



## Gloria Jean Washington Clarke

March 12, 1950 - June 30, 2023

### Legacy of Life

The harvest does not speak of an untimely cutting down of the grain; rather it speaks of it being in its season. Therefore, the life lived by our departed loved one should not be viewed as untimely, but in its season, the season of God's choosing. To live fully would involve growing physically, intellectually, and most of all spiritually to have a love and compassion for family. Embracing the appreciation for the one that gave life, gave provision, good or bad; realizing it all is granted possible through the blessings of Jesus Christ.

On Friday, June 30, 2023, Gloria Jean Washington Clarke, 73, of Richmond, formerly of Harrisonburg was called home to be with her loved ones that have gone on before her. She was born March 12, 1950, in Harrisonburg and was a daughter of the late Gratehouse Robert Washington and Hattie Mazure Turner Washington.

She retired from the City of Richmond where she was a dedicated clerical worker for more than 20+ years. She met her husband Kenneth and they have been married for 33 years. They spent many years building a beautiful life and unbreakable love for one another. Gloria made sure that her husband's lunch was always prepared before he left for work. She was an amazing cook that loved to spend time in the kitchen. Her special dish was baked chicken, rice,

and string beans.

Gloria was always willing to assist wherever and whenever help was needed. She was a homebody and quiet person. Gloria loved the Lord and remained strong in her faith and fought her battle courageously, with a strength and determination. Through her illness, her husband remained at her side with love and faithfulness. Gloria was a devoted wife, sister, auntie, and friend. She was a woman of grace, meekness, sophistication, fearfully and wonderfully made, a woman of God and platinum heart. She never gave up. She will be forever loved, missed, and cherished by many.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Washington and James Washington; and three sisters, Margaret Hoggard, Lorraine Washington and Sallie Squire. Gloria leaves to cherish her memory, a loving and devoted husband, Kenneth Clarke; three sisters, Bernice Temple of Richmond, Dr. Shirley Washington of Maryland, and Mary Ann Martin of Harrisonburg; and a number of nieces, nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews; other relatives and dear friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Public Viewing**

JUL 20. 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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

### **Celebration of Life with live streaming**

JUL 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Gloria Jean Washington Clarke*



March Funeral Homes - July 19, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Poems about Jean and Ken*



Dr. Shirley N. Washington - July 19, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to the Washington and Clarke families. I still remember Jean's giggle and smile. When we were growing up, we thought there was no place like Johnson street. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to have known Mrs Hattie and her children. Jean will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her.*

*Celeste Mason King*

Celeste King - July 18, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean Washington Clarke.



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July 17, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gloria Jean Washington Clarke.

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July 17, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Washington family in the loss of your dear sister Jean. She was a sweet soul. I will always remember her smile and kindness. Sincerely, Mary Ann Smith-Tucker.



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**Mary Ann Smith-Tucker** - July 13, 2023 at 09:25 AM

MT

“ My beautiful sister, Gloria Jean moved to Richmond after graduating high school in Harrisonburg, VA to begin her life journey. With her independent spirit, she quickly navigated the city fearlessly. Her business background and jovial personality helped her land jobs easily, not to mention her ability to type 100 words a minute without error. She married her husband, Ken, to continue in her blessed journey. I often referred to them as "two peas in pod". Jean was an amazing sister and best friend. I will miss her tremendously, but know she is at peace now. I love you dearly. Rest in peace.



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**Mrs. Bernice (Muff) Temple** - July 09, 2023 at 10:18 PM

MT

*Also Known As: Bernice Temple*

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**Mrs. Bernice (Muff) Temple** - July 09, 2023 at 10:22 PM

DM

“ Our sincerest condolences to Ken and the family of Jean, our neighbors for 20 plus yrs. We will miss Jean's pleasant smile and personality. Rest in peace 🙏  
Charles and Diane Marrow

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**Diane Marrow** - July 07, 2023 at 02:05 PM

CH

“ My sincere love and prayers in the loss of Jean. She was my neighbor, my babysitter, my friend, Miss Hattie's baby and so much more. I have never forgotten her laughter. May you find comfort in your memories and know that she is resting in God's love and peace.

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**Cathy Harrison** - July 07, 2023 at 01:40 PM

DW

“ Sister Jean, our parents (Gratehouse and Hattie Washington)’s Ninth ROSE:  
*I know you hung in there “relatively well” during your time here on Earth, leaving us with numerous, lovely memories to cherish. Rest in peace now, as God continues to watch over you. We will forever miss your pleasant smile, detailed accounting skills, and love for family.*

*Dr. Shirley N. Washington, Sister  
ShirleyNan13@outlook.com*

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**Dr. Shirley N. Washington** - July 07, 2023 at 01:28 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - July 07, 2023 at 10:14 AM