

*Lara Gaynell Roach – ‘Gay’ to friends – was born to the late Julia Elizabeth Ray Johnson and Roosevelt Ray in Wake County, NC on December 16, 1936. Gay had an unusually challenging childhood, one that contributed to her tenacity and drive to build a beautiful life for her own family one day. She eventually met the late Oliver L. Roach and the two were married on September 3, 1957. They settled in Harrisburg, PA. where they raised two daughters, Trina Elizabeth and Ronda Cheryl.*

*In her later years, Gay spent many fulfilling days gardening, shopping, walking through Cowtown, and fellowshiping with family and friends. She enjoyed entertaining and celebrating many happy holidays and creating endless everlasting memories “Down the Lakes”. Gay loved her family and doted on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who gave her so much joy.*

*Gay stepped from Earth to eternity on Saturday, May 27th, 2023. Her fiery spunk, determination, fierce love, infectious joy, and selflessness have touched the lives of everyone who was blessed to know her.*

*Gay leaves to celebrate her life – her daughters Trina, Ronda (Karl), stepson Oliver (Sandy), grandchildren Ray (Kerry), Ja (Shyla), Saskia (Gerd), Sean, Corin, Karlynn, Christa, Camille, Charis, and Osten., Great-grandchildren, Elijah, Esther, Zyen, Eva, Sade, and Alexis. Her sister Doris, sisters-in-law Charlene, Cecelia, Henrietta, Joyce, Lois, and brother-in-law Kenneth. Gay was so loving and giving that she touched and mothered many of her nieces and nephews, too numerous to list but a special mention to Oscar Ringo, Andrea Rattley, Linda Ringo and Anthony Thomas (deceased), Shirl Pollock, Greg Ray and the Ray/Thomas Family. She also had so many special friends a few being: Audrey Clowe, Gail E. Moody-Plowden, Ms. Gerry Durante, Judy, Herman Young and so many more.*