



## Ms. Gwendolyn Cheryl Ford

April 1, 1963 - February 23, 2025

We celebrate the beautiful life of Dr. Gwendolyn "Gwenn" Cheryl Ford-Jones, a resilient, intelligent, and kind soul whose passion for healing touched countless lives.

Born in Newark and growing up in Montclair, New Jersey, Gwenn was always a stellar student. Finishing within the top 5 of her class at Montclair High School, she also served as Student Council President. Gwenn's journey was marked by her unwavering dedication to medicine and commitment to serving her country. During her senior year of high school, Gwenn was accepted to Brown University's elite 7-year combined undergraduate and medical school program, from which she graduated at the top of her class in 1988.

Becoming a Naval Officer upon completion of medical school, Gwenn was awarded a prestigious internship and residency at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. Always a top-tier achiever, she became board-certified in neurology/psychiatry, neurophysiology and electrodiagnostic medicine. She resigned from the Navy Reserves as a Commander in 2001. However, she continued to dedicate much of her career to helping service members as a provider, researcher, mentor, and assistant professor at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. She spent her last 8 years of service before retirement as the treating neurologist for the Traumatic Brain Injury Program at Madigan Army Medical Center. Her compassion and commitment to her patients were unwavering and unparalleled.

She also belonged to many professional organizations and was published in

several professional journals.

Gwenn's vibrant spirit and boundless kindness brought joy to all who knew her. Her resilience and intelligence were evident in every challenge she embraced and every life she touched.

A devout Christian, Gwenn was baptized at an early age at St. Paul's Baptist Church in Montclair and was an active member in every church she attended. In 2000, when the family was stationed in Bremerton, Washington, she joined Crossroads Neighborhood Church. She served in several ministries and continued to meet with women in bible study and prayer groups. She loved God and His Word and even considered entering into ministry.

In the second semester of her freshman year at Brown, Gwenn became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated - Iota Alpha chapter on April 18, 1982. She went on to become one of the charter members of the Tau Omega Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha in Jacksonville, N.C.

Throughout her life, Gwenn also served in various social and civic associations. She was a very talented and gifted artist and found comfort in her creativity, even through difficult times. She was an avid gardener, loved sewing, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, jewelry design, and stained glass artistry.

She shared a deep bond of love and laughter with her daughter, Candace Jones, who continues to carry forward her mother's legacy. Gwenn was reunited in passing with her beloved husband, Dr. Vincent Jones, and her cherished parents, William Edward Ford and Winifred Hearn Ford. She leaves to mourn her brother Christopher Ford, Esq. and wife Kim, sisters-in-law Sharon Wright, Ava Jones, and Dr. Jaimee Jones, brother-in-law Kevin Jones and wife Sheila, nieces Simone and Sabrina Ford, nephew Daniel Ford, her "sister in-heart" Dr Mary Lambie and a host of other relatives and close friends.

Dr. Gwendolyn Cheryl Ford will be laid to rest alongside her husband Dr. Vincent Jones at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

As we remember Gwenn, we celebrate her extraordinary life filled with love,

healing, and joy. Her memory inspires us to embrace life with the same warmth and generosity she so effortlessly shared.

Good day.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church  
4850 Blagden Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20011

## Funeral service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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