



Mrs. Gina Patrice Poitier Gouraige

May 1, 1961 - May 27, 2018

On the afternoon of May 27, 2018, Gina Patrice Poitier Gouraige was granted her angel wings. Her departure was quick and unexpected. Gina was the youngest daughter of Sidney and Juanita Poitier. Gina spent her first 7 years in Pleasantville, New York, and then moved with her family to Stuyvesant, New York. As the youngest of 4 children Gina was teased quite a bit by her oldest sister Beverly. She was protected and soother by her next older sister Pamela and her sister Sherri practiced her hair cutting skills on Gina often. As the youngest child Gina, was loved tremendously, spoiled by her mother and her second Mother "Mama Jean". Gina spent many a day on her father's lap escaping the strict discipline her expected from her sisters. While still in high school, Gina met the love of her life and soul mate, Gaetan Gouraige. After graduating from high school, Gina attended, Rutgers University, and later transferred to the State University of New York in Albany, (closer to the aforementioned love of her life), Gina graduated with a degree in Fine Arts. However, Gina's real passion was fashion design. She moved to Atlanta, Georgia to study at the American College of Applied Arts, earning a degree in Fashion Merchandise, Gina and her business partner, opened a designer boutique, Bejai Designs, which specialized in fashion for large sized women. Gina converted to Catholicism and on June 30th 1988, Gina and Gaetan were married in Atlanta, Georgia. Gina was a dedicated and active member of Saint Peter Chanel. Gina and Gaetan's union was blessed with 4 beautiful children. The youngest Emmanuel, preceded Gina in death. Gina's heart knew no

bounds, she loved her family and friends with a fierceness that went above and beyond normal expectations. She gave of her time and treasures with such love and dedication. From the church ministries, to making sure her children always had what they needed, to picking up the day old bread for Must ministries. In addition she was the rock on which her mothers Juanita and Mama Jean depended. She was so detailed in her questions when she took them to their doctor appointments; the doctors though she was also a doctor. It is a gross understatement to say that she will be missed. Left to mourn her and celebrate her bright light are Gina's husband, Gaetan Gouraige, daughters Guylaine Marie-Rose Gouraige, Gabrielle Marie-Therese Gouraige and son Etienne Poitier Gouraige. Parents, Juanita Poitier, Sidney Poitier, Francis Jean Walker, and Joanna Poitier. Sisters Beverly Poitier-Henderson, (Frank), Pamela Poitier, Sherri Poitier, Anika Poitier, (Leandro), Sydney Poitier-Heartsong, (Dorian). God-Sister Connie Wilson, (Winston). Brother-in-laws Ghislain Gouraige, (Marjorie), Guy Gouraige. Sister-in-law Chantal Humphrey, (Michael). Nieces, Aisha LaBarrie, (Darryl), Gaelle & Chloe Gouraige, Emma Kyker, and Alexandra Humphrey, Paloma DiMonriva, Sunny Plum Heartsong, Keisha Henderson, (Cydric), Lore Gouraige. Nephews, Michael Jordan (Jacinta) Frank Henderson IV, Cedric Lewis, Remy & Gilles Humphrey, March Poitier-DiMonriva, Great-Nieces, Ayele, Kai, & Diarra LaBarrie, Seinna Jordan. And a host of cousins and friends. If there ever was a sweet angel, ready for heaven it was Gina. She has surely been greeted in heaven with the words "Well done my good and faithful servant, well done."

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Funeral Service

JUN 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
11330 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA

Graveside Service

JUN 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“Gina, we all grew up in Hudson and Catskill. The time we hung out when your father came to catskill to your and sherri karate event in Catskill. Then we all got together for sherri s graduation party. What a weekend we all had a good time. Time sperated us all as children to adults. I am sorry to hear of your passing. Rest in eternal peace.

Sharon Morris - April 04, 2024 at 01:41 PM



“Mrs. Gina Patrice Poitier Gouraige

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

TL

“I was thinking about Gina the other day, remembering what a sweet person she was. I attended a design class with her at Ichabod crane high school in valatie NY. I'm so sad to learn of her passing.

Tracey J Lyons - August 18, 2022 at 02:51 PM

CC

“I was so sorry to hear Gina has passed away. I knew her at Rutger's Univ. she was so sweet. She later employed me at her store. I'm certain she was glad to see her dad, as she spoke so lovingly of him. SIP Gina



Catherine Carter - January 11, 2022 at 03:09 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gina Patrice Poitier Gouraige*



Brenda Kelley - January 10, 2022 at 06:03 AM

GM

“ *GLENNA J. MOORE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gina Patrice Poitier Gouraige*



GLENNA J. MOORE - January 07, 2022 at 08:47 PM

GM

MAY GOD BLESS THIS WONDERFUL FAMILY!!

GLENNA J. MOORE - January 07, 2022 at 08:48 PM

GU

“ *I love you mom. I miss you more and more every day. I can't wait to see you again one day* 🤍

Guylaine - January 03, 2021 at 12:21 PM



May the Lord continue to comfort you all.

