



Dr. Gwendolyn Marie Effler Traylor

December 11, 1949 - November 29, 2020

Dr. Gwendolyn Marie Effler Traylor, surrounded by her loving family, passed from this life into the welcoming arms of Almighty God on Sunday, November 29, 2020. Gwen was born in Hammond, Louisiana on December 11, 1949, and died on November 29, 2020. She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Battice Effler and an infant brother. Left to celebrate her life are her mother, Elois Hoover Effler of Hammond, her husband, Dr. Ronald Traylor of Hammond, her son Patrick Traylor and his wife Ronna of Alexandria, Virginia, her daughter Alexandra Kopecky and her husband Trevor of Owasso, Oklahoma, her daughter Amber Holloway and her husband David of Madisonville, Louisiana, her sister Gail Braymer and her husband Doug of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and her brother Charles Effler of Hammond. Gwen loved her grandchildren LCpl Nathan Kopecky, USMC, Grace Kopecky, Benjamin Traylor, Travis Holloway, and Elijah Holloway, as well as her numerous nieces and nephews.

Dr. Traylor received her early education in the public schools of Ponchatoula, Louisiana. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Education from Southeastern Louisiana University, her Master's degree in Education Supervision from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, and her Doctor's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Houston in Houston, Texas. During her career, she taught in the public schools of Holden, Louisiana and Dayton, Texas. She taught at the university level at the University of St. Thomas in

Houston, Texas and at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, Louisiana, from which she retired. She was an active member in Texas and Louisiana of Delta Kappa Gamma, an organization for outstanding women educators. At the time of her death, she was the First Vice President for Delta Kappa Gamma for the state of Louisiana.

Only her love of Jesus exceeded her love for her family and her students. Through the years she served the Lord in various churches in Texas and Louisiana. She sang in the choir, played the piano beautifully, and taught Sunday School, especially with the younger children. She consistently and without fail offered an example of the true Christian woman.

A service is planned for Dr. Traylor on Thursday, December 3, 2020, at Trinity Baptist Church with visitation at 9:30 a.m. The memorial service, led by Revs. Joe Dunn, Eric Hattaway, and Avery Dixon will begin at 11:00 a.m. The family would encourage participation in the service by live stream at <https://trinitybaptistla.com>

In lieu of flowers, which fade and wither, the family requests that friends donate to the Delta Kappa Gamma Literacy Fund, in care of Linda Vacarro, 236 Cypress Street, Independence, Louisiana 70443

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
42062 Pumpkin Center Road
Hammond, LA 70403

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

LL

“ I met Gwen in 2016 during the Golden Gift Leadership Management Program. She wore a beautiful smile; got to know everyone in the group of 30, and immediately won our hearts for her kindness and sensitivity to others. We met at several other International Conventions and she had never changed. It was my privilege for our paths to cross. God bless your family as they find comfort to know she is with her Lord.

Linda Little (NC)

Linda Little - December 05, 2020 at 07:05 PM

CR

“ Ronnie and family, I attended high school with Gwen and reconnected with her when I retired. She was such a sweet, kind and loving spirit. I was devastated to hear of her passing so young. I know all of you will miss her sweet, smiling face and laugh.
Catherine Robichaux

catherine robichaux - December 05, 2020 at 05:03 PM

CD

“ I got to know Gwen through Delta Kappa Gamma. We worked and met together so many times. She helped at our state conventions in many ways, especially organizing and leading the handbell choirs several years. Gwen spread joy wherever she went. She was a delight and such a smart lady. She was fun and a true Christian example of what we should be. I'm going to miss her a lot as I know many will. I am so glad God put her in my life.

Catherine A Davis - December 03, 2020 at 11:26 AM

NV

“ I graduated from high school with Gwen & renewed her acquaintance several years ago. She was always such a sweet person & it meant a great deal to hear from her & just talk when my brother passed away. I know she dearly loved her grandchildren & family.

My thoughts & prayers are with all of you at this time. I have been thinking of her these past few days and now I know the reason why...

Nancy T Vega - December 02, 2020 at 01:41 PM

LF

“ Dear Ronnie and family I wanted to express my sincere condolences to each of you. Just know you all are in our thoughts and our prayers. Lois and Willie Freeman

Lois Duplessis Freeman - December 02, 2020 at 09:51 AM

BR

“ Bo, Everett, Heather, and Rosemary purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Gwendolyn Marie Effler Traylor.



Bo, Everett, Heather, and Rosemary - December 01, 2020 at 10:42 PM

NH

“ I had the pleasure of know Gwen through Delta Kappa Gamma in Texas. We sang in the Alpha State Chorus together. She also organized and directed a Handbell Choir for several state conventions. She was a remarkable woman and will be missed by all who knew her.
Lovingly, Nancy Hale

Nancy Hale - December 01, 2020 at 06:34 PM

DM

“ I worked on several DKG State Committees over the years and never was there a more sweeter, talented and humble person as Gwen! She will be so very missed as she was loved! Her earthly presence cannot begin to compare to her he Heavenly presence with Jesus Christ! Will be praying for her family and friends.
Deborah Mullinnix

Deborah Mullinnix - December 01, 2020 at 04:20 PM

LP

“ Ron and family, my heart is broken. I loved Gwen. I so enjoyed playing organ with her on piano at church. I'm sure B. Effler is leading from “ Stamps Baxter” and “The Broadman Hymnal” while Gwen plays. What a wonderful choir that must be. Love you guys!

Lori Holden Parker - December 01, 2020 at 12:23 AM

JP

“ I can still hear Gwen playing piano in Bethlehem Baptist church and how she could make it talk. I still miss her. I know she is playing for in heaven and she will be missed so much. Brother Ron our hearts go out to you and your family

Jack T Pickard - November 30, 2020 at 07:55 PM

JS

“ *So sorry for this loss to a great family. Super talented lady who used her God given talents in His service. Deepest condolences. Jack and Helen Saxon*

jack saxon - November 30, 2020 at 04:14 PM