



Gaynell H DEVEAUX

August 6, 1933 - April 30, 2022

Gaynell Janice Harris DeVeaux was born August 6, 1933 to James H. and Annie P.F. Harris in Houston, TX. She graduated from Fessenden Academy, attended Fisk University, then transferred to and graduated from Hampton Institute, now Hampton University, in 1954.

Her teaching and choir directing career in Fayetteville, NC led to meeting John A DeVeaux, Jr., whom she married August 11, 1964. He went on to serve 30 years in the U.S. Army, retiring as a colonel.

During her time as an Army wife, she taught part-time when she could and was the choir director at Ft. Sill, OK, wrote the play "Spirit of the Buffalo Soldier" which was originally staged at Ft. Huachuca, AZ and traveled to , and is a recipient of the Molly Pitcher Award. She was also a business owner, teaching music at her studio Music Music Music.

She resumed teaching in Arizona and Kansas full-time before retirement with her husband to Las Vegas, NV where she lived until passing away April 30, 2022.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Chaplain (COL) John A. DeVeaux, Jr. and son James Daniel DeVeaux.

She will be laid to rest with her husband in Arlington National Cemetery. She is survived by her daughter, Faith Noelle DeVeaux, son John Allen DeVeaux III, granddaughter Tonya R. Vega, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sorry for your loss. Gaynell lived a full and rewarding life with many accomplishments to keep her memory alive.* ”

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