



Gwendolyn Joyce Chubirko

August 3, 2019

Gwendolyn Joyce Chubirko, 68, entered the presence of her Lord, Jesus Christ, on August 3, 2019. Surviving her is her husband of 25 years, John Chubirko. Her parents, Drs. Lawrence L. Lee, Jr. and Carol Lee of Salisbury, NC also survive her passing.

Gwen's greatest delight was being a mother. Her children are: Michael Reid (Samantha) of Soddy Daisy, TN, Angela Miller (Byron) of Salisbury, NC, and Lori Reid of North Myrtle Beach, SC. In addition, she loved three stepchildren: Maria Arrowood (Brian) of Mt. Pleasant, NC, Michael Chubirko (Tammy) of Concord, NC, and Charles A. Chubirko, who preceded her in death. She has ten grandchildren to remember her love and numerous nieces and nephews. Gwen's siblings are: Dr. Christine Rogers (Randall) of Clayton, NC, and Linda Lee (Tim Jablonski) of Kannapolis, NC. She was preceded in death by her brother, Larry Lee. His widow, Debbie Lee, of Salisbury, mourns her passing with the family.

A real estate broker for 34 years, Gwen held license in two states, NC and SC. She was the owner of Genesis Realty Company in Kannapolis NC, which she opened 30 years ago. It was her joy to help first-time homeowners and new divorcees fulfill their dream of stability and homeownership. Gwen's work family includes Jennifer Crouse and best friend and office manager, Ann Link Campbell.

Gwen served her Lord by serving children. She believed everyone should hear the gospel of Jesus Christ in a way they could comprehend. Making

Scripture understandable and relevant to children was her greatest passion. She served as a children's pastor for 50 years, in various churches in NC, forty of which were in Rowan County. She was faithful to provide ministry both to "her congregants" and to their parents. Her memory will be cherished by all who called her Pastor Gwen.

A Celebration of her Life and Influence will be held at the Summersett Memorial Chapel on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. The family will receive friends from 12:30 until 2 pm. The service will begin at 2 p.m. with interment to follow at Rowan Memorial Park. Rev. Dr. Randall Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer for NC Assemblies of God, will officiate. Rev. Vic Sassano, River of Life Church in Salisbury, NC, will assist with the service. Memorials can be made to Cancer Treatment Center of America, 600 Celebrate Life Parkway, Newnan, GA 30265.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Chubirko family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Service

AUG 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Sister Gwen
Your road has been
so hard, it seems
From the time you became a woman
As always
You’ve fought quite the fight
With strongest faith and stronger might
Hoping for reprieve and a better day in the mornin’.
That day is here! Your fight now o’er!
Resting safe in His arms on Majestic Shore!
Waiting, watching for those you love ~
Those who too, like you, call Him Lord.*

Linda Lee - August 12, 2019 at 08:18 AM



“ *So sorry we were out of state and couldn’t attend the service. God
bless this very special family with his love and comfort in the coming
days ahead. Jim and Linda Duncan*

Linda Duncan - August 08, 2019 at 08:46 AM



“ *Gwen always had a sweet smile and kind words to me. She always
told me how special my son Justin Jordan was. She is strolling in
heaven smiling and I can see her talking to Justin and Steven. A
true lady*

Teresa Collinsworth - August 07, 2019 at 04:33 PM

CW

I know Gwen through her health update emails, and I know her sister, Linda, well. Gwen lived with great hope, courage and faith. I admire her strength and perseverance, as she tried her very best to fight for life. What an example to us all. I rejoice that she is healed in Heaven, and I grieve with those who miss her.

