



Irene Gamble

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Irene Gamble, affectionally known as Rene,⁷⁷ of Albion peacefully made her transition from this earthly body to her heavenly home on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at home with her loving daughter and granddaughter by her bedside. Irene was born on December 2, 1943 to the late Elijah Evans, Sr., and Iree (Spicer) Evans-Byrd. In 1950, the family relocated to Albion, Michigan. Irene was one of nine children from their union. Irene accepted Christ at a young age. She attended Albion Public Schools. In the eighth grade she dropped out of school, she later returned to school and graduated from Albion Senior High in 1973. In 1970, she attended cosmetology school in Battle Creek, Michigan. Although, she enjoyed doing hair, she made a decision to change her focus from cosmetology to barber. She went to Universal Barber College in Detroit, Michigan and graduated in 1971 as a Master Barber. Once graduated Irene made a choice to work with her Aunt Julia Patterson-Blair at the Patterson House of Styles in Albion, Michigan for the next 20 years. Irene was a very faithful member of Bethel Baptist Missionary Church in Albion, Michigan. She belonged to the Senior, Inspiration, and Fifth Sunday Fellowship Choirs. She had an Inmate ministry with over 30 men and women that are currently incarcerated whom she would send cards of encouragement and inspiring messages. Irene worked at Sheldon Memorial Hospital, Corning Glass Company, McGraw Edison, Starr Commonwealth, and Patterson House of Styles before becoming the owner of Irene's Superior Unisex Salon. In 1991, she officially opened the doors to Irene's Superior Unisex Salon in Albion's downtown business district. She serviced the Albion community for 50 years. Irene enjoyed cooking, attending church, singing in the choir and being around family. She loved to bowl, read the bible, listen to gospel music, tend to her flower gardens, walk/jog around the track at the high school, travel, visit the sick and shut-in, and provide services to her many customers. Irene leaves to cherish her precious and loving memories, her son, Eric T. Gamble of



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Battle Creek, Michigan; daughter, Phyllis Y. Gamble of Albion, Michigan and son, Henry Dion (Monica) Gamble-Rowe of Fresno, California. Granddaughters, Caresha K. Kendrick and LaVishia McDonald of Albion, Michigan; Precious Griggs, Teayanna Griggs, Kyla Gutierrez and Dionsjana Fuller of Fresno, California. Grandsons, Dion Newton of San Diego, California and Anthony Rowe of Fresno, California. Three sisters, Paralee Bowman, Gladys (Dennis, Sr.) Reid of Albion, Michigan; and Robbie Evans of Atlanta, Georgia, Two brothers, Elijah (Joyce) Evans, Jr. of Lansing, Michigan, and Tommy Evans of Albion, Michigan. Goddaughters LaSonia (James) Robbins of Macomb, Michigan; Tina Patterson-Blair, Skyler Tillman, and Jernique Hopson-Bigham of Albion, Michigan., Godsons, Sebastin Tillman and Mayjor Deanda of Albion, Michigan. Five sister- in-laws, Carrie Evans, of Battle Creek, Michigan, Paula Evans of Jackson, Michigan, Tonya Evans-Wilder of Canton, Ohio., Mary Gamble of Jackson, Michigan and Lurener Harris of Albion, Michigan. One brother-in-law Robert Hopson of Albion, Michigan. Aunts, Florence Wallace, Lula (Henderson) Harris and Geneva Coney of Albion, Michigan, Louise Miller of Grand Rapids, Michigan., and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and customers. My favorite cousin Gloree (Millard) Coleman of Farmington Hills, Michigan, Special cousin Shatari Gamble of Marshall, Michigan, sister Willie Ann Miller, of Albion, Michigan. Irene was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Henry B. Gamble; father, Elijah Evans Sr.; mother Iree (Spicer) Evans-Byrd. Three brothers, Stanley Evans, Rev. Willie Ed Evans Sr., and Robert Earl Evans. Two sisters Leora Hopson and Eva Mae (Shug) Evans-Jones. God Mother Gloria Ann Francis. Without any doubt Irene will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her.






