



## Gaye J. Matthews

September 4, 1953 - November 12, 2015

Gaye Johnson Matthews of Chester, MD, passed away on November 12, 2015, at Georgetown University Hospital surrounded by the loves of her life, Bucky and her two daughters, Joy & Faith. She was 62.

Born on September 4, 1953, in Olney, MD, she was the daughter of the late Laurence and Helen Johnson. She grew up in Montgomery County where she was a graduate of Sherwood High School. In 1975, Gaye and her daughter Joy married Bucky and started their family, Faith joined in 1976. They celebrated forty years this past May of laughter, tears, and the best memories. Bucky has always called Gaye his Bride even in her final moments and will continue to call her his Bride until they meet again.

Her greatest joy was watching all five of her grandbabies come into this world and watching them grow into the young men and woman they are today. "Grammy" will forever be missed and loved by her B.R.A.T.S.

Gaye is survived by her loving husband Charles "Bucky" Matthews; daughters, Joy Leonardi (Ronald) of Stevensville, MD, and Faith Gross (Chris) of Stevensville, MD; five grandchildren, Ryan Leonardi, Brandon Gross, Tyler Leonardi, Sydney Leonardi, and Alexis Gross; and brother, Thomas Johnson (Pauline) of Edgewater, MD.

Visitations will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester, MD, where a service will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 11 a.m. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a organization near and dear to her heart, Cancer Comfort Angels, P.O. Box 253, Chester, MD 21619.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gaye J. Matthews*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - November 16, 2015 at 02:13 PM



“ *Gaye J. Matthews*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Gaye J. Matthews*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mr. Bucky I am thinking of you bud, Hang in there Love Frankie*

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**Frankie Todd** - November 19, 2015 at 12:05 PM

SW

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Gaye was a special person that I know will be missed dearly by her loved ones. May all of your precious memories of her bring you some comfort. Also knowing that she is free of pain. Praying for you all during this difficult time.  
With Love,  
Susan Whetzel



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**Susan Whetzel** - November 18, 2015 at 12:28 PM

KD

“ Bucky, Our prayers are with you & the family.  
  
The staff at Michigan Park Commons  
Kale - Arthur- Sammy

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**Kale Davis** - November 18, 2015 at 10:07 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gaye J. Matthews.



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November 17, 2015 at 08:53 PM

GD

“ Gloria D. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gaye J. Matthews.



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**Gloria D.** - November 16, 2015 at 04:14 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gaye J. Matthews.*



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November 16, 2015 at 04:08 PM



“ *30 + years of knowing the Matthews where there was Bucky there was Gaye. It was a pleasure getting to know Gaye as a wife, mother and especially a grandmother. Seeing her at games, Safeway or just around town. She will be deeply missed by her loved ones I know but also by those of us who just got to say Hi check in on the family and see her light up when she told you about them. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bucky, Joy, Faith and their families. GOD Bless. Becky & Kevin*



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**Becky & Kevin King** - November 16, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ *The Colonies at McLean Staff Members and Friends purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gaye J. Matthews.*



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**The Colonies at McLean Staff Members and Friends** -  
November 16, 2015 at 11:09 AM

KB

“ Ken & Ruth Brown purchased the A Full Life for the family of Gaye J. Matthews.



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**Ken & Ruth Brown** - November 16, 2015 at 10:15 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gaye J. Matthews.



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November 16, 2015 at 09:04 AM

RV

“ Rochelle Volney lit a candle in memory of Gaye J. Matthews



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**Rochelle Volney** - November 16, 2015 at 08:50 AM

RV

*I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying for the entire family. Ms. Gaye will be missed.*

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**Rochelle Volney** - November 16, 2015 at 08:52 AM

MT

“ *Michelle Tuttle lit a candle in memory of Gaye J. Matthews*



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**Michelle Tuttle** - November 16, 2015 at 08:10 AM

DH

“ *Diana Harmon lit a candle in memory of Gaye J. Matthews*



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**Diana harmon** - November 15, 2015 at 06:35 PM

PP

“ *Although Gaye and I haven't seen each other in a couple years, I always felt very close to Gaye, Bucky, Joy and Faith. We bowled together for many years and Gaye's mother, Helen, would be there routing us on every week at Glenmont Bowling Alley. I will cherish the memories we made over the years and I know for sure that she is smiling down on all of us. Joy and Faith, your mother loved you more than anything else in the world and she will continue to look out for you all. Bucky.....stand tall and proud like you always have. She gave strength to all around her. In deepest sympathy,*

*Pat and Jim Poole*

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**Pat and Jim Poole** - November 14, 2015 at 09:54 AM

BG

“ *Brandon Gross lit a candle in memory of Gaye J. Matthews*



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**Brandon Gross** - November 13, 2015 at 09:40 PM



“ *Bucky,  
There are no words to heal the hurt you and your family are feeling right now.  
Please know that I do not know if I will ever meet a more dedicated husband, caregiver, or friend that will inspire me to be a better man of God that you have done for me.  
You and your family have been and always be in my prayers brother. God bless you and your family.  
John, Jessica, and Jenna Beever*

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**John Beever** - November 13, 2015 at 04:46 PM

DL

“ *My heart aches for you, Faith, Joy, Mr Bucky. I will forever miss Mrs Gaye's advice when I would bend her ear with my monthly rants. She would always listen to me intently offering her life's wisdom. May you find comfort in the memories and her love that is in you all.*



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**Dina Legg** - November 13, 2015 at 03:32 PM

KB

*Wings to a beautiful lady who is now a beautiful angel. Gods blessing on her and the entire family. She will be missed but never missing.  
Ken & Ruth Brown*

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**Ken & Ruth Brown** - November 13, 2015 at 04:33 PM

BL

*Much Love and God's Peace to you Bucky, Joy, Ronnie, Faith, Chris, Ry, Ty, Syd, Brandon, Alexis, Tommy and Pauline.*

*Gaye was a strong, go-getting, loving child of God. She fought many battles in life on this earth and fought them well. She was not a quitter in any situation for herself or any member of her family. She has passed this on, by example, to her family and friends, to "always do your best" and, "be the best you can be." This is a great legacy, to leave on this earth, for those of us left behind to mourn her passing. She will be missed terribly every day because she shared every precious day with those she loved. She has left so many wonderful, happy memories for her husband, children, grandkids and friends that can never dim from our hearts. RIP Gaye..... Rest high upon that mountain...*

*Bob and Barbara Leonardi*

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**Barbara Leonardi** - November 14, 2015 at 07:58 AM