

IN LOVING MEMORY

*Gail Louise Gillespie*

JULY 20, 1941 - AUGUST 6, 2024





# *Order of Service*

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 11:00 AM  
Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
1102 Fourth Street. San Fernando, CA 91340  
The Reverend Kirkpatrick S. Tyler, Officiant

## **Processional**

*"You Raised Me Up"*  
Ms. Shelly Edwards

## **Prayer**

*The Reverend Kirkpatrick Tyler*

## **Scripture**

Old Testament: Psalm 121  
*The Reverend Sandra Jones*

New Testament: The Revelation of Jesus Christ 21:1-6  
*Mr. Michael T. Jackson*

*"The Wind Beneath My Wings"*  
Ms. Shelly Edwards

## **Acknowledgments, Condolences and Resolutions**

*Ms. Kelsie Gillespie*

## **Expressions of Love**

*Selected Speakers*

**Video Tribute | "I Shall Wear A Crown"**  
*(Obituary read silently during the video tribute)*

*"Walk Around Heaven"*  
Henry L. Jackson, D. Mus.

## **Words of Comfort**

*The Reverend John E. Cager. III*

## **Committal**

*The Reverend Kirkpatrick Tyler*

## **Recessional**



# Obituary

Gail Louise Gillespie (nee Walker) was born on July 20, 1941, the second child and only daughter of George Walker & Marie Louise Boutte. She was raised in Los Angeles and attended parochial schools, graduating from Bishop Conaty Memorial High School in 1958.

Following graduation, Gail began working at Pacific Bell as a telephone operator. In 1960, Gail married Peter K. Kirk. Into this union was born a daughter, Kinette. In 1965, Gail married Robert Gillespie, who adopted Kinette. That marriage produced two children, Kelley and Robert (Tony).

Gail was a Navy wife and the family deployed to her husband's duty stations in Patuxent River, MD and to the island of Guam, and then back in Los Angeles, CA. In 1971 the family purchased a home in the Fairfax District of Los Angeles, where Gail resided for the rest of her life.

After returning to Los Angeles, Gail earned her license in Cosmetology in 1977 and served a number of faithful clients, many of whom also became dear friends. Gail was known for her playfulness and her competitive nature. She loved playing board games and card games, and was known to occasionally bend the rules to her advantage. Gail was an especially lethal Dodge Ball player, and was known to comfort crying recipients of a hard ball to the head by telling them to "get up, it doesn't hurt!" and "if you play with the big kids you're gonna get hurt!"

She was a dutiful mother, actively participating in PTA, and making certain that her children attended church, regardless of where the family was living. Though Gail was raised in the Roman Catholic faith, she and her children were exposed to a variety of Christian traditions, including Religious Science, Baptist and non-denominational churches.

Travel was another of Gail's loves. She had a circle of friends that she'd travel with, going on cruises, taking bus trips to Laughlin, flying to Paris – Gail enjoyed going on the road with people she liked. Gail was also a pet mommy and raised several rescue fur babies. She played in a soft ball league in Guam. Gail also volunteered for several years at her local public library as an adult literacy volunteer. Later in life, Gail worked for the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles and retired after 24 years.

Gail passed from labor to reward on August 6th, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents and older brother. Left to cherish Gail's memory are daughters Kinette (Rev. John) Cager and Kelley Gillespie, son Robert (LaShawn) Gillespie; granddaughters Kimberly and Kelsie; grandsons Les and Dalton; and great granddaughter, Chase.





## *Acknowledgment*

The family is beyond grateful for all the support shown to us throughout this time of grief. The closeness of sweet relationships has made this time far more bearable than if we tried to cope on our own. Every prayer offered, every gift given, each card and note sent, each call, silent thought, gentle touch, and loving smile, we thank you.

## *Repast*

Immediately following service  
in the Fellowship Hall.