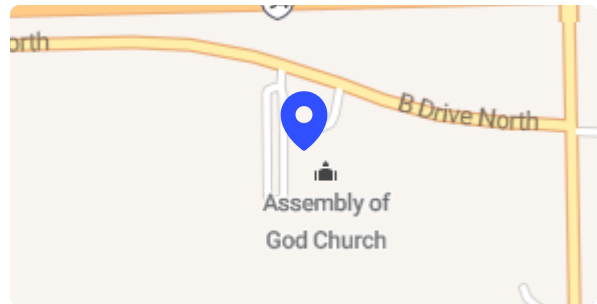
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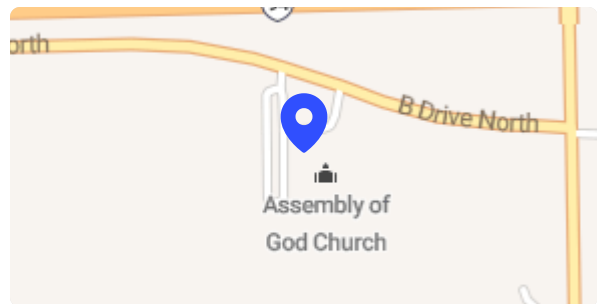
Visitation

-  **Thursday**, March 11, 2021
-  2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Freeway Church**
28900 B Drive N, Albion MI 49224






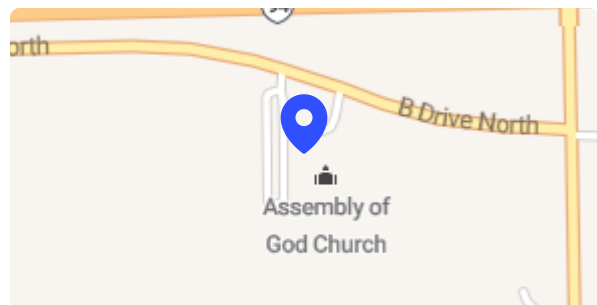
Family Hour

-  **Friday**, March 12, 2021
-  11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
-  **Freeway Church**
28900 B Drive N, Albion MI 49224




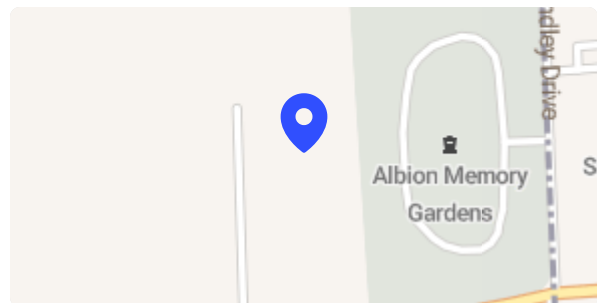
Funeral Service

-  **Friday**, March 12, 2021
-  12:00 PM ET
-  **Freeway Church**
28900 B Drive N, Albion MI 49224



Cemetery Details

-  **Albion Memory Gardens**
26905 B-Drive S, Albion MI 49224





Tribute Wall

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The House Of Johnson Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.

March 4 at 10:29 AM



The House Of Johnson Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary**.

November 2 at 12:02 PM



Terry Williams posted:

My condolences to the Gamble family, I remember Mrs. Gamble from back when I was in elementary school as Phyllis's classmate. She always had a beautiful smile even when we were at her home messing up her kitchen. Then in years to come as I remember her from growing up in Albion, would see her around the city, and at various school events. RIP Mrs. Gamble, heaven received another angel. Terry Williams

March 12 at 4:25 PM



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Landon Mitchell posted:

To Phyllis and the rest of the family. Our condolences to you and your family. Your mother was a wonderful person and a bright light. She will be missed. She was a special person created by God. The Mitchell family, Lloyd and Joann, Landon, Kim and Nate.

March 12 at 9:26 AM



Jo Atkins March 12 at 10:56 AM

Phyllis and Eric and your precious daughter you all was the love of your mother's life behind your dad Henry. Irene and I was childhood friends and friends until the Lord called her home. She was a amazing person and she was gifted with three awesome gifts a beautician a barber and a singer. She was kind of a quiet person to me and always had a smile for me. I thought I could go to your funeral and usher showing my friend it would have been a honor to Usher at your home or going but I could get myself together to go . I thank God I did get to the viewing and you look beautiful laying there with your legs crossed looking like Aretha Franklin . When you have been friends as long as we have it is hard to see you go . We have lost so many friends and now you are the next one that has gone to heaven. I will see you when I get there and tell my family I said hello. And Phyllis I pray for continuous strength for you Eric your daughter and your family . Phyllis you did a marvelous job because your mother was laying in a beautiful flower garden. Sonny and I will try to do our best to help you if we can. Always Will (Pops Sleepy) and Jo Atkins and our daughter's Denie, Sheila and Alisa The Atkins Girls.



