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Gwendolyn Stewart, aged 63, untimely death took place on Thursday June 28, 2018 in Chowchilla, California. Gwen was born on December 13, 1954 in San Francisco to Annette Miller and James Calhoun (formerly Lewis). She lived with her maternal grandparents but spent vacations with her mother. Gwen began elementary school in San Francisco, but attended elementary school, middle school and high school in Menlo Park, California. She graduated from Menlo Atherton High school. During her school days, Gwen was a high school drill team member, newspaper reporter in high school and college, high school senior class secretary, and community activist in high school and college. Her first job after high school graduation was working in a jewelry store in downtown Palo Alto called Gensler Lee Diamonds. Gwen received her Bachelor Arts degree at University of San Francisco. In later years, she would go on to obtain a Masters in Public Administration at Notre Dame de Namur University, as well as Doctorate in Organization and Leadership at University of San Francisco. Gwen had been married twice. She married Alexander Rozario, her college sweetheart, in 1978. She later married Stephen Stewart in 2000 to whom she was widowed. Gwen saw herself as a devoted mother, educator, and community leader. She was an educator for over 40 years having children to adult level. She most recently worked as a part-time college instructor for Merced College. Gwen served for number of years as secretary/treasurer for United Way of Madera Board of Directors of Madera County Food Bank. She was also lifetime member of NAACP. Gwen felt very passionately about the Armed Forces having had her husband, siblings, father, uncle and daughter serve. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She was member of Phi Delta Kappa International, a professional organization for educators. Gwen also was affiliated with the women organizations The Links, Inc., Monterey Bay Peninsula Chapter, and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Iota Beta Sigma Chapter. She was a proud small



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business owner in grant writing and member of Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce, and previously owned and operated a child day care. All in all, being able to teach, having a small business, and experience the joy of volunteerism were her greatest career and civic accomplishments. Gwen loved to travel. Her favorite vacation was traveling to Paris in 2010 with a womens' travel company. A life changing moment for her was the death of her mother in 2008. The place where she was most at peace was walking along the shoreline at a beach. She is survived by her children Alexander Rozario and Alicia Rozario. She is also survived by her siblings, nephews, cousins, and friends. In her own words: "What I wish my legacy to be is having had the opportunity to spend my entire life serving The Lord through mentoring youth, as well as giving back to the community." – Gwendolyn Stewart



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CQ

Corinne Quinn posted:

Praying for the family at this time. May God strengthen you and keep you.

July 14 at 11:59 AM

DC

Dr. Paula Cottrell posted:

How saddened I was to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a very special person. I pray that God will bless all of you and will give you the strength to carry on without her.

July 13 at 2:28 AM

MG

Mary Catherine Grissom posted:

My deepest condolences during this time of mourning for an educator with a passion for teaching. Gwen was an excellent teacher and friend to her students. Continued prayers for comfort during this difficult time.

July 12 at 3:05 PM

LC

Link Lisa Lynn Haynes-Scott- Fresno (Ca) Chapter posted:

Prayers and condolences to the family. Allow God to grant you peace, comfort and strength during this time. Reflect on the great memories of Link Gwen she was truly an angel on earth and will be missed.

July 12 at 11:29 AM

EM

Emelle posted:

I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. Please know that me and my family are praying for your strength; not just in this tough time, but we will be continue praying...

July 10 at 1:18 PM



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