



Gladys Booker Coleman

October 30, 1945 - October 28, 2025

Gladys Booker Coleman was born on October 30, 1945, in Amelia, Virginia, to her loving parents, the late James Edward Booker and Ruth Harper Booker. On Tuesday, October 28, 2025, the gates of Heaven opened, and she entered into the glory of the Lord. She was welcomed into eternal rest by her first husband and the father of her children, Douglas Bracey, her beloved parents, and many cherished relatives who had gone before her to welcome her home.

Gladys received her early education at Oak Grove Elementary School in Mansboro, VA, and went on to graduate from Russell Grove High School in 1963. During her school years, she was an enthusiastic member of the 4-H Club and proudly served as a cheerleader, showcasing her vibrant spirit and love for community.

She gave her life to Christ at an early age and was baptized at Manassa Hill Baptist Church, where she remained a devoted and faithful member, joyfully serving in the church choir. As her Christian journey continued, she later united with Fifth Street Baptist Church, where she served faithfully on the Usher Board and remained an active and dedicated member for many years. Her lifelong ambition was to become a businesswoman after completing high school, which led her to begin working at DMV on Broad Street. She later built a rewarding career at MCV Hospital's Nelson Clinic, serving in the Audiology Department as a speech pathologist, where she helped patients with their

hearing implants.

On August 6, 1966, she married the late Douglas Bracey of Lawrenceville, VA, and to this union, Douglas Keith Bracey and Kisha Monta Bracey were born. They were married for 28 years until his eternal rest.

After much prayer and reflection, she chose to continue her education at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, VA, where she earned an Associate's Degree in Applied Science, graduating with honors, Cum Laude.

She had a deep love for celebrating and decorating during the holidays, with Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas being her absolute favorites. A proud Founding Member of the Three Fountains North Civic Association, she served faithfully for many years, dedicating herself to community improvement and neighborhood beautification.

Blessed with many gifts and talents, Gladys was also a licensed beautician who joyfully styled the hair of family and friends in her home.

On September 17, 2006, she united in marriage with Dr. John Wesley Coleman of Petersburg, VA. Through this union, she embraced her role as First Lady of Good News Baptist Church, where she faithfully served in many capacities, contributing to the church's quarterly newsletter, singing in the choir, participating in the ladies' fellowship, and lovingly enhancing the beauty and warmth of the sanctuary. Outside of church activities, they loved to travel, shop, and dine at various restaurants. Dr. John Coleman was a devoted husband and caregiver.

She leaves to cherish her memory and continue her legacy of love and faith her devoted husband of 19 years, Dr. John Wesley Coleman; two loving children, Douglas Keith Bracey (Amanda) and Kisha Monta Christian (Corey);

and one stepdaughter, Terri L. Gerald (Jacob).

Gladys is also survived by four cherished sisters, Lucy Jackson of Amelia, VA, Rose Porter of Chesterfield, VA, Ruth Ann Barner of Henrico, VA, and Margaret Ross (McKinley) of Midlothian, VA, and two devoted brothers, James Booker Jr. (Viola) and Franklin Booker (Denise), both of Amelia, VA; two sisters-in-law - Ms. Doris L. Coleman and Mrs. Ernestine C. Newsome, and three brothers-in-law - Dea. James E. Coleman (Shirley), Mr. Robert E. Coleman, and Mr. David R. Coleman.

She also leaves behind two beloved aunts, Rev. Addie Holloway of Portsmouth, VA, and Laura Anderson (Ray) of Blackstone, VA, five precious grandchildren, one devoted goddaughter, Cynthia Porter-Moore (Jack), six caring nieces, and three caring nephews.

Her memory will also be treasured by a host of other relatives, cousins, neighbors, and dear friends, including Revs. Anthony and Linda Pearson, Maxine Coleman, Bessie Worsham-Johnson, Bessie-Creighton Hawks, Emily Carter, and Angelyn Poe, all of whom loved her deeply.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 7. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

NOV 7. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of life

NOV 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Good News Baptist Church
1920 Dupuy Road
Petersburg, VA 23803

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Funeral Homes - November 08, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ *To Pastor Coleman, Kisha and Keith we send our love and condolences to you in the passing of First Lady Gladys Coleman. We pray the Lord will give you all strength and peace for the days to come.
Love the Good News Baptist Church Family*



Robin Lipscomb - November 08, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gladys Booker Coleman.*



November 06, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ *Raqiyah Waajid, Badiyyah Waajid planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Booker Coleman.*

Raqiyah Waajid, Badiyyah Waajid - November 06, 2025 at 04:52 PM

MW

“ To : *The Booker and Coleman*
Condolences to the family from
Marshell Morgan Woodley and Martha Morgan / Cousins

Mashell A Woodley - November 06, 2025 at 03:02 PM

RF

“ *Rev. Addie Holloway and Family purchased the S*
imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of
Gladys Booker Coleman.



Rev. Addie Holloway and Family - November 06, 2025 at 01:09 PM

FB

“ *To my neighbor and friend (Ruth Ann Barner), the Bracey, Coleman,*
and Booker Family, Pray God will continue to bless you all during
this difficult time and in the days to come. Gladys was a great
neighbor and friend in the Three Fountains North subdivision.
Loving Submitted, Freda W. Bishop

Freda W. Bishop - November 06, 2025 at 09:10 AM

MC

“ *Maxine Coleman purchased the Crystal Cross Bo*
uquet for the family of Gladys Booker Coleman.



Maxine Coleman - November 05, 2025 at 03:03 PM

JP

“ *Your Russell Grove High School Class of '64 have fond memories of our school days. Rest in peace.*

Joyce Perkinson - November 04, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gladys Booker Coleman.*



November 04, 2025 at 12:58 PM

TC

“ *I will never forget the Christmas brunches hosted by you, how you welcomed all of my family into your home. You treated me like your family, I appreciate all of the phone calls, advice and just being there for me at any given reason and any given time. You are will always be special to me- I will always love you.*

Tess Carroll - November 04, 2025 at 09:06 AM

DC

“ *Thank you for accepting me as your granddaughter and standing in the gap as my grandma, & thank you for all you ever done for me. I love you and you're forever missed.*



*Love always,
DeLisa Coleman*

DeLisa Coleman - November 04, 2025 at 12:01 AM

KC

Thank you! ❤️

Kisha Christian - November 04, 2025 at 06:57 AM

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Kisha Christian - November 03, 2025 at 07:43 PM

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Kisha Christian - November 03, 2025 at 07:40 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 - November 03, 2025 at 04:47 PM