



Gloria W. King

January 5, 1927 - August 20, 2020

Gloria Irene Woods King (affectionately known as “GiGi”) was born January 5, 1927 in Lawnside, New Jersey to Robert E. & Julia M. Woods. Gloria was the youngest of five girls. One of her older siblings passed at a very young age, but Gloria shared a close relationship with her other siblings until their passing. From early on, Gloria took pride in being an exemplary student and enjoyed her studies as she matriculated through the Haddon Heights Public School System, just outside of Lawnside, NJ. She took a particular interest in business skills and English grammar.

After graduating from high school, Gloria was accepted into Virginia State College (now University) in Petersburg, VA where she earned a degree in Business Education in 1949. While attending Virginia State College Gloria pledged the illustrious Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Epsilon Chapter in the Spring of 1947. It was also at Virginia State where Gloria met her future husband, Benjamin Louis King. Benny and Gloria married on June 17, 1951 and began a family which grew to include five children.

The family resided in Washington, DC to be close to Benny’s family, who would prove very instrumental in providing immeasurable support to the budding family, allowing Benny and Gloria to pursue their individual career paths. Gloria was employed at the Federal Housing Administration as the first black Purchasing Agent. She also had the opportunity to teach evening courses in typing and shorthand at an area business school. Gloria was confirmed at Calvary Episcopal Church in Washington, DC. The family later moved to Baltimore in August 1963 and purchased a house in the Ashburton neighborhood where she lived for over 50 years. She joined St. James’ Episcopal Church that same August.

At St. James’, Gloria served as Financial Secretary to the Parish Council and Recording Secretary to St. Martha’s Guild for many years. Although Gloria was no longer able to continue her physical walk with the Lord through service, just days before her passing she shared with one of her grandchildren, “I talk to God every night, you know”. Gloria was also the Recording Secretary for VIVA Social Club and a member of The Silhouettes (Kappa Wives Club). She cherished the gatherings and activities held by those

organizations, and she maintained the friendships with her club members for decades. Gloria worked in and helped grow the family accounting business from 1968 to 1980. She began employment at Florence Crittenton Services in 1980 as the Financial Director and then Director of Operations until her retirement in 1995.

GiGi was so full of life and loved attending all family gatherings. In the 1960's and 70's the family would spend summers in Martha's Vineyard. She enjoyed going to Cape May with her second family, "the Hargroves". Though she wasn't a swimmer, her family would hear stories of someone coaxing her down to "dip her toe in the water". She was an avid reader and loved doing crossword puzzles (in ink)! GiGi was a sharp dresser and always had to put on makeup and lipstick whether she was going out or not. And let's not forget her designer perfumes! Over the years Gloria enjoyed going to the Preakness, traveling, shopping, bus trips with friends, and family gatherings regardless of the occasion.

Gigi was a big RAVENS fan and enjoyed watching the Sunday games with family as she screamed at the TV. Much to our dismay (but secretly our delight) every birthday and Christmas Gigi would call us at 6am singing "Happy Birthday and Jingle Bells". In recent years she had a Facebook page, and once she was exposed to this form of social media, there was no stopping her.

Gloria departed this life on Thursday, August 20, 2020. She leaves behind her five children, Benny, Jr. (Roxanne), Tony (Valencia), Pam, Kara, and Marty (Tracy); eleven grandchildren, Benny III (Nina), Ericka (Nolan), Erin, Tony II (Sonya), Carly, Megan (Jay), Jessica, Joelle, Nigel, Jason, and Camille; nine great-grandchildren, Ruby, Niyah, Nolan, Cameron, Carter, Kyndall, Elijah, Lena, and Kiran; a niece, Donna Killough, and a host of other family and dear friends who will cherish their memories of her.

Events

AUG 28 **Viewing** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road, Windsor Mill, MD, US

AUG 29 **Wake** 09:00AM - 09:30AM

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AUG 29 **Service** 09:30AM

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Comments



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Gloria W. King, Please Click the Link below.



March Life Tribute Centers - August 24, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ To Kara, Pam and all the members of the King family. My deepest condolences on the passing of your mother. May God's peace and comfort be felt through family and friends who come to support you in your time of loss. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory. Sincerely Rev. Carole Douglas.

Carole Douglas - September 01, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ My condolences to Pam and Kara in the loss of your beloved mother "Mrs Gloria W. King". I just wanted to let you know that I am praying that God will provide you, your family and friend some strength and comfort during this difficult time. May continue to bless you and give you inner peace!! Much love and respect!! Dale J. Harris

Dale J. Harris - August 29, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ Gigi had so much love for all of us over the years. I'll always hold on to how happy she was to see me every time I visited with the family or when I would just call to check on her. Gigi, you made us all feel special and loved! We will miss you! Love, Dru Carmichael, Charlotte, NC

Dru Carmichael - August 29, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ Thanks to Kara and family for sharing her with me! Dru Carmichael

Dru Carmichael - August 29, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ Gloria, our Sister in Christ, was a loving and valued member of St. Martha's Guild at St. James. We will miss her dearly and send our condolences to the family.
Barbara Murray

Barbara Bourne Murray - August 29, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ We extend our sincerest condolences. Michael and I only had an opportunity to speak to Kara, Nigel, Joelle and Tracey at the Saturday services and are sorry we were unable to greet the rest of you face to face. You are all in our hearts and prayers. Quetta and Michael Bess

Quetta Bess - August 29, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ Benny
Sorry to hear about the passing of your MOTHER Gloria!!!
My deepest sympathy to you and the rest of the Family.
May GOD be blessed with a New Flower in his Garden !!!!!
David A. Johnson, Newport News VA

David A. Johnson - August 29, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ We're sending prayers, hugs and love to each one of you as you mourn the loss of your Mother and Grandmother. GiGi was a beautiful woman with an indomitable spirit. She has left a wonderful legacy in the abundant gifts seen in your lives. Well done GiGi. You have entered your Heavenly home. Our hearts are with you all.

Joyce Rooks and Family



Joyce Rooks - August 28, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ This is a time for gathering all the best of a good life and holding it in the heart. With deepest sympathy To you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Patricia Horsey

Patricia Horsey - August 28, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ Love, Kerry and Donna Staton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gloria W. King.



Love, Kerry and Donna Staton - August 28, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ Wishing you God's peace, strength and love during this time. Our deepest sympathy for the family. Lessie J Gant and Helen Gant-Fox.

Lessie J Gant - August 28, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria W. King.



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gloria W. King.



August 28, 2020 at 07:11 AM



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August 27, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria W. King.



August 27, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Gloria W. King.



Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development - August 26, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ . purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gloria W. King.



. - August 25, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ Deepest condolences to the family of Gloria W. King. I will miss our conversations.

VSU Classmate of 1949
Robert W. Edmonds

Robert Edmonds - August 24, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Martin King - August 24, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Martin King - August 24, 2020 at 01:35 PM



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Martin King - August 24, 2020 at 01:32 PM



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Annette March Grier - August 24, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Life Tribute Center - August 24, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ I will never forget this classy lady who was always full of life and fun to be with. I was blessed to know her when we traveled to Cape May each year with my Aunt Shirley and family. These two were peas in a pod and Besties. I would admire her as she walked with her cane. With her cane she had a stroll that was poised and graceful. I couldn't help but smile. I was blessed to have known her.
Annette March-Grier and Family

Annette March Grier - August 24, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ Roy and Lynn Stewart Mays purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gloria W. King.



Roy and Lynn Stewart Mays - August 24, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ Awww look my bunny she looks so beautiful I'm going to miss her so much

Renee Wilkes - August 22, 2020 at 03:17 PM