



Mrs. Evelyn Gamble McNeill

November 22, 1932 - March 28, 2021

On Sunday, March 28, 2021, Evelyn Gamble McNeill earned her heavenly wings passing away peacefully in her sleep after a brief illness. A memorial will be held Saturday, April 17, 2021, 10:30am at St. Augustine of Hippo Episcopal Church, 1410 Jack Johnson Blvd Galveston, TX 77550. The service will be streaming on the church's Facebook page. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Augustine of Hippo Episcopal Church in memory of Evelyn McNeill.

On November 22, 1932 the world welcomed a beautiful bouncing baby girl named Evelyn Leona Gamble affectionately known as "Granny" and "Auntie". She was the third of six children born to Raymond and Mary Gamble. Evelyn was born in Houston and relocated to Galveston at an early age. Evelyn attended Galveston public schools, where she graduated from Central High School in 1949, the first Texas school established for people of color. Evelyn had a love for sewing and while at Central High School, she was a member of the New Homemakers Association for four years and was also a majorette for the Central High Bearcats. After graduating, Evelyn continued her education and graduated from Prairie View A&M College where she majored in Home Economics. She began her career as a dietician at John Sealy Hospital and continued that role at Public Health Service Hospital. She later desired a career change and was promoted to the role of a Logistics Manager relocating employees across the country until her retirement. After

retirement, she worked as an educator in the La Marque and Galveston School Districts. She later continued working in her passion (and one of her favorite hobbies) as an avid and talented seamstress making custom wedding gowns and tailored suits prior to working for GB Alterations with longtime friend Georgia Basile (GB to Evelyn).

Evelyn had one son Raymond Gamble and later married Isaac McNeill, Jr.; to this union twins Michael and Michelle were born.

She enjoyed making extensive family trips (another one of her favorite hobbies) across the country to cities such as San Francisco, Boston, New York, and Chicago to name a few. She especially enjoyed taking her parents on vacations and in particular Mexico. In later years, she was looked to as the matriarch of the Gamble family for over a decade.

Evelyn had a generous spirit that made everyone, with whom she came in contact, feel special. She always had a kind smile and never spoke an unkind word to anyone. She leaves a legacy lived by her example of helping others whenever she could. An example of her service to others was her generous decision to donate her body to science.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Mary Gamble, husband Isaac McNeill, Jr., sisters Annie Vivian (John) Foreman, Ruby Lee (Rev. James) Thomas, and brother, Walter Lee Gamble, Sr.

Evelyn leaves to cherish her memory three children: Raymond (Elfina) Gamble, Michael (Kay) McNeill, and Michelle (Willie) Allen; one brother John Albert (Helen) Gamble, and one sister Linda Joyce (Robert) Campbell; eight grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter; one Godson, James Eugene Thomas, Jr.; a devoted niece, Joan Marie Foreman; special friends Georgia Basile and Jay Alexander; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Special thanks to UTMB

Geriatric Unit, Kindred Home Health and Vitas Hospice Care. Her family calls her blessed and are assured and comforted in KNOWING she is resting in the bosom of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Augustine of Hippo Episcopal Church
1410 Jack Johnson Blvd.
Galveston, TX 77550

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Evelyn Gamble McNeill*

October 05, 2023 at 01:51 AM



“ *Mrs. McNeil was my Mom's maid of honor at my parents' wedding. My brother and my sister and I have loved her and her family from the beginning. We have great memories of family time with the McNeils from way back when we were young. We're so very blessed to have had her in our lives. Our thoughts and our prayers are with Mike, Michelle, Raymond, and the rest of the McNeil family.*

Kevin Wright - April 17, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *The Ball High Class of 1976*
2 minutes ago
On behalf of The Ball High School Class of 1976, we extend condolences to our classmates and friends, Michael & Michelle on the passing of their mother, Ms. Evelyn. May God continue to be with you both during this time and in the days ahead.

The BHS Class of 1976 - April 16, 2021 at 01:22 PM



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The Ball High Class of 1976 - April 16, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Gamble McNeill.*



April 15, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *Mrs. Mc Neil was such a sweet and beautiful lady! She was our #1 substitute teacher at La Marque Jr. High. All of the teachers requested Mrs. McNeil. We could always count on Mrs. McNeil because of her dedication and commitment. She could handle all subjects and all types of students. We knew that if Mrs. McNeil was in the classroom, we had no worries.*

To the Family: Hold on to your beautiful memories and remember she is not dead who lives in the hearts that she leaves behind.

Love, Thomasine Allen

Thomasine Allen - April 15, 2021 at 07:26 AM



“ *Condolences to the family of Mrs. Evelyn Gamble McNeill. May God strengthen your hearts and precious memories serve to bring comfort and peace.*

Sincerely,

*Veronica Parker
Fresno, TX*

Veronica Parker - April 09, 2021 at 10:46 AM

TY

“ *Tysha lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Gamble McNeill*



Tysha - April 08, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Gamble McNeill.*



April 07, 2021 at 11:43 PM

CR

“ *Sending Our Condolences to the Family of Ms. Evelyn McNeill. One Precious Lady with One Beautiful Spirit. Rest Well.*

Cynthia Y Johnson/ Betty J. Robinson - April 07, 2021 at 11:33 PM

LB

“ *She was indeed an Angel right here on earth. I Thank God and I Praise Him for the privilege of having her in our lives and oh so so many fond memories! She will be sorely missed and forever remembered. We love her dearly!*



Linda Basile - April 06, 2021 at 10:48 PM

CS

“ May GOD be with the family during these times. She was a wonderfu Inperson Clyde Sr

Clyde Sherman - April 06, 2021 at 09:50 AM

LC

“ Linda Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Gamble McNeill



Linda Campbell - April 05, 2021 at 08:06 PM

RH

“ My deepest condolences.....praying for this family.

Rhonda - April 01, 2021 at 12:11 PM

BG

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.



Barbara Gamble - April 01, 2021 at 04:44 AM

SH

“ Sending My Prayers to the Family During This Time Of Bereavement. I Pray That God Comforts You and Give You His Peace. 🙏



Shaun Hooey - March 31, 2021 at 09:40 PM

JB

“ *Extending my prayers and heartfelt condolences to the entire family of Mrs. McNeil, gone from your presence, but never from your hearts*

James A. Britton - March 31, 2021 at 08:54 PM

TL

“ *To the family we send our condolences to you and comfort by the lord and savior. Hold on to God's unchanging hands and the memories of your precious mother. Love you guys, so sorry we couldn't be there hope you understand love your cousins The Carter's Port Allen La.*



The Carter Family Port Allen La - March 31, 2021 at 08:06 PM