

*Tribute In Memory of
Miss Juanita E. Gay
November 1944 – April 2022*



“...In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said:

‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

It is difficult to find words to express the feeling that comes with having to accept the absence of someone who is a part of our everyday life. In less than a brief moment, we are caught between a heartbreaking reality and what seems like the most difficult dream to awaken from.

Such is the current plight of our church family in the passing of *Miss Juanita E. Gay* – our one-of-a-kind office clerk, longstanding church member, co-worker, family cornerstone, in-front and behind-the-scenes servant, and ram in the bush for countless numbers of people. Juanita provided a sense of grounded centeredness to our staff and church family over the past 60+ years that is irreplaceable.

God has been gracious to loan us the gift of Juanita’s life and legacy at Mount Zion. The imprint of her devotion to the service of God’s Kingdom, her heart’s passion to care for the needs of the least of these, her astute memory ability, her sense of humor, her love, and her bonding friendships will be remembered forever. Our heartache accounts for the blessed gift she was in our lives and the impact she made on our hearts. It’s going to take some time, but we’ll get through this. “*Juanita, we will always cherish your love for Mount Zion and its members and your servant’s heart legacy...until we meet again.*”

Pastor Daniel Simmons