



## Gloria J. Allender

February 26, 1950 - July 3, 2020

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:6-7

GLORIA JEAN CRAWFORD-ALLENDER, fifth of seven, was born to the late German and Mary E. Crawford in Winston Salem, North Carolina. On the morning of July 3, 2020 after a short illness, Gloria was called home to rest. Grace was extended to her from the Master and peace was given unto her from God. She was a woman of faith, strength, dignity and grace.

November 7, 1970 Gloria and Garfield Allender were united in holy matrimony and this union was blessed with two children, Kimberly Nicole Allender (Nikki) who preceded her in death and Garfield Rudolph Allender (GR).

Gloria accepted the Lord at an early age, was baptized July 13, 1958 and received on July 27, 1958 into membership by the Pastor Jarret R. Butler of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church where she was a devoted, active member for 62 years until her death. Gloria served on many ministries over the years which included: Voices of Sinai, Youth Counselor, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Teacher. The late Pastor William Brown appointed her as Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Financial Secretary and later was the first female Trustee. Under Pastor Ray Cotton, Gloria became Superintendent of Sunday School and the substitute teacher for noon day Bible Study. Through

her tireless work with the Christian Education Ministry, she inspired many youth to become participants in the Youth Ministry to work, worship and witness. She loved sharing and spending time with seniors. She made them feel valuable and appreciated their genuine heart of love. She knew that they were a gift from God. Gloria would say you need them and they needed you. Value them. Respect them. Love them. Lead them. Gloria was a missionary from the heart, she volunteered at Beans & Bread, Samaritan Purse Warehouse and provided special hair care for the women in Nursing Homes/Group Homes. She also performed exercise classes for seniors. In addition, she gave financial support to the youth, seniors and missions.

Gloria was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. In 1968 she was one of the first blacks to graduate from Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School in Business. She graduated from Eldorado Beauty School in 1977 and was licensed as a Senior Cosmetologist. Continuing her education in 1993 she graduated from Baltimore City Community College with an Associates in Arts-Legal Assistant. In 1996 she graduated Cum Laude from Coppin State University with a Bachelor of Science-Criminal Justice degree with perfect attendance.

Her employment history has been rich and progressive. The highlights of her career included being an entrepreneur as a Senior Cosmetologist. She was also a District Court Commissioner for the State of Maryland and served as a Paralegal for The Legal Aid Bureau. Gloria was dedicated and committed to all her endeavors.

Gloria enjoyed life to the fullest, which included a variety of shopping, music, plays, dancing and traveling. She was her youngest sister's personal shopper, which she loved.

She leaves to cherish her legacy: her beloved son, Garfield Allender

(Lashawnda) of Gwynn Oak, MD; five grandchildren, Myles Pompey of Lutherville, MD, Jaylin Allender of Avondale, AZ, Aniya Allender of Avondale, AZ Jordan Allender of Baltimore, MD, and Layla Allender of Gwynn Oak, MD; five sisters, Mary McDondald of Windsor Mills, MD, Catherine Bradshaw of Mesa, AZ, Maxine Barnes (Willie) of Inglewood, CA, Joan Hubbard of Hockley, TX and Darlene Dunn (Charles), of Rosedale, MD; three surrogate sisters Evon Jackson of Baltimore, MD, Brenda Carter of Sumter, SC, and Elaine Stanton of Baltimore, MD; a special friend from childhood, Patricia Briggs, Baltimore, MD; a life-long devoted companion of more than 20 years, Charles Shabazz; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. We will cherish her memory, her love, and kind sweet spirit. Thank God for the time we had with Gloria.

# Cemetery Details

## King Park

8710 Dogwood Road  
Baltimore, MD 21244

# Previous Events

## Wake

JUL 11. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Gloria J. Allender, Please Click the Link below.



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**March Funeral Homes** - July 22, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ *Gloria J. Allender*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Gloria was a great friend and sister to the family keep your hands and God hand you have my blessing, RIP my friend love you like my blood sister, love you all my family. Lynette Quickley.*

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**Lynette Quickley** - July 11, 2020 at 06:44 AM



*Ms. Gloria was a good friend. I'm just finding out. My prayers are with this family.*

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**Tonya Thompson** - October 14, 2020 at 09:39 AM

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“Gloria was a lovely friend who had a beautiful spirit. Her wonderful presence will be sincerely missed by her many friends and clients at Stadium Place. Gloria and Kim are together again in the previous arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
Fondly, Amy Powell

Amy E. Powell - July 09, 2020 at 11:21 AM

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“May God's Mercy and Grace comfort the Crawford and Allender Family during this difficult time. We the Highgate Drive family neighbors and friends send sympathy to all of you. Our love to the family. Sonia Parham and Family

sonia parham - July 09, 2020 at 10:04 AM

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“Alicia Edmunds purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gloria J. Allender.



Alicia Edmunds - July 09, 2020 at 08:56 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.

March Funeral Homes - July 06, 2020 at 01:18 PM

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*Gloria was a great friend and sister, i call her all the time, RIP ,to the family i love you all , may bless each one of you, have my deepest synpathy.*

**Lynette Quickley** - July 11, 2020 at 06:38 AM

MT

*Sis, it is difficult for me to express how much you will be missed. You were a little firecracker! You were the shortest of the sisters yet you had a powerful,fun personality. You could tell a joke and then follow-up with words of wisdom and encouragement. You had the spirit of service. Today your earthly body is put to rest. I take comfort knowing you and Nikki are together. In My Heart Forever, Mac*

**Maxine Tennessee** - July 11, 2020 at 03:42 PM