



Sharmen May Gowens

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Sharmen May Gowens, the eighth child of the Late Clarence and Zelma May, was born in Dublin, Georgia. She received her elementary and secondary education in the Dublin Public School System. She continued her education at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism.

After graduation, Sharmen moved to Atlanta, Georgia and found employment at The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and was hired in an entry-level position in the Classified Advertising department.

She has been employed with the Journal/Constitution for over 26 years and has enjoyed several positions, including Ad-Visor, Inside Sales Representative, Advertising Account Executive, and Advertising Training Supervisor, Advertising Sales Manager, and is currently Sales Force Automation Sales Manager.

She is active both in her church and the community. She attends Community Church of God (Michael A. Smith, Pastor), where she has served as Superintendent of Sunday School, the Board of Christian Education, and church Treasurer. In the community she has served as Board member and Vice President of the South DeKalb Business Association, a member of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, and as a Board Member of R&R Kids, Inc., a service organization designed to help to instill respect and responsibility in youth. She is currently PTSA President at Frederick Douglass High School and a member of The Atlanta Business League. She co-chaired the Empty Stocking Fund at the AJC for 2 years, 2000 & 2001; and as an AJC Officer for the United Way cabinet for the 2002 campaign.

The love of Sharmen's life is her husband, Donald, and their two sons, Donald, Jr., a Sophomore at Florida A&M University and Nicholas, a Junior at Douglass High School.

She enjoys reading, writing, being surrounded by family and friends, and a good laugh. She loves the Lord, and feels it is important to "give something back" when the opportunity prevails.