



## Gladys M. Deas

November 13, 1930 - October 8, 2018

GLADYS MAE TAYLOR DEAS, the seventh child of the late Arnett A. and Irene Guinn Taylor was born on November 13, 1930 in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed this life on Monday, October 8, 2018. Gladys was raised in a loving and caring family.

Gladys was born and bred into Metropolitan United Methodist Church. Early on she served as secretary to the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Later, she assisted the scout master and his assistant (her husband) with the training of the Boy Scouts in her church and in the community. She sang on the Youth Choir directed by the late Evelyn Dyson-Johnson. From its inception, Gladys joined and sang with The Wesley Choir under the direction of Mack Statham until its disbandment.

Gladys received her education in the Baltimore City Public Schools and proudly graduated from Frederick Douglas High School in 1951. After graduation, on March 29, 1952, she married her best friend and the love of her life, Jerome Deas. They were married for more than 39 years until Jerome's death in June of 1991. Although they had no children of their own, she always referred to her nieces and nephews as "her babies." Gladys and Jerome became good friends with a schoolmate Jeannette and her husband Clarence (Crip) Smith. They spent time together taking trips and going to concerts and plays. Other good friends of theirs were Geraldine and William

Ringgold.

Gladys' hobbies were ceramics and photography. The late Charles Miller at Metropolitan UMC introduced the members to the art of making ceramics. She loved making clay dishes, clocks, plaques and decorative objects and gave them as birthday, special occasion and Christmas gifts.

In her early years, Gladys was employed at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. There she spent 39 ½ years working as a clerk in the Wilmer Eye Clinic, and later in her career advancing to become Supervisor of the Record Room.

St. John 3:16—"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." is Gladys' favorite scripture. Her favorite hymn is "The Lord is my light and my Salvation."

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, Arnett Amerdith and Irene Guinn Taylor, her brothers, Edinburgh Arnett Taylor (Blanche) and George Amertive Taylor (Mary), and her sisters, Blanche Johnson, Ruth Collic and Elaine Lewis (George). She leaves to cherish her memory sisters, Agnes T. Ray and Marcia Johnson, a brother-in-law, Lawrence Johnson, her Goddaughter, Louise A. Barnette, a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews, her church family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus

1101 Sulphur Spring Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## viewing

OCT **15**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

OCT **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

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OCT **16**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Metropolitan United Methodist Church  
1121 W. Lanvale St.  
Balto., MD

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gladys M. Deas*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *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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**March Funeral Homes** - October 11, 2018 at 08:09 AM