



## Sareta Cheryl Gardner

May 26, 1966 - February 6, 2021

Sareta Cheryl Gardner was born on May 26, 1966 in Washington, District of Columbia. She quietly departed this life on Friday, February 6, 2021 at 6:05 am. Cheryl was reared in a God-fearing home and at the tender age of 12 years old, she was baptized in Jesus Name and received the gift of the “Holy Ghost!” She loved to worship, sing in the choir and along with her sisters and relatives. She was a long time member of the Greater Morning Star Pentecostal Church under the late Bishop Ramsey N. Butler and then under his successor, Bishop Charles E. Johnson for a time until she was led to leave. In September 2001, she joined, Agape Assembly Ministries pastored by her brother-in-law Bishop H. Evan Smith , Sr and sister First Lady Regina Smith until she became ill and was admitted to long term care and facility at Cadia HealthCare, Hyattsville, Maryland in 2004 until her death.

Cheryl was educated in the District of Columbia Public School System and she graduated from Ballou Senior High School, Class of 1985. She was very active and known to be a busy person. She loved fashions and she was very articulate, very talkative and had a way of expressing herself. She loved to have fun and she would laugh, joke and play around with everyone she met. She was always the life of the party or gathering. When she made her entrance into the room, she would take front and center stage to make people laugh, cry and have a good time. She was also known to be a giving person and the “Boss/Mother” of all those she loved and cared about.

Cheryl was employed with DC Department of Corrections facility, Lorton, Virginia as a Minimum Security Officer. She was a loyal employee there for many years until that specific complex/establishment was closed.

Cheryl loved the Lord since her youth and to the best of her ability and understanding. Whenever we would visit her, we often sung songs and read the bible to her. She would respond by raising her right hand, moving her head, and then release sounds of joy as she expressed herself and giving God Praise!! After a very extensive time suffering the lost of speech, ability to walk, and being diagnosed with "Cancer" among other things in mid 2018. Cheryl's cognitive ability remained strong and she was very receptive of her surroundings and she responded to all those assigned to look after her which included nurses and family members who came to visit her.

Sareta Cheryl Gardner was preceded in death by her father the late Douglas William Gardner, her mother the late Mother Margaret D. Taylor, her step father, the late Franklin B. Taylor, her sister the late Yvette J. Gardner. She leaves to mourn her step mother, Diane Gardner, her sisters, Charlene Cunningham Spencer, Juanita (Susie) Gardner, Pastor Regina Smith, Dyanna Gardner, Keisha Harris, Danielle Gardner. And her brothers, David Clarke, William Gardner, David Gardner and her brother-in-law, Bishop H. Evan Smith and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives and dear friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB **20**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - Prince George's County  
4308 Suitland Road  
Suitland, MD 20746  
(301) 736-1616  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marshallmarchfh.com>

### Service

FEB **20**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD  
4308 SUITLAND ROAD SUITLAND MARYLAND 20746  
SUITLAND, MD 20746

# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Sareta Cheryl Gardner, Please Click the Link below.*



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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - February 16, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Sareta Cheryl Gardner*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.*

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**Evans family** - February 26, 2021 at 04:32 AM

MB

“ Grace & Peace! Greetings to the Gardner, Spencer, Smith and Clark families. So sorry to learn of Cheryl's passing. As I read the tribute about Cheryl, I thought about all the great times at Greater Morning Star and how she was such a joy to be in one's company. May God sustain you and bring comfort to you as a family. Prayers and condolences to each of you. I know you have so many great memories to share, laugh and cry and then some. More importantly Cheryl is resting in the presence of the Lord. May God give you perfect peace that surpasses all your understanding.

*Love & Blessings  
Dr. Marjorie J. Brown*

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**Marjorie J Brown** - February 20, 2021 at 02:02 PM

CS

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. The family is in my prayers.

*Cynthia A. Summers*

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**Cynthia A. Summers** - February 16, 2021 at 10:10 AM

SW

“ She loved the Lord and she loved to laugh. I remember her from when I first joined Agape Assembly. She will be greatly missed. Rest in the Lord Sister Cheryl until we meet again.  
*Sheila Walker and Family*



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**Sheila Walker** - February 14, 2021 at 11:19 AM

RS

“ Hello FB family and friends:

*In Loving Memories of my dear Sister!!❤️🙏*

*Sareta Cheryl Gardner, after a long battle with cancer among other things and with many years of suffering and the constant decline in your quality of life, the Lord knew what was best for you and he called you by name.*

*So early this morning you took your heavenly🙏 flight on angels wings home today.*

*My emotions are "bittersweet" and I am going to miss you 😭 but I have consolation in knowing that "it's all over now" and your journey on this side have come to an end. I want you to know that you are loved and never forgotten!!🙏❤️🙏❤️ love Gina*

*Please pray for me and my family (Smith, Gardner, Spencer, Clark) during this time of bereavement.*

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**Regina Smith** - February 13, 2021 at 05:48 PM

NT

“ I would like to share memories of times spent with my Sister, whom I worked with at the DC Department of Correction. We met at Youth Center Two when I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. We became very close, like Family. She loved my kids, I hung out with her and the family, and began going to church. Ms. Oliver her Aunt worked in the Culinary where we worked she excepted me has her family also. I have so many wonderful memories that I shared with Sherita, that will be with me forever. Take your rest now, with much love Major Nora Talley.



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**Nora A Talley-Glass** - February 11, 2021 at 10:23 PM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss, Jesus Christ Loves Me  
, We Love You



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**Thomas Widgeon** - February 10, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - February 09, 2021 at 05:56 PM