



## Joyce M. Gibbs

April 10, 1948 - April 27, 2018

Joyce Marie Gibbs, the third child of the late Clarence and Odell Gibbs, was born April 10, 1948. She departed this life on April 27, 2018.

As a student and a teacher, Joyce worked hard in school, reflecting the priority of education in the Gibbs household. She attended the Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated on June 6, 1966 with 666 graduates from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. After graduation, Joyce was an active alumni member in the Class of '66 and the Dunbar Alumni Association. She held offices in both organizations.

She was one of several students who received scholarships to attend Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania at a time when integration was still new. She left Baltimore as a quiet and shy young girl. She returned to Baltimore as a strong black woman.

When Joyce graduated from Dickinson College, she returned to the Baltimore City Public Schools to begin her teaching career. Joyce was a foreign language teacher at Calverton Junior High School and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. She decided that as a teacher of foreign languages, she would visit some of the countries and use her language skills. She traveled to France, Spain, Japan and Germany.

Joyce grew up and was baptized in New Pilgrim Baptist Church. When her good friend, Douglas Miles, became pastor of Brown's Memorial Baptist Church, she moved her membership there. When then Rev. Miles founded Koinonia Baptist Church, Joyce was the first member, served as a trustee, was the first chairperson of the Trustee Board, and later, became an ordained deacon. When she retired from the school system, she worked full-time at Koinonia until her health forced her to retire from that work.

Joyce shared a special bond with the light of her life, her son, Bryan, whom she loved fiercely. They spent many happy hours together enjoying their shared love of science fiction. With the arrival of a granddaughter and a grandson, her world was complete.

Joyce spent many happy hours working crossword puzzles and playing cards with close friends. If Joyce was your friend, she was your friend for life.

Because of her strong, unwavering faith, Joyce was prepared to move on. She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Colonel Bryan McNeil