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Gamble family.



March 12 at 5:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gamble family.



March 11 at 5:16 PM



Barbara posted:

I remember Hondean, Irene and Gloree, from Patterson House of Style 600 block of Austin Ave. The would be backed and talking pillaging. Rest in Peace Irene.

March 11 at 10:59 AM



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Precious & Teayana And Your Great Grandchildren sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Gamble family.

March 11 at 9:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gamble family.

March 10 at 10:18 AM



The Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries (Kdc) sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Gamble family.

March 10 at 6:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Gamble family.

March 9 at 11:19 AM



Wesley Gamble sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gamble family.

March 9 at 7:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gamble family.

March 9 at 7:00 AM





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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Gamble family.



March 9 at 4:51 AM



Michael Sacharski posted:

Irene Gamble was a beautiful soul. She was truly a transcendent person who touched everyone dearly. We should endeavor to be like Irene. Deepest condolences to the Gamble family and may Irene rest in perpetual peace. Michael Sacharski

March 8 at 7:52 PM



Mineka Lias posted:

Mrs. Gamble aka Rene. You are truly going to be missed. I am going to miss the phone calls, us praying together, and cards. I thank God for our friendship and I appreciate you loving as much as you did. Even in your sickness, you were still selfless, wanting to sing Happy Birthday to me. Sadly, this would be my last time laughing with you. Thanks for everything and I will miss you dearly. Mineka R Lias

March 8 at 1:03 PM



Lois Parr posted:

Never only a haircut; there was so much wisdom and faith received while that chair. I know she is resting with her Savior and breathing easier in heaven. Deep condolences to the family.

March 7 at 12:02 PM



Howard Swinton & Family sent a Serene Retreat to the Gamble family.



March 7 at 7:59 AM



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Terry Clark posted:

Mrs.G gave me my first Job when I came home and I will always be grateful for the opportunity and kindness She,shown me. You'll be Very Missed,Mrs.G and I Truly Appreciate All you,done and did for the Community of Albion,Mi

March 7 at 2:56 AM



Andrea Lawler lit a candle in honor of Irene.

To the family of Ms Irene, may the peace of God comfort you hearts and mind! My heart felt condolences to the family and friends! 🌹🌹

March 7 at 1:31 AM



Candy Mccorkle lit a candle in honor of Irene.

I met Irene 16 years ago because I'd just moved to the area an needed a barber. I had not idea I meet wise advisor, friend and mentor. She provided our community with a refuge, encouragement and pride. We are blessed to have known her.

March 6 at 8:50 PM



Dorothy Evans lit a candle in honor of Irene.

March 6 at 7:13 PM



Cheryl Martin posted:

Miss Irene was a beautiful woman I met her years ago because her daughter is one of my best friends she was beautiful inside and out and she always had a kind word and a helpful word for you when she seeing you she was certainly be missed by me by others she was The beauty of Albion to Me She had been in my life since I was younger I remember and I used to go to over to her home and she always make the best cakes OK bacon and food was just the greatest you'll be sadly missed I Love you Phyllis I know your hurting and I'm praying for you and the familyLove Cheryl and Victor Martin

March 6 at 1:05 PM



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Phyllis Motley posted:

My heart is heavy I share your pain. I met Irene over 50 something years ago the first person to do my eyebrows. She will b missed. Peace and love. Phyllis Motley

March 6 at 12:18 PM



Ingrid Smith lit a candle in honor of Irene.



March 6 at 11:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gamble family.



