee Mack and the late Readymae Shepherd Mack.

“Gwen,” as everyone called her, graduated from Harrisburg High School in 1978, where she was class salutatorian and instantly recognizable for her choice of an Afro hairstyle and her service as a Drummer and Drum Captain of the Cougar Marching Band. During high school, she spent a summer in Costa Rica where she established lifelong friends. She studied Electrical Engineering at Pennsylvania State University and treasured her reunions with high school and Penn State friends. Gwen was a longtime employee of the United States Postal Service where she worked the night shift and had many friends. She also worked at the Mechanicsburg Naval Depot and Hershey Foods.

Gwen’s abiding passion was family and friendship. She enjoyed traveling almost every year to attend the King Family Reunions in South Carolina, Florida, New Jersey, Boston, Harrisburg and many other places, and the Butler-Collins Family Reunions in South Carolina. She visited or spoke by phone almost daily with family members, friends and her godchildren. In good times and bad, many of them could count on a phone call or an unexpected gift from Gwen to cheer them up. She will be fondly remembered for her

heavenly Christmas fruitcake deliveries and for taking young people to amusement parks and outfitting them in their favorite clothes.

Gwen departed this life on Sunday, September 3, 2023, at the Hershey Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her mother, Readymae Shepherd Mack; brother, Jesse L. Mack Jr.; aunts, Hattie Terrell and Ernestine Ware; and uncle, Leslie Ware.

Gwen leaves so many admirers including her father, Jesse L. Mack; brothers, Carlton E. and Kenneth W. Mack; uncles and aunts, George Mack Jr. and Shirley Mack and Walter and Norma Mack; uncle, Kevin Shepherd; sister-in-law, Lisa A. Jones; niece and nephew, Sophia and Nicholas Mack; cousin, Jermica Ware; godsons, Quincy and Xavier Garfield and Zyk're Kent; close friends, Tracy Kent (Lee C. Kent Jr.), Angie Logan and Lisa White; as well as many cousins and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and United Negro College Fund.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

# Cemetery Details

## William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets  
Steelton, PA 17113

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

SEP 9. 8:30 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.  
106 Agnes St  
Harrisburg, PA 17104  
(717) 939-9950  
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## Viewing

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Gwendolyn Mack



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**Wallace Funeral Directors** - September 09, 2023 at 09:44 AM

DL

*To Mr. Mack, Kenny, Carlton and family. Sorry for your loss.*

*If I merely mirror being nearer 2U, LORD, I will be in proximity of a Gethsemane from which I emerge daily knowing that the stripes & strikes will mercilessly, & purposefully batter my body*

*But like Job, despite ash heap advisors' conclusion, I have done nothing to warrant the world's whopping whipping!*

*But it's all right/alright*

*We are all subject to brutality in this world even if we assume a position of neutrality.*

*Because, I to, like Job, have my Heavenly Father's Fence & Hedge around me.*

*So no matter what roles the world throws at me, gets into me or out of me as I daily exit 'Getheseme'. It cannot touch my eternal soul. It cannot break my indomitable spirit.*

*For in the mirror, I see not a reflection but, rather, a radiance, an emerging internal eminence, energy, & resolve that, though invisible to the world, is my guiding light as an in-the-image-of- GOD look alike.*

*Gwen was a gift and a treasure a priveledge and a pleasure and the LORD has called her home.*

*Donnie and Patricia Lyons 9-9-23*

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**Donnie Lyons** - September 09, 2023 at 11:29 AM

FW

“*Condolences to the family, Gwen was a beautiful person.*”



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**Frances Waters** - October 06, 2023 at 01:37 AM

GR

“ To Gwen's family: From the time I met Gwen in the late 70's who was then and always has been a sweetheart. Kind hearted young lady whom I had a pleasure in knowing, my condolences to her family.



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**Gloria Ravenel** - September 10, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mack.



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September 09, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mack.



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September 09, 2023 at 06:44 AM

NB

“ Sending my love and comfort, Cousin Gwen is like no other. I have never went without a bday card or a text from her. She's the glue to our family. I caught myself saying ask Gwen, how is going to be. Her sweet spirit will forever live in us. Until we meet again love you very much.

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**Norlitha Brown** - September 08, 2023 at 10:57 PM

GK

“ *From Cousin Genevieve  
To Uncle Jesse , Carlton and Ken I know you  
all loved her , and I loved her too like a sister.  
Please take time to grieve, Ecclesiastes 3  
chapter it’s a time for everything. You all loved  
her but God loved her best.*



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**Genevieve Knight** - September 08, 2023 at 06:40 PM

BF

“ *Growing up with Gwen on the Hill and our time going to Downey  
Elementary together, Gwen was always known for her smile that  
she wore and shared whenever she was around, no matter what  
may have been happening.*

*Gwen was and has always been a blessing to all of us and prayers  
go out to her and all the Mack family.*

*Peace be with you,  
Byron Fordham*

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**Byron Fordham** - September 08, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Gwen's passing. I worked with Gwen at  
Hershey Gifts and we would get together as a group once or twice a  
year. Gwen was always a sweet and generous friend. I am sorry I  
will not be able to attend her service but I will be praying and  
thinking of her family and friends. God Bless you and Rest in Peace  
sweet Gwen. Annette Eckinger*

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**Annette Eckinger** - September 08, 2023 at 11:11 AM

GR

“ *Mr. Mack, Carlton and Kenny  
Please accept my sincere condolences on Gwen’s passing. I’ve known your family for as long as I can remember and I treasure our friendship. Gwen was a gentle soul. I pray she is resting comfortably in the bosom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I will continue to lift your family up in prayer.  
God Bless!  
Greg Ray*

