



Gladys E. Woodlon

February 22, 1916 - October 13, 2007

GLADYS ELIZABETH PEMBERTON WOODLON, a sweet and gentle spirit, transitioned to her life on Saturday, October 13, 2007.

Gladys, daughter of the late Robert Gray and Pearl King Pemberton, was born in Baltimore, Maryland on February 22, 1916. She was one of four children: Louise, Gladys, Robert Jr., and Martha Ann. Louise and Robert (Buddy) preceded her in death.

Educated in the Baltimore City Public School, Gladys graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in February 1934. She later married her schoolmate and neighborhood beau, James Arnold Woodlon. Two children were born to this couple, Roberta Pearl and Michael Arnold.

Gladys grew up in Leadenhall Baptist Church. In the 1960's she affiliated with Walbrook Trinity Presbyterian Church where she served as an usher. She was a willing participant in church activities, especially the annual smorgasbord and travel activities. The cake she provided for the smorgasbord disappeared as soon as they appeared on the dessert table.

Employed by the United States Government as a file clerk, she worked at Social Security in the Candler Building in Baltimore and later at Fort Holabird in Dundalk. She earned a number of certificates for diligence and for excellent

production. Gladys, having lived through the Depression and World War II, always appreciated her job and its benefits. She was grateful that she was afforded the opportunity, by practicing frugality, to raise and educate her children; especially when she became a single parent. She had an inquisitive mind and sought enrichment by periodically pursuing courses at Morgan and the Community College of Baltimore, especially after she retired.

An excellent cook, a stellar baker, Gladys was known for her cakes, pies, cookies and fruit cake. Fruit cake connoisseurs constantly urged her to market them commercially, so they could indulge loving generosity to others. She was an avid reader and possessed an extensive library. She loved to travel. Even though she traveled to several countries outside the United States, her great passion was to see the Pyramids and the Great Wall. When she went to China and Egypt while in her seventies, she considered those trips to be the pinnacle of her travels.

Gladys sustained hypertension, diabetes and several ministrokes. The great blessing was that she did not suffer acute pain, and that she was able to ambulate. When her health began to further decline, she resided in the home of her daughter and son-in-law for the past several years. After a brief hospital and rehabilitation center stay, on August 27th, she entered Elesy Manor, an assisted living facility in Baltimore County. The warm and excellent care she received there was a source of comfort to her and the entire family. Just as she lived for more than ninety-one years, Gladys peacefully and gently slipped into eternity.

Gladys is survived by: her sister, Martha Ann Byrd; daughter, Roberta Scott; son, Michael Arnold Woodlon; grandsons; Michael Pemberton Scott and Jonathan James Scott; great-grandson, Michael Alexander Scott; son-in-law, Paul F. Scott; daughter-in-law, Phyllis R. Jones; granddaughter-in-law, Maressa; and other friends and relatives.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 17. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
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Wake

OCT 18. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Gladys E. Woodlon

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“ I am very sorry to learn of the death of Gladys. This must have been a difficult time for all of you. I'm forwarding scripture that will comfort you. Psalm 90:10 says that the usual human life span is 70 or 80 years. This was true when Moses wrote it but not so from the beginning. (compare Genesis 5:3-32.) Hebrew 9:27 says...It is reserved for men to die once for all time. This, too, was true when it was written but not the case before God passed judgement on sinful Adam.##imported-begin##JT Nunnally##imported-end##

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“ Hey cousins, I know this is a tough one for both you and Michael, Bobbie. And when I opened this page to find this lovely picture of Aunt Gladys I smiled, remembering what a beautiful lady she was. She lived a long life too. This was a special blessing as well. But I know your hearts are broken. But I encourage you to find peace in God's sacred promise and in the many happy memories you have of your Mom. As for me, I am thinking of her in heaven curled up with a good book. Much love and sincere condolences from my family to yours. Linda, Stromie and Christopher##imported-begin##Linda C James##imported-end##

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