



Ms. Gail Anita Foster

October 29, 1952 - March 27, 2025

Ms. Gail Anita Foster, affectionately known as Grandma G, Mama G, and Ma G, passed away peacefully on March 27, 2025, at 4:37pm, in Peoria, Illinois, at the age of 72. Her departure leaves a profound void in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

Gail was born on October 29, 1952, in Chicago, Illinois. Gail was the beloved daughter of Walter and Maria (Readus) Williams. She began her educational journey at Holy Cross Elementary and graduated from Cathedral High School in Chicago in 1970. With a deep passion for caring for others, she pursued higher education at Bradley University receiving her bachelor's degree in sociology and later earned her nursing degree from Illinois Central College. Gail's dedication to health and wellness led her to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN) and eventually a dental hygienist.

Gail's professional life was marked by compassion and service. She devoted over 25 years to PARC (now EP!C), where she made a lasting impact on individuals with developmental disabilities. Her career also included Rosewood Nursing home where she served as an LPN, with District 150 Transportation, and at CityLink Transit System, where she retired in 2017. In every position she held, Gail brought warmth, kindness, and unwavering dedication.

A woman of deep faith and spiritual devotion, Gail was an active member of several churches throughout her life including New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, Prince of Peace Baptist Church, and New Cornerstone Baptist Church. She served faithfully in each congregation's drama ministry, praise team, and choir—sharing her angelic voice with joy and reverence. Beyond the church walls, she lent her talents to community choirs such as Kenneth Ward and The Bradley University Gospel Choir, The Voices of Shabock, and the Central Illinois Mass Choir.

Gail's love for the arts extended into many aspects of her life. She found joy in writing poetry and acting; she had a natural gift for storytelling that captivated those around her. Whether sewing something special for a loved one or sharing laughter through jokes that lit up a room, Gail created moments that became cherished memories. Her smile could warm any heart; her embrace offered comfort like no other.

She treasured time spent with family and friends above all else. Her legacy lives on through her children: Sharahn Foster, Bobby Foster II, and Anita Foster; grandchildren: Ariana Covington, Alayna Foster, Jazlyn Foster, Devynn Bradford, Damar Bradford Jr., and Domonic Bradford; special helper: Aurice Walker; sister Janice Marable; godchildren Sean (Laquasha) Johnson, Shanna (David) Heerman, Kyie Hess, Shante Marable, Nathan Wickham, Nathaniel Wickham, and Darveis Thomas; lifetime sister-friends Pearline Addison Lozan and Yvonne (Nathaniel) Wickham; along with a host of extended family members and dear friends who will continue to honor her memory.

Gail now joins in eternal rest with her parents Walter and Maria Williams; beloved Aunts Malethia Pruitt and Anethia Smith; Uncle Spencer Readus Jr.; and Cousin Deborah Pruitt; two lifetime sister friends: Renea Bolden and Charlee Smith.

A Celebration of Gail's Life will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at New Cornerstone Baptist Church in Peoria at 10:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Mark A. McConnell, Pastor will officiate. Honoring not only her remarkable journey but also the love she so freely gave to others.

Gail will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens

Ms. Gail Anita Foster will be remembered as a gentle soul whose faith guided every step she took—a woman whose voice lifted spirits and whose presence brought peace. May her memory bring comfort to all who knew her.

Arrangements were made especially for the "Foster" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/tw-parkscolonialchapel>. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of "Gail Anita Foster" please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake

4601 W War Memorial Drive
Peoria, IL 61615

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church
3609 W Harmon Hwy
Peoria, IL 61604-5926
(309) 676-8983

Celebration of Life

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SR

“ *My condolences to Anita and Family!*



Shari Rutherford - April 26, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ *J Henry Lee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gail Anita Foster*



J Henry Lee - April 11, 2025 at 08:07 PM

LI

“ *Blessed Christian ☩ beautiful gospel singer, wonderful friend with always a beautiful smile, quiet spirit, and a heart of gold. Sister Gail Foster was loved by everyone ❤️ and will be missed. Condolence to her family . She has received her wings and is watching over her children and smiling from HEAVEN. REST ON Suster Gail.*



Linda Hardy family Arizona, Colorado, i - April 11, 2025 at 10:04 AM

TW

Yes ! Our sweet sister has received her wings !!

Theresa Walker - April 11, 2025 at 12:39 PM

PJ

“ My condolences to the Foster family. Gail was a beautiful person inside and outside. Always had a beautiful smile. She will be truly missed.

Pam Johnson - April 10, 2025 at 11:37 AM

BF

“ Burt Johnson and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Gail Anita Foster.



Burt Johnson and family - April 09, 2025 at 07:46 PM

EB

“ Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gail Anita Foster



Emel Buckner - April 09, 2025 at 07:44 PM

H(

“ We appreciate all you did for our family during the passing of my sister and your friend. The work you have done here will forever speak for you.

Henry Cherry (BB) - April 09, 2025 at 05:52 PM

VC

“ *Veronica cotton*



Veronica cotton - April 08, 2025 at 10:03 PM

CG

“ *My condolences to the Foster Family. May God give you peace, comfort and strength during this.*



Cheryll Gordon - April 07, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Gail Foster. Gail was beautiful and one of the smartest people I have ever known. Rest in peace my dear friend. Blessings and prayers*

Crystal Weeks-Wright - April 05, 2025 at 07:11 PM

BR

“ *My sincere condolences to the Family. I pray God be with you all granting you peace and blessings. RIH Ms.Gail.*



Brendaldreez - April 05, 2025 at 02:30 PM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Gail Anita Foster



Karen Ashby - April 04, 2025 at 01:47 PM

TW

“ Heaven has gained another amazing Angel....And the earth has lost a beautiful soul. Sister Gail you were such a beautiful person inside and out. With a heart of Gold. . I can imagine you singing your heart with joy . I'm truly going to miss u my friend very much . B Joe , Nikki , Sharon , Janet , grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Be kind and gentle with yourself. Take your time . You have my deepest condolences and support. Gale's legacy lives on in you . Love u my family. Sister Theresa



Theresa Walker - April 03, 2025 at 10:51 PM

TW

Family can u imagine? When we all get to heaven what a day of rejoice it will be ! 🙌

Theresa Walker - April 05, 2025 at 07:33 PM

EY

I am praying for you all, You have my deepest sympathy.
RIP Gail Foster until we meet again

Evelyn Young

Evelyn. YOUNG - April 09, 2025 at 03:15 PM

DH

“ To Janice my BFF and the family of Gail Foster, you all have my deepest sympathy. I had worked with Gail and Janice at Dist. 150 Transportation, they were monitors on the bus I drove. I loved working with Gail, she made my days easy. I thank God for her and her sister Janice. To the family may God keep and comfort you.
Your Sister in Christ, Dawn Hoyle

Dawn Hoyle - April 03, 2025 at 09:33 PM

DP

“ Sending my deepest condolences to you all.

Darryl Pegues - April 03, 2025 at 09:06 PM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Gail Anita Foster



Kathy collins - April 03, 2025 at 05:59 PM