Carol Winn - August 08, 2019 at 09:48 AM

JR

“*Dear John and Dear Larry and Carol & family,
We were so sorry to miss the services today as we did not know until 5pm today.
Gwen gave people the greatest light they would need in life. Such a gift. All of us are so thankful for The Word we have been able to live and Gwen met that need in her lifetime for so many.
We all await and love the greatest event - the Return of Jesus Christ for His body, the church, and the last enemy to be defeated.
May God's love for you, His peace and His desire for us to look only to Him be magnified in your lives in this deeply sorrowful time.
In Christ,
Jerry & Eunice Rebrey*

Jerry & Eunice Rebrey - August 06, 2019 at 05:17 PM

RS

“*Our family met and had the honor of serving at Salisbury Christian Fellowship. We were always amazed at her energy to serve our children and the love of God she constantly displayed. Gwen was a great example of a Godly woman. She didn't just" talk the talk she walked the walk." It was evident in her daily life and with her long battle. Gwen will truly be missed by all that she touched through the years. Our hearts go out to John, the family and especially the Lees. Heaven is rejoicing!*

Ross and Joan Silvestro - August 06, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Joyce Chubirko.*



August 06, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ *Gwen was such a loving and caring lady who loved to share her love for Jesus. She was always telling me things to help me and. One day she had an eyeglass holder on her top that was held with magnets. I told her how much I liked it and the next time I saw her she had one that she had gotten for me. She was such a giving and kind hearted soul. John I am keeping you and your family in my prayers. God will see you through this. Lesa Ratliff.*



Lesa Ratliff - August 06, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ *I never got to meet Gwen, but always kept up with her progress on the battle she fought with cancer through her son-n-law, my good friend and colleague at work. I know she will be missed as she had to be a very special lady, mother, grandmother, and friend to all she met. My prayers go out to Angie and the family. Vincent Windell*

Vincent Windell - August 06, 2019 at 06:53 AM

TF

“ John and family: I was shopping for a floral arrangement today for my mom and I reached out to select a beautiful arrangement ... but, it was already tagged to be delivered to Summersetts ... it had Gwen's name on it!! I couldn't believe it!! I have since learned she and my mom passed on the same day and they are both at Summersett's. I really do know your pain. I invite you to visit Thelma Elie's obituary on their site. I'm another REALTOR long-timer and I had some great real estate transactions and some very interesting real estate discussions with Gwen. She will be missed greatly in our real estate industry. My mom's got great company with your precious Gwen. Terry Francis

Terry Francis - August 05, 2019 at 11:51 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Joyce Chubirko.



August 05, 2019 at 11:42 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Joyce Chubirko.



August 05, 2019 at 09:47 PM

SC

“ My condolences to all of the family. My prayers are with you all.

Sheila Call - August 05, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Joyce Chubirko.*



August 05, 2019 at 08:03 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Chiburko family. Gwen was such a sweet, kind, and delightful person. She truly cared so much about others! I have enjoyed knowing and working with her over the years.*

Deborah Johnson

Deborah Johnson - August 05, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ *I am so sorry to see Gwen go home but I know she is happy to be there. Being in Real Estate also for over 30 years I knew Gwen very good from the R/E industry...God Bless all her family. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.* *Karen Rufty*

Karen Rufty - August 05, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Joyce Chubirko.*



August 05, 2019 at 04:04 PM

KJ

“ Gwen was always a joy to be around. I will never forget all of her help in finding a home for my boys and myself. She will be truly missed. Praying for your family.

Kristen Jones - August 05, 2019 at 02:35 PM

Teresa
Rufty

“ Gwen was always the brightest of spirits and loved working with her on any RE transaction! She will be greatly missed! My love and prayers go out to her family.

Teresa Rufty - August 05, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Joyce Chubirko.



August 05, 2019 at 01:31 PM

SS

“ My heart breaks for Gwen's family and friends. My sympathy for all who loved her. She was one of the sweetest people I met after moving to North Carolina in 1977. She'd overcome so much and had come so far. God brought here through it all with such grace. Good-bye, for now, Gwen until we meet again. Sherry (Frazier) Swedren

Sherry Swedren - August 05, 2019 at 01:24 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Joyce Chubirko.* ”



August 05, 2019 at 12:59 PM