



## Guandaline Delcina Walker

March 19, 1934 - April 7, 2025

Guandaline Delcina Walker, 91, of Peoria, passed away on Monday, April 7, 2025 at her home in Peoria.

She was born on March 19, 1934 in Maiden Hall, Jamaica to Earnest and Ruth (Tucker) Gray. She married Frank A. Walker who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one daughter, Jean C, Walker, M.D. and five siblings, Linda Gray, Ivy Walker, Ivan Gray, Leslie Gray and Alvaseen Osbourne.

Surviving is her only son Dave Walker of Detroit MI and two siblings, Noel Gray and Iris Gray.

Guandaline was born and raised in Jamaica and moved to London to study Nursing in 1956. She became a Registered Nurse in London in 1961 and a licensed Midwife 1962. It was there where she met and married her husband Frank Walker and they had two children Jean and Dave while in London. In 1971 she was recruited by St. Francis Hospital as part of the "Foreign

Exchange Nurse Program” and moved with her Husband, 6 y/o daughter (Jean) and her 2 y/o Son (Dave) to Peoria, IL. She eventually became a Registered Nurse in Illinois and remained at St. Francis Hospital for 40 years before retiring. She continued her love of traveling throughout her life and spent time with her family and friends.

Cremation will be accorded and a memorial service will be from 10 am to Noon on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Peoria. Burial of the urn will follow the service at the church columbarium. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Service is in charge of cremation.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. Words of comfort can be shared with the family at [www.schmidthaller.com](http://www.schmidthaller.com).

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ *To Grandma by heart that always had a smile and kiss for us.*

Carrillo's Family - May 10, 2025 at 07:53 PM

SS

“ *I worked with Gwen many years ago. She was an awesome nurse and a very beautiful lady inside and out. May she rest in peace.*

Sandy Seidel - May 08, 2025 at 09:05 AM

CJ

“ *Aunt Cherry was a nurse, a pioneer and a member of the Windrush generation. Our Mum (Azalee) always remembers her warm smile, wearing lovely dresses and taking her and her siblings to church. She spoke to Aunt Cherry a few weeks before she passed and we were all upset to learn the sad news.\n\nGod knows what Aunt Cherry experienced when the family home was lost due to two hurricanes destroying the crops in Jamaica and constantly moving afterwards. She then came to 60s not so welcoming Britain and helped look after Azalee, Ruel, Dwight, Milton, Donette, Gary and Laurelle in Studland Street. She then went to post civil rights America where she not only lived but thrived in Peoria, Illinois. Aunt Cherry, Jean & Dave came to see us during the London 2012 Olympic Games.\n\nAunt Cherry was wonderful when we were all in shock when Mum suffered a stroke. Her church groups were praying for Mum while she was in hospital and after. I thank you, Aunt Cherry for your kind words, support and suggestions as to how to navigate an alien situation. Mum is still recovering but thank you Aunt Cherry for being there and I wish we had lived closer and could have seen you more.\n\nLots of love from Azalee's daughters Charlotte and Joanne on behalf of her niece Azalee and the rest of the Jennings family. \n\nGod bless*

Charlotte Jennings - May 02, 2025 at 04:42 PM

GC

“ *Resolution of Respect for the Family of the Late Guandaline Walker:*  
*To The Family of the Late Guandaline Walker:*  
*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eye; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, Neither shall there be any more pain. For the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:4*  
*God hath not promised skies always blue, Flowers-strewn pathways all our lives through. God hath not promised sun without rain, Joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God hath promised strength for the day, Rest for the labor, light for the way, Unfailing and undying Love.*  
*We the Pastor and members of Grace Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois wants the family to know that our hearts are with you in the passing of your loved one. You have our sincere prayers.*  
*“Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart.” Psalm 27:14*  
*Humbly Submitted*  
*GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH*  
*405 N. Richard Pryor Place*  
*Peoria, IL 61605*  
*PASTOR C.L. WHITE JR.*  
*ALNEIDA FORD, CHURCH SECRETARY*

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**Grace Baptist Church** - May 02, 2025 at 02:55 PM

LC

“ *To our dearest Aunt Cherry, we love and miss you. On behalf of your sister Alvasene , brother Leslie and your nieces and nephews in England xx*

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**Laurelle Cotterell** - April 29, 2025 at 12:55 PM

LC

“ As with most Jamaicans, they have 2 names – the real one and the nickname as we say in England. We know her as Aunt Cherry ( Gwendoline) and sister to Alvaseen Osborne nee Gray ( Aka Puncie). We Live in London, England. Being the youngest of 7, I remember on a Sunday and after Church, Mum would bake a cake and we would drive to Aunt Cherry’s home in Brixton, London. .I also remember how my Mum was so upset when Aunt Cherry left for USA. \r\nAunt Cherry and Aunt Linda were angels and helped with the care of our Mum ( their sister) until she succumbed to Breast Cancer.\r\nOur most fun time, was when Aunt Cherry , Jean and Dave came for the 2012 London Olympics and they all spent time with the English relatives.\r\nI spoke to Aunt Cherry on her birthday a few weeks ago , and she was so happy as she told me her friends took her out for brunch and was excited to be going to Canada in a few weeks for her sister Iris’s 100th birthday in May 2025. I did not tell her that I was going too, as wanted to surprise her – she decided to surprise me instead!\r\nI will miss Aunt Cherry - rest in eternal peace.\r\nLaurelle ( Niece)\r\n

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**Laurelle Cotterell** - April 29, 2025 at 12:47 PM

JO

“ I worked with Gwen several years ago in ICU and she was always on night shift; she was just the most friendly lady with a perpetual smile that never wavered. \nBelow is a photo of her earlier years taken by someone in ICU, back in the day! The other one of her in the car was from 8 months ago when several of us met for lunch.\nWe will all miss our dear friend!

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**Joanne** - April 12, 2025 at 07:22 PM

DD

“ Whenever you were around Gwen, you felt that you were loved. Our kids grew up knowing this lovely lady, and her son, David and daughter, Jeanne. Gwen had a beautiful soul, and we will all miss her smile and her warm hugs. Our hearts ache because we will not see her on Sunday mornings, but she will be there. I just know it.”

Dotty and Bob Drake - April 11, 2025 at 05:04 PM

RO

“ She was a. Interesting lady , always greeted me with a smile and the first to hug me. She will be surely missed.

Ronald - April 11, 2025 at 10:09 AM

PE

“ Always willing to help and share knowledge. A good person.

Peggy - April 10, 2025 at 08:34 PM

KA

“ Gwen was wonderful nurse and lovely, fun lady

Kathy - April 10, 2025 at 06:53 PM

LN

“ Gwennie was a much loved coworker and friend

Lori Nelson - April 10, 2025 at 06:45 PM

SC

“ Gwen was the first person to welcome me to St. Paul's Episcopal Church years ago and continued to befriend me at many church gatherings. I will miss her smiles on Sunday mornings.

Sandy Cheeseman - April 10, 2025 at 06:00 PM

AW

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Schmidt Haller Burial and  
Cremation Services

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Guandaline Delcina Walker - April 10, 2025 at  
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