Janelle Mack - January 18, 2021 at 11:43 AM

MS

*Hello,
I'm so sorry for your loss. I went to
"weight watchers" Camp in the late 1970s and met and became great
friends with Gina! We became very close and she was teaching me
Tae Kwon Do SEVERAL times a day, as I was already a practitioner.
She was a great person!! We kept in touch after camp
And invited me to the Beverley house. Another mutual friend from
camp, Julie Funes(who I dated for a bit.. just had to throw that in!) was
at the house as well. I Remember Pedro, Mr. Poitiers chauffeur, who
decided to
Join us in the pool(Gina did not care for HIM!!!) and then(drum roll
please) Mr. Poitier came home and I was Graced by his presence. I
met Sidney Poitier! Gina and I kept in touch for a year or two and as life
happens , we never spoke again.
I just happened to be thinking about her(I still had remnants of a
GENGI T-shirt(her instructor in New York that she gave me.) I was/ am
shocked to see that she passed away. I hope you and your family are
being Strong, because Gina Certainly was!!!! I'll pray for her and your
family in my way.
Be well, Mitchel Stockton
602-339-0484... if u ever want to talk about Gina... I'm here.. Always!*

mitchel stockton - July 20, 2021 at 06:57 PM

MI

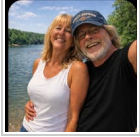
*Guylaine:
I am breaking my silence on my wonderful times with your mother Gina
after 45 years. We laughed as neighbors and close friends for 5
straight years. I had fancied over the years of meeting her, Sherry,
Pam, and your grandmother once again to relive-- even if briefly-- the
fun times we had and how that positively made our early years growing
up on the Hudson River. The truth is, that is all still living and growing
in its warmth through her children. I can just wonder what a wonderful
mom she must have become.
My best to you all during this new year bringing with it the loss of your
patriarch and shining star grandfather.
Mike*

Mike - January 09, 2022 at 11:00 AM

MD

Avid watcher of Mr. Poitier's movies.

Maj Devone - January 10, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to you all. Gina and I both lived in stuyvesant we rode the same school bus. She had a bright, joyous, caring & generous personality that is never forgotten*

Tammy Folmsbee - February 26, 2020 at 09:34 AM

MC

“ *DEAR, Gina I always think of us at lunch or reading the Red Badge of courage ...
or in Lab class messing with the beakers of stuff and of your mom and dad at Ichabod crane ... for the play your sister was in ... Valtie was a wonderful place ...
You were always Gina sweet warmhearted and kind .. with fond and wonderful memories... Marla Castro - Shattenkirk - Hlavac*

MARLA CASTRO-HLAVAC - May 03, 2019 at 05:22 PM

CH

“ *So sorry to hear this 😞 I so wanted to catch up with her this year. She was a joy and I'm so privileged to have known her and call her my friend... love you Gina💕*



Cindy McEntypte Hill - January 10, 2019 at 07:49 PM

AS

“ *My Name is Evangelist Angela Sampson one of Ruby Dee Davis Care Giver I pray God Strength and protection up on the Families .! pray that Almighty God will give Comfort to all of you*

Angela Sampson - June 12, 2018 at 12:24 PM

WE

“ My condolences to Gina's family. So tragic to lose such a sweet gal. I graduated high school with her from Ihabod Crane. I will always remember her beautiful smile.

Wanda Extrom - June 07, 2018 at 07:55 PM

AA

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Gina. Her and I had many adventures in our time at high school and beyond. We shared PBJ's in the cafeteria and rides in the Maverick. Her smile and laugh will always be a warm memory. Rest in peace my friend.

Audrey Hlavac Aube - June 07, 2018 at 01:06 PM

PC

My deepest condolences to the family. Such fond memories of you in Pleasantville. R.I.P. in the arms of the maker Gina, Rest

Penny Campanella - November 13, 2018 at 03:18 PM

SP

“ Gina and I were friends in high school. I have fond memories of her from ICC. I would go to her house and hang out by the pool. She was a beautiful person. Warm heart wonderful smile. Prayers to the family and those left to cherish her memory.

Sue Savosky Powell - June 06, 2018 at 10:17 PM

JB

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Gina. We went to school together and she was always a good friend. As we went through those awkward years, she was always smiling! God bless your family as you mourn her loss.

Joan Beaudoin - June 06, 2018 at 10:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gina Patrice Poitier Gouraige.



June 06, 2018 at 08:05 PM



“ Gina and I were friends in high school and we had a lot of fun together. She had a great sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers to the family. God speed.

Dolores Boucher Haymore - June 06, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ You were such a sunshine everyday at school. My deepest felt heartache for family and close friends. Know there is a very strong angel always watching over you.



