



Gladys Brannum

June 26, 1937 - June 17, 2014

GLADYS JEAN BRANNUM was born in Kannapolis, North Carolina to her father, Allen Hill Sr. "Pop Pop" and mother, Ola Mae Mills "Big Mama". Gladys was often called Mrs. B by her late husband, Joe L. Brannum Sr. (who preceded her in death) and affectionately known as "Mama" by family and Miss Gladys to very close friends. Gladys made her peaceful transition from this life on Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

She attended grade school at Grace Lutheran where she was inspired by one of her teachers Mr. McDowell. She went on to continue her studies at Logan high in Concord, North Carolina. As a form of motivation to others, Mama would often recollect about her school days and how much she enjoyed learning — all in which she took great pleasure. Gladys was an avid advocate of education as she encouraged everyone with whom she came in to contact about the importance of going to school and learning as much as possible.

Gladys was highly intellectual, a dynamic and phenomenal woman; beautiful, full of energy, had a big heart and lived by many philosophies one in particular which teaches us "we should treat others the way in which we wish to be treated". If ever you were in need of a listening ear, wise words, and warm food to fill your belly or simply a safe haven ,you knew that Miss Gladys had the solution. While it was true that

Mama possessed a peaceful spirit, she also packed a mighty punch on discipline and was nonsense. You were sure to endure hours long of wise conversation about life and irrefutable advice that if applied would help you to improve as a person.

To everyone who knew her, Mama gave the term classy genuine meaning with her poised posture and eloquently spoken words. Yet, she was humble and embraced a simple lifestyle. Mama was full of life, enjoyed a good time, and was a family oriented woman who treasured every moment with her children as she always spoke so highly of them and took great pride in being a wonderful grandma. One of her favorite past times was hitting the highway to visit back home in North Carolina where she was surrounded by loving family all of whom shared many memorable times together with Mama.

Mama was by far a woman of virtue who defined what it meant to be astute, steadfast, unbroken, charming; a strong voice of reason, a guiding light to all who came into her path and indeed a true "Southern Bell". She was well known for being a fan of good politics and old western movies. Whatever you needed to know, Mama had the answer, she was a walking history book and could talk to anyone on just about any topic.

Gladys loved her brother, Allen Hill Jr. and her late sister, Mae Ruth Hill (Aunt Sister) with all of her heart. They had an unbreakable bond that most siblings envy. Uncle Allen did what all brothers should, he took care of his sister Gladys and was there by her side until the end. Mama always spoke so proudly of her siblings and how close they were as children and into adulthood. Gladys is survived by: her children, Joe L. Brannum, Jr., Darlene Brannum-Carter, Patricia Ann Brannum, Kenneth Ray Brannum, Sr., Richard Gerald Brannum and Shawn Walter Brannum; daughters-in-law: Dr. Gwendolyn Grant Brannum (Joe Jr.), Mary B. Brannum (Kenneth

Sr.), Rev. Dr. Natasha Carter-Brannum (Shawn) and Chanel Brannum (Richard); her loving grandchildren, Gary Carter, Amber Clarke, Jasmine Clarke, Natasha A. Brannum "Tuti", Regina J. Brannum "Gigi", Kenneth R. Brannum Jr. "Kenny", Abdul H. Brannum "Douly", Malik A. Brannum "Lik Lik", Jaelyn Brannum and great-grandson Antoine Montgomery; her dear and loving big brother, Allen T. Hill Jr. "Uncle Allen"; her nephews, Allen "Tiger" Hill III, Jamal Hill and Malik Kenlaw. Gladys also leaves: her nieces, Deborah Hill-Clark "Debbie Jean", Lisa Hill, Quanda Hill, Dontrell Woods, Shaquan Hill and Nyshia Hammonds. Additionally, Mama's mother-in-law, Rosie Mae Stickland "Grandma Rosie" (98) of Virginia and brothers-in-law, Walter and Claude Strickland and a sister-in-law.

Warm appreciation to Gladys' dear best friends, Elaine Mathis and Niada Carter, our extended family Pamela Teal, Barbara Smith, Debra Chappel-Clayborn and Vanessa Hannah were like daughters to her. Also, the family deeply thanks and sincerely appreciates Wanda Diggins for her willingness to help care for and comfort Mama during her time of need.

To the host of other loving family, dear friends and caring neighbors of the community where she lived for well over forty years you know how much Gladys cared for each of you.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 24. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Wake

JUN 25. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul Community Baptist Church
1901 E. Federal Street
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gladys Brannum*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, may Jehovah give you comfort in your time of need. 1Corinthians 1:3,4.*

Carolyn - June 26, 2014 at 10:27 AM



“ *Natasha lit a candle in memory of Gladys Brannum*



Natasha - June 22, 2014 at 12:53 PM



“ *Dear mama, we love you so very much. You will be deeply missed. Please know that every lesson you imparted unto us will forever be remembered. Your spirit lives on in each of us and for generations to come will your inspiration for life, love and learning be shared!*

*Always,
Shawn and Natasha C.*

Natasha - June 22, 2014 at 12:52 PM

SL

“ My condolences to the Graham family. The death of a loved one is the most difficult thing we deal with. I wanted to take this time to express my condolences to you for your loss. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's word the Bible. (Psalms 83:18) The Bible promises: "And he (Almighty God Jehovah) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore." (Revelation 21:4) Death will be removed from all the earth. (1Corinthians15:26) Tears of sorrow will vanish. No one will die from natural causes or weep. The Bible also promises: "No resident will say: 'I am sick.' "-Isaiah 33:24. These are promises that will soon be a reality. The Bible plainly states: "It is impossible for God to lie." (Hebrews 6:18) May you find comfort from these promises. And may Jehovah God of all comfort be with you. (2Corinthians 1:3,4)

For more encouragement please visit www.Jw.org.

sherries lee - June 21, 2014 at 10:46 AM

GB

“ GWENDOLYN BOYKIN lit a candle in memory of Gladys Brannum



GWENDOLYN BOYKIN - June 20, 2014 at 08:15 PM

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“ *To the Family of Gladys Brannum:
I was reading about the death of your loved one and I wanted to write to tell you how sorry I was to read of it. Death is such a painful thing. The bible though gives us comfort. It says at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that 'the last enemy death is to be brought to nothing.' We have such a wonderful promise to look forward to. We have the prospect of living without death. Isaiah 25:8 says that 'God will swallow up death forever'. So we have the hope of seeing death gone forever. We will never lose our loved ones again in death. Titus 1:2 says 'God cannot lie'. So we know for sure these things will take place. Well I do hope these scriptures have brought you comfort. If you have any questions or comments please e-mail me or go to www.jw.org.*

Faye - June 20, 2014 at 07:19 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 Funeral Homes - June 20, 2014 at 02:30 PM