



## *Until We Meet Again I'm Healed*

I told a Friend the other day that I would soon be coming His way;  
I told Him my body was getting weak.  
Sometimes I would be so tired, but still I made it round by round.  
Someone told me about a tree in Heaven and just one leaf would heal me.  
I knew death was coming as a thief, so I asked my Friend to pull me a leaf  
Don't you worry and don't fret, today, I have not one regret.  
No more treatments and pain. I'm gone where I am satisfied;  
No more prescriptions to be filled, My earthly body is already healed.  
My passing shouldn't take you by surprise  
You knew one day I was going to Paradise;  
We didn't know how long it was going to be,  
to some this time might have come too soon.  
But God knew how long my earthly journey would last.  
I've fought a real good fight and I kept the faith  
and between me and God everything is all right;  
I don't want you to be sad, Trust God, rejoice and be exceedingly glad.  
Because you see Jesus was waiting on me. . .  
I'm healed. . . I made it home. . .

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Andre Saulsberry • Ronald Latimer  
Maurice Heard • Phillip Ingersoll  
Bruce Davis • Albert Jackson • Sherman Lewis

### *Flower Bearers*

Barbara Davis • Sonya Kennedy • Cynthia Latimer  
Ann Wassar • Rosemary Harkins • Gloria Bryne

### *Interment*

Trice Hill Cemetery  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Services under the direction of:  
**TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.**  
2801 North Kelley Avenue • Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111  
(405) 427-8321 • "We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

### *Acknowledgment*

The family of Gail Patrice Latimer expresses their sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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## *Homegoing Celebration for Gail Patrice Latimer*

**SUNRISE**  
June 26, 1957

**SUNSET**  
December 14, 2019



### **SERVICES**

Saturday, December 21, 2019 — 11:00 a.m.

### **EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**

2100 N. Martin Luther King Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Father Morgan Ibe, Rector  
*Officiating*

Glenda Ford Lee and Gwen Prudom  
*Assisting*





## Order of Service

Processional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family  
*“Abide with me fast fall the eventide”*

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn . . . . . *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

Collects / Sentences / Anthems (All Stand)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Sit)

Scripture Reading

Old Testament — Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

New Testament — Romans 8:35, 37-39

Psalm 23

Hymn (Stand) . . . . . *“O God Our Help in Ages Past”*

Gospel Lesson (All Stand) . . . . . John 14:1-3

Homily . . . . . The Rev. Fr. Morgan Ibe

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Remarks/Eulogy (Sit)

Andre Saulsberry / Phillip Ingersoll

Video Presentation

THE COMMENDATION

Dismissal

Recessional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

## Our Moment in Time to Celebrate The Positive Life of Gail Patrice Latimer

It seems a short sixty-two years – filled with laughter, labor, and love, but as life would have it, it was laced with suffering, struggle, and sadness. This special life was full of promise, a positive attitude, a pleasing personality, a devout dedication to her Heavenly Father, always trusting in His Holy word, and looking forward to a better and brighter tomorrow.

This was the life of Gail Patrice Latimer – who, from the time of her birth on June 26, 1957 to the time of her death on December 14, 2019, remained steadfast, sure, and continued calling on His name. Born in Raleigh, North Carolina, Gail was the third child of Louise (Cunningham) and Steve Benton Latimer, Sr.

At an early age, Gail participated in church. When the family moved to Langston in 1966, Gail’s parents, along with a few other parishioners organized Holy Family Episcopal Church in 1967. Gail, along with her two brothers, became a member, and from that point on, she served in the church. During her mid-adult life, she joined the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Oklahoma City where she remained a member.

Gail’s formal education began in Raleigh, North Carolina at St. Monica’s Catholic School in 1962. When the family moved to Langston, Oklahoma, Gail attended Langston Laboratory School, and graduated from Coyle High School in May 1975. After high school, she attended Langston University and majored in Health and Physical Education and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in May 1978.

Gail had the opportunity to receive her master’s degree in Student Personnel Services from Tuskegee Institute in 1982. She was extremely happy for this experience there because Tuskegee was the university where her mother and father attended college, met, and married, and it was where her great grandfather, Mr. Michael B. Stevens, was a professor of printing when Booker T. Washington was president of Tuskegee Institute.

Throughout Gail’s thirty-five (35) year professional career, she had a number of successful experiences that helped her to fulfill her mission as an educator – “To enhance better growth, development, and adjustment of young adults and to be a role model for health and physical fitness.” From 1978 to 1982, she was HPER instructor for grades five to eight, and then in 1984 to 1989, she was a substitute teacher for the Oklahoma City Public Schools. From 1989 to 1992, she served as head volleyball coach, assistant basketball coach, and cheer leader coach at Tuskegee University. She worked very hard, and was diligent in her approach to work at her graduate school *alma mater*.

When Gail had the opportunity to return to Oklahoma and work at Langston University, she was excited. It also gave her the move that she needed in order to be near her father who had retired due to his failing health. She held several different positions including administrative assistant in 1992 for the School of Nursing and Health Professions; secretary for Farmers Home Administration in 1993; administrative assistant in the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences in 1998; and administrative specialist for the Grasslands/Outreach Program in 1999. From 2000 to 2012, Gail was promoted to and served as Program Coordinator for The Center for Outreach Services. In addition to Gail’s fulltime positions at Langston University, she was also asked to serve as Assistant to the Band Director from 1995 to 2000 to train cheerleaders and direct the “Marching Pride Dancers.”

Gail joined Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated in 1976. She was Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1984; member of Phi Delta Kappa National Organization; Member of National Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). She was a sports enthusiast and an avid tennis player. Her greatest joy was her pet dog, Sassah, that she had for almost 15 years. Gail later received her second pet dog, Riley, who also won her heart.

Gail was preceded in “time to eternity” by her mother and father, Drs. Louise C. and Steve B. Latimer, Sr.; one brother, Steve B. Latimer, Jr., and maternal and paternal grandparents, aunts, and cousins. She leaves to honor her memory, one brother, Ronald Eric Latimer of Oklahoma City; God-brother, Andre Saulsberry of Camden, Alabama; a sister-in-law, Cynthia Latimer, of Fair Oaks, California; one nephew, Damian Ezias Latimer of Sandusky, Ohio, and a devoted cousin, Clarence Smallwood of Lexington, Kentucky.

She also leaves to cherish her memory, her soul-mate, Phillip Ingersoll, who loved her and constantly cared for her until her last breath. She leaves to continue “her positive approach to life” her three very close friends: Sonya “Cookie” Kennedy in whom she trusted and confided on all things for over 37 years; Barbara Ann Davis who shared the laughter and tears through many family triumphs and tragedies, and Rosemary Harkins who remained sisterly and close to her; her very close family and personal friend for over 50 years, Dr. Jean Bell Manning.

“Gail has found a peace that the world cannot give, a rest that the world does not know, a joy that no mortal can ever take away, a friend that will never let her go.”