March 6 at 10:09 AM



Maurice Barnes, Jr. posted:

IRENE EVANS (Spicer) GAMBLE ❤️🙏 Beauty, Grace, Character and a Devotion to live CHRIST LIKE towards all IRENE touched. Absent from your body IRENE means you are in the presence of the LORD. Congratulations 🙏 IRENE you are currently at PEACE ❤️🙏🙏 Your cousin, JR. BARNES 🍪

March 6 at 8:48 AM



Anthony Travis posted:

To the Family, my greatest condolences this lady was amazing and a focal point in my life. She was there for me with the passing of my mother and father. And always gave me positive influence when i was down. She will be missed but her memories will last for ever RiH Mrs. Gamble forever!!

March 6 at 8:30 AM



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SW

Stormie Washington posted:

Rene was a wonderful, beautiful, caring woman that I will truly miss. Our laughs, conversations and memories together I will always cherish. Always being loving, funny and comical was her specialty. Plus her Seven layer Salad; the best to ever make that dish she was famous for. Irene you will forever live on, in so many peoples heart. ❤️ Sincerely yours, Stormie.

March 6 at 8:28 AM

SO

Sandra Twymon-Orr posted:

To the Family, Celebrating the life of an amazing, tireless woman and mourning her passing with you." Irene will be truly missed by so many. I pray that comfort be found in memories of her and the love she had for her family, friends and community. Rest In Heaven ❤️ Sandra Twymon

March 3 at 9:03 AM

JW

Juanita Word posted:

My condolences goes out to the family with Much Love and Prayers. She was another claimed sister and neighbor for many years. Love Juanita Word & William Word Sr.

March 3 at 8:32 AM

MB

Mark R Bradshaw posted:

To the family I am so sorry for your loss, It was a blessing to have had a opportunity to meet Irene. I will never forget her. Mark R. Bradshaw

March 2 at 4:36 PM

VD

Verenie Davis posted:

To The Gamble and Evans family I would like to extend my deepest sympathy. I remember Irene and that beautiful smile. Her greetings was always pleasant. Verenie Davis

March 1 at 11:56 AM



Media

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March 4 at 10:29 AM



Monter Glasper March 1 at 1:25 PM
RIP Irene! You'll be forever loved and missed.



Julia Mohead March 12 at 3:19 PM
Beautiful Service, you will be missed, R.I.P. until we meet again, memories of you will always be in my heart, praying for the family, Love y'all.



Angela Roberson March 12 at 1:43 PM
Beautiful service of Irene my first cousin love you forever. Prissy



Robin Barnes March 12 at 10:34 AM
My memories of you I will cherish. I'll truly miss you smile and laughter. REST IN HEAVENLY PEACE CUZ. NO MORE PAIN! I LOVE YOU. AND TO MY FAMILY...YOU'RE ALL IN MY PRAYERS.



Bessie Frost March 12 at 8:39 AM
My heart goes out to the Family my you fine comfort in knowing Rene is with God and I Prayers go up to all. " RIH Rene"



TP Tyree Ponds March 11 at 11:31 PM

Thank you soo much for everything you've done for me! I appreciate you for all of the wisdom you imparted in me over the years. Coupled with the laughs it always made for an awesome experience. I pray that you will walk through those pearly gates!!!

Mary Barnes March 7 at 1:09 PM

Rest in peace sweet woman of God! I will always treasure memories of my children and my connection to you.

GC Geneva Coney March 7 at 7:29 AM

My loving niece Irene Gamble you will always have a special place in my heart.... We go a long ways back to when your Mom Iree moved to Albion she left you with me in Mississippi until she got settled. When I moved to Michigan you moved with me.... We talked and prayed nearly everyday of your illness.... I'll miss you forever but I know you're in a better place in the arms of the Lord.... I'll love you forever my loving niece/daughter...Rest on... Aunt Geneva Coney

JR Joann Reese March 7 at 7:20 AM

Rene you will be greatly missed.... My 1st cuzzin was a one of a kind that touched each of us in so many different ways... I'll always cherish and smile with the laughter, love and fun you brought in our one on one conversations..... Heaven has gained an Angel....



The House Of Johnson Funeral Home shared 2 photos to the Obituary album.

November 2 at 12:02 PM

Obituary notice for Irene Evans Gamble, including pallbearers, honorary pallbearers, flower bearers, and funeral arrangements.

Portrait of Irene Evans Gamble with obituary text and funeral details.

Obituary text for Irene Gamble, mentioning her family and community involvement.

Order of Service for Irene Gamble, detailing the funeral program.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Irene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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