Nanette Latham - June 06, 2018 at 05:29 PM



“ My deepest condolences to all who will miss Gina's physical presence. I remember Gina's smile and laugh and generosity....a friend and champion. Thank you, my friend. Rest in Power now.
Sandy LaBelle

Sandy La Belle - June 06, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ Dear sweet Gina... I am in shock... So many memories of conversations, kids, schools, prayers offered. I will miss seeing you every Monday at StPC. Your joyful spirit in this world lifted me on so many occasions over the past 17 years, and this I will treasure and remember always. I've seen your children grow and over come. I've seen Gaetan ever urging and praying along with you. God has great plans for you my dear, great plans..... And to you dear family, continue in your mother's spirit and blessings will flow. All my love and prayers, Libby Quanstrom



Elizabeth Quanstrom - June 04, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ My heart is saddened by your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with your family. Praying for your peace and comfort during this difficult time.



Mary V. Nicholson - June 03, 2018 at 05:26 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family of Gina Poitier Gouraige. May the wonderful memories of Gina comfort you. All of you are in my prayers.



Regina R. Nicholson and Family - June 03, 2018 at 05:06 PM

JB

“ My heart goes out to Gaetan, Guylaine, Etienne and Gabby, along with Gina's parents, sisters and Mama Jean. Gina and I were friends since 1977, she was my Matron of Honor at my wedding. The news of Gina's passing has left me shocked and heartbroken... we just texted the Friday before and my last words were "love you." Gina was such a kind, thoughtful and generous woman, who loved her family and friends fiercely. I will miss her terribly. xo

Julia Brown - June 03, 2018 at 02:29 AM

BE

“ Gina was precious!She was always So loving and positive and she adored Gaetan and her family.God gained an angel.Prayers for her family.R.I.P. Gina.Hope to see you again one day.I will always remember that smile.!! loved you and you were special.

BettyvLeathers - June 02, 2018 at 09:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gina Patrice Poitier Gouraige.



June 02, 2018 at 10:51 AM

 Sven Markert

“ My heart goes out to the Gouraige and Poitier families. Gina was such a beautiful and kind soul! My heart is aching. I can still hear her yelling at me "Sven Markert!!" after I teased her about something. What a light and a joy she was!

Sven Markert - June 01, 2018 at 01:21 PM



Carmen
Chapman

“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences to the family of Gina! She was a sweet person with a beautiful spirit! I will miss her sweet smile and great personality!*

Carmen Chapman - June 01, 2018 at 11:45 AM



Gina and I went to high school together and we were here two of the tallest freshman girls. We also played basketball together. Gina was soft spoken, had a beautiful smile and wonderful personality. Re AZ t in peace my friend.

Kim Lee - June 06, 2018 at 10:06 PM

AH

“ *My Heart is heavy for the family. Gina was sweet, soft spoken and a good soul. I will miss her may God comfort her children and husband and the family during their time of sorrow. I will never forget how generous and comforting Gina was to my sister Rita Hill during her loss of her husband. My Prayers are with all of you.*

Sorrowfully,

Toni Harmon

Antoinette Harmon - June 01, 2018 at 11:38 AM

BJ

*I want to say "Geez Gina, why did you go & do that?"
However, I know you did not want to go. God wanted you to come up to heaven and hang out with him. You two will have great fun. In addition to all the good and sweet things you did, you were so much fun.
Dearest Gina, I loved you more than you may ever know. Although I think you do know; In the place you now reside, you know everything. Everyone must give Juanita and Mama Jean lots of affection.
Sidney and Juanita surely have a deep gash in their heart. Children are not supposed to die before their Parents. It must be a shock when they do.
Just beyond my wisdom lie the words that might give you some comfort. However, I can't put my head around them.
You raised a wonderful woman.
Barbara (BeJai) Johnson*

BeJai Johnson - June 03, 2018 at 03:51 PM

LD

I will always remember your infectious laugh and beautiful smile. My prayers go out to your family. This world is a poorer place for your leaving it, but Heaven is celebrating.

Lisa Page Drahushuk - June 06, 2018 at 04:30 PM

CO

Just found out about Gina now in November 2021. Had no idea. I am devastated. Gina and Audrey were like sisters. Unknowingly I was going to try to locate them both. My heart is broken. We had so much fun in school and at sleep overs at Ginas. Those were the days. Many, many prayers and kind thoughts go out to her lovely family. So terribly sorry. Can't wait to see her in heaven. Gina was one of a kind. Love you girl. Kevin Grattan actually is doing work at my house and told me. I am so sorry. We lost an angel and heaven gained a very special one.

Connie Wied-O'Connor

Connie O'Connor - November 06, 2021 at 02:08 PM

CB

I lost tract of Gina and for several years tried to find her. Back in 1996 she and Gaetan were my friends from church in Stone Mountain. After I moved to New Jersey I lost their address and phone number. My prayer and sympathies are with her family. I did not know of her two younger children and it saddens me to hear she lost a son. It must have broken her heart. Please if anyone can tell Gaetan my phone number please do It is 973-262-8408. Charlotte Beattie.

Charlotte Beattie - January 16, 2022 at 10:41 PM