



Gwendolyn Head Woody

November 8, 1960 - February 20, 2026

Gwendolyn Head Woody, affectionately known as “Gwen” to her family and friends, was born on November 8, 1960, to Felix Harrell and Velma Eleanor Newsome Head. At an early age, Gwen confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized at Mt. Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. T. C. Williams. Gwen was a proud graduate of Springville High School Class of 1979, where she was an active member of the Beta Club and played on the girls’ basketball team. Her determination and team spirit was evident even in her youth.

She was united in marriage to the late Arthur Woody, and from this union two beautiful daughters, Amanda and Gail, were born. Gwen’s life revolved around her family and friends. She was selfless, always placing the needs of others before her own.

Known for her strength and unwavering work ethic, Gwen worked diligently throughout her life. She was employed for several years at Marshall Durbin Co. and later found her true calling as a caregiver. As a caregiver, she gave not only care but genuine love and compassion to her patients, who cherished her just as deeply.

On February 20, 2026, Gwen peacefully transitioned from the discomforts and labors of this world to eternal rest with the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her father, Felix Harrell, and her mother, Velma Eleanor Newsome Head.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory: her devoted daughters, Amanda Woody of Birmingham, Alabama, and Gail Woody of Montgomery, Alabama; her beloved grandchildren, Amaria Evans and Amia Evans of Homestead, Florida; her siblings, Jacquelyn (Leslie) Jackson, Cshenavia (Jerome) Byrd, Aaron Head, and Angela Head, all of Springville, Alabama; Felton (Mary) Head of Huntsville, Alabama; and her cherished aunt, Estelle Long of Springville, Alabama. She also leaves behind loving nieces, nephews, and a host of cousins, extended family members, and dear friends.

Gwen's legacy of love, strength, and compassion will forever live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Cemetery Details

Mt Zion Baptist Church

294 Mountain Drive
Springville, AL 35146

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway
Mailing Address PO Box 118
Trussville, AL 35173
(205) 655-3444
<https://www.deerfootmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Committal Service

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ Barbara B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyn Head Woody.

Barbara B. - February 28 at 10:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Head Woody.



February 27 at 10:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gwendolyn Head Woody.

February 27 at 10:32 PM

TF

“ Theresa Ward and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyn Head Woody.

Theresa Ward and Family - February 27 at 06:19 PM

TF

“ Theresa Ward and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gwendolyn Head Woody.



Theresa Ward and Family - February 27 at 06:19 PM

SZ

“ Shawana Frank McKenzie Madison Zoe purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gwendolyn Head Woody.



Shawana Frank McKenzie Madison Zoe - February 27 at 01:58 PM

DH

“ Dwayne & Cheryl Herring purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gwendolyn Head Woody.



Dwayne & Cheryl Herring - February 27 at 01:27 PM

DH

“ Dwayne & Cheryl Herring planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyn Head Woody.

Dwayne & Cheryl Herring - February 27 at 01:27 PM

TA

“ Tijuana Smith, Goodyear Arizona purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Gwendolyn Head Woody.



Tijuana Smith, Goodyear Arizona - February 27 at 12:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gwendolyn Head Woody.

February 27 at 10:16 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Head Woody.



February 27 at 10:16 AM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - February 27 at 09:40 AM