



## Gwendolyn Laye Freeman

December 6, 1942 - December 12, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Gwendolyn (Gwen) Laye Freeman, age 82, who died peacefully in her home on December 12, 2024 with her family and beloved fluffy puppy Izzy by her side. Gwendolyn was born on December 6, 1942, in Gaston County, NC, to the late Rev. LB Laye Sr. and Laura Laye.

She was married to William Ralph Freeman Jr. for 61 years, sharing a lifetime of love, devotion, and cherished memories. Ralph survives her, along with their son, Bill Freeman (Carla) of Edneyville NC, their daughter, Laura Myers (Jim) of Winder GA, and their two beloved grandsons, Matthew Myers and Ethan Freeman, brother LB (Skip) Laye Jr. of Orange Park FL, and several nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Janis Bell. Gwen graduated from Chase High School in 1960 and Brevard College in 1962. After moving to Hendersonville NC in the early 1980's Gwen worked as a paralegal for the Mullinax Law Firm for over 30 years, where she became known as the "Queen of the Record Room," a title her family fondly remembers. Her meticulous work and dedication were unmatched. In her personal life, she was known for her love of puzzles, particularly the New York Times crossword, which she completed in ink, a testament to her sharp mind and determination. She and Ralph spent years enjoying camping and spending time with friends at Buck Hill Campground in the mountains of Western North Carolina. And those days brought fond memories and many stories. After their move to Grayson GA in 2017, she and Ralph enjoyed

volunteering at the

Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry and made many friends. Her favorite part was enjoying the children who came in and picked out birthday cakes for family celebrations.

Known for her warmth, kindness, and generous spirit, Gwen touched the lives of all who knew her. Her family was her greatest treasure, and she was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, always putting others before herself.

A visitation with the family will be held on January 4th 2025 from 2pm to 4pm at Tim Stewart Funeral Home located at 300 Simonton Rd SW, Lawrenceville GA. A celebration of Gwen's life will be held at Shuler Funeral Home in Hendersonville NC at a time to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) 1053 Maryland Ave, Spartanburg SC 29307 or online at

[www.mycartfund.org](http://www.mycartfund.org) or Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry PO Box 1521, Snellville GA 30078 or online at <https://segwinnettcoop.org/donate> in her memory.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. 770-962-3100. Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road SW  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gwendolyn Laye Freeman*



**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - December 18, 2024 at 03:42 PM

CM

*Beautiful Tribute! A life of love!❤️*

**Charlotte Markey** - December 19, 2024 at 10:48 AM

HD

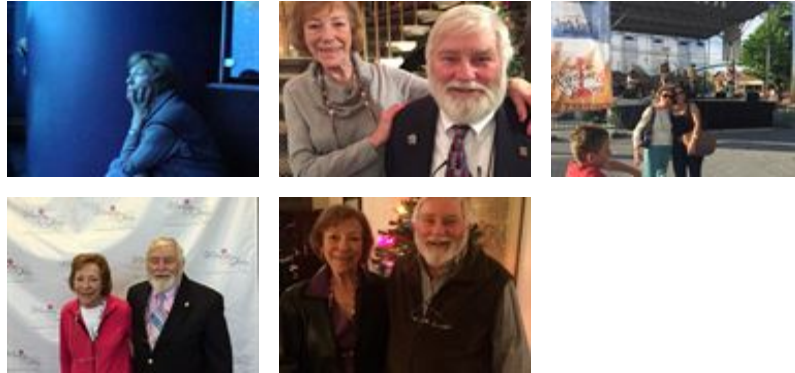
“ *Haynes HOA Board of Directors purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gwendolyn Laye Freeman.*



**Haynes HOA Board of Directors** - January 02, 2025 at 07:44 AM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - December 18, 2024 at 10:40 AM

LE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Lee** - December 13, 2024 at 04:32 PM

SD

“ *Ralph and Laura and family, was very stunned and saddened to hear about Gwen. We have lots of memories from the good old days. Please know that we are praying for the family and friends and that we are deeply saddened. Much love - Chris and Shirley Drake.*

**Shirley Drake** - December 13, 2024 at 04:29 PM

LH

*Ralph and family. I'm in shock. So sorry. So many good memories. Love you and loved Gwen.*

**Leslie Dellinger Hoyle** - December 13, 2024 at 10:51 PM

MD

*Ralph, I'm so sorry for you and your family's loss. I enjoyed working with Gwen at the co-op, and was very fond of her. Blessings of comfort to you and your family*

**Mark Doss** - December 13, 2024 at 11:32 PM

TK

*Ralph, Laura and Bill, I am so saddened to hear of the loss of Gwen. So many wonderful memories of growing up together in Shannon Hill. Praying for your family. Gwen was a wonderful woman.*

**Terri Kennedy** - December 14, 2024 at 12:26 PM

MP

*Best memories to include all of you, in our Shannon Hills neighborhood. Your mom was so smart. To include, I'll never forget the orange azalea planted in your front yard. I am deeply saddened by your loss. We do indeed need to find a care for this disease. Sending hugs! With love, Mary Lou Prillaman formerly of Ridgeway, Virginia.*

**Mary Lou Prillaman** - December 14, 2024 at 02:42 PM

LW

*Ralph, very sorry to hear of Gwen's passing. You all were such a blessing to Hendersonville during your years here. I always think of you when walking by "your houses" going to 7th Avenue and the good things that you did on HPC and City Council. Peace be with you and the family, Lu Ann Welter*

**Lu Ann Welter** - December 20, 2024 at 07:58 AM

CH

*Ralph and Laura I am so sorry for your loss. Gwen was so special she is resting in peace. I am praying for the family my love to you*

**Cristina Hull** - December 21, 2024 at 01:56 PM