



## Gertrude Gilliam Layne

October 13, 1937 - June 14, 2025

Gertrude G. Layne was born on October 13, 1937, in Cumberland, Virginia, to the late Robert and Susie Gilliam. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Joe R. Layne; her brothers, Robert Gilliam Jr., Melvin Gilliam, Charlie Gilliam, James Gilliam, Benjamin Gilliam, and Clarence Gilliam; and her sister, Molly Harris.

Gertrude received her formal education in the Cumberland County School System. At an early age, she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and joined Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Cumberland, where she served faithfully as an usher and choir member. Later in life, she became a member of Second Baptist Church, Idlewood Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

On April 1964, she was united in holy matrimony to Joe R. Layne in Richmond, Virginia. Their union was blessed with two sons, whom she loved deeply and raised with grace and strength. Gertrude was employed by Commonwealth Catholic Charities as a devoted caregiver, providing compassionate support to those in need. Her nurturing spirit, faith, and kindness touched many lives.

God called her home to the pearly gates on June 14, 2025 to be with her loved ones that have gone on before her. She leaves to cherish her memory to two loving sons, Rannie S. Layne (Darin) and Dwight W. Layne (Melanie); her sisters, Thelma Allen and Otelia Gilliam; her grandchildren, Amber Zhane, Rannie Brenten (Meliza), Camden Dwight, and Carsen Swann Layne; great-grandchildren, Ashtyn Cooper and Alivia Cooper; and her honorary grandson,

Quron Dandridge; brothers-in-law, Eugene “Tommy” Layne (Channie) and Lloyd W. Layne (Barbara); sisters-in-law, Ruby M. Jackson (Authur) and Joyce Layne Jordan (Sekou Shabaka); and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Gertrude will be remembered for her steadfast faith, quiet strength, and unwavering love for her family. Her presence will be deeply missed but her legacy lives on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 27.** 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes  
2110 E Laburnum Ave  
Richmond, VA 23222-2413  
(804) 321-4200

## Funeral Service

**JUN 28.** 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23222  
(804) 321-4200  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**March Funeral Homes** - June 28, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Gertrude Gilliam Layne*



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**March Funeral Homes** - June 17, 2025 at 11:45 AM

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*To the Layne family. May God give you grace and mercy during this time. My prayers are with you all. Mrs. Layne has always been an angle on earth and now she has gain her heavenly wings. WPM Lo Crowder and family*

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**Lo Crowder #65** - June 17, 2025 at 12:17 PM

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“ *I am a nurse in a doctors's office . Mrs Layne was absolutely my favorite patient ever. I adored her . And we always tried to “ roll out the red carpet “ for her! I'm truly heartbroken to see she has passed .She made a day at work so much better!*

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**Whitney** - July 23, 2025 at 03:33 PM

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“ *DeedDee ( Debbie ) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gertrude Gilliam Layne.*



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**DeedDee ( Debbie )** - June 27, 2025 at 03:06 PM

DJ

“ *To the family of Gertrude, May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten, and may the memories of Gertrude always bring a smile to your face and joy to your heart LARRY and DENISE JOHNSON (NeCee) as Gertrude affectionately called Denise*

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**Denise B Johnson** - June 26, 2025 at 09:35 PM

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“ *Arlene Sandra Hill lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Gilliam Layne*



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**Arlene Sandra Hill** - June 25, 2025 at 11:27 PM

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“ *We will always remember your beautiful smile & Lovely personality!  
Sandra Hill, Clifford Belton & Denise Johnson  
Your Loving Cousins* 💕💕

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**Arlene Sandra Hill** - June 25, 2025 at 11:24 PM

DJ

“ *Denise B Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Gilliam Layne*



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**Denise B Johnson** - June 24, 2025 at 11:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gertrude Gilliam Layne.*



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June 23, 2025 at 02:27 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.*

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