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**Greg Ray** - September 08, 2023 at 01:53 AM

AB

“ *Gwen always showed True love and concern for everyone she knew! For as long as I have known her as Family, she has been making a point to reach out to let us know that we were in her thoughts and prayers. I’m sooo glad that I reached out to her recently, to let her know that I was thinking of her too. I will definitely hold on to the card she sent me in response. It is our prayer that the God of peace continues to be with Uncle Jesse, Carlton, Kenneth, Mom-Beverley, other family and all who have to share this experience of losing such a beautiful person! Our Condolences-  
Rev 21:4  
Arthur &Trena Brown & Family*

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**Arthur & Trena Brown** - September 07, 2023 at 11:59 PM

DB

“ *Dearest Jessie and Family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest condolences and  
You're in my Thoughts and Prayers. I Pray that Your loving  
memories of Gwen will bring You comfort during this difficult time.  
And, May God continue to Bless and Keep You during this time of  
bereavement.*

*Love,  
Debbe Bethea*

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**Debbe Bethea** - September 07, 2023 at 07:49 PM

CB

“ Dear Jesse, Kenneth, Carlton, Friends & Family.....

*So sorry for your loss. Just wanted to say a few things about Cousin Gwendolyn. I think the best word to describe Gwendolyn is RESILENT.*

*Resilience is the ability to withstand adversity and bounce back from difficult life events. Being resilient does not mean a person doesn't experience stress, emotional upheaval, and suffering. Resilience involves the ability to work through emotional pain and suffering. Gwen had the ability to do just that, and she did it every day!*

*I remember seeing her at the family reunion in Florida. I was amazed and impressed by her strength and valor. She flew to Florida to attend the family reunion, scheduled a place to get her dialysis, attended all of the events and got around with her physical limitations. When she got back from Florida, she was a part of the host committee for the reunion in Harrisburg which was one of the best King Family Reunions because of her. She helped out in every way that she was able to make it one of the best reunions. It seems very fitting that her last reunion was here at home. I think it is fair to say that she attended just about every reunion because family was very important to her.*

*I believe that Gwen was an Angel walking among us, and I hope that she knew how many people loved, respected and appreciated her and everything that she did. She was one of a kind and will truly be missed. Cousin Gwen got her wings and I hope she meets up with her Mom Readymae Shepherd Mack who she has been without for a long time.*

*Cousins,*

*Camilla Drayton Brown & the Entire Drayton Clan*

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**Camilla B Brown** - September 07, 2023 at 03:00 PM

SM

“ *To my dear cousins and family, we are saddened by the loss of Gwen, who we know was a solid rock in the family. Her smile was radiant and her heart was always full of love for her family and friends. Rejoice in the Lord always because He never makes a mistake. He knew what was best for Gwen . She can rest now in the safe and loving arms of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**Shirley Mack-Hsywood** - September 07, 2023 at 10:23 AM

NM

“ *Gwen, Uncle Walter and I will miss you forever, we miss you now, but God knows what is better for all of us. You never forgot friends and family, just a short while ago you was going to a store and called to ask if we needed anything, then sometimes you would just buy a Apple Pie and drop it off for us. You did not let your condition control you. We Love you and wish there could be more people in the world like you.*



**Norma Mack** - September 07, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Gwen will certainly be remembered by Mt. Zion Pentecostal Holiness Church in Norfolk, VA. She visited with us on several occasions, and we were always happy to see her. Certainly her smile and caring demeanor will always be cherished, and she will be greatly missed. Sending prayers to her immediate and extended family, and praying for your strength and comfort during this difficult time. Sincerely, Pastor Queen T. Harris & the MZPHC family.*

**Queen Harris** - September 07, 2023 at 02:33 AM

BP

“ Just want to say Gwen was a very firm and determined cousin and she did not let her illness. or her disability hinder her from accomplishing her goals in traveling through the states or overseas. I do believe she was a God fearing person. Last but not least she loved her family and was always keeping us on track about doing family stuff together. Gwen you are free now and an angel watching over your entire family.  
Your cousin Beverley, Va. Beach, Va.



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**Beverley Parker** - September 06, 2023 at 07:06 PM

KM

Our PSU reunions will never be the same without you, Gwen. You were one of a kind and I loved you dearly. Thank you for always being there, steady and true. Fair winds and following seas, my friend. Rest in Power. Karen Finnegan Meyers

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**Karen Meyers** - September 07, 2023 at 01:25 AM

ST

“ To Uncle Jesse, Carlton, Ken & Family, Our hearts were shattered to pieces to hear of the sudden passing of Gwen our truly loved cousin. She was such a joy to have around, great listener and supportive Cousin. She was so caring and we know that Angels actually exists because she was one to our family and my moms only niece. Gwen was a great person and beautiful in her own way. She will be truly missed but never ever forgotten. Her Legacy would be Be the best person you can be. We Love Gwen, It's still hard to process, but we know she earned her wings wholeheartedly and the only road for her to travel on was the road to Heaven. Job well done. Love you Ware cousins and The Thompson Cousins.

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**Silvia & Mark Thompson** - September 06, 2023 at 05:24 PM

TC

“ *The Penn State crew... purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gwendolyn Mack.*



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**The Penn State crew...** - September 06, 2023 at 03:08 PM

TC

“ *The Penn State crew... planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyn Mack.*

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**The Penn State crew...** - September 06, 2023 at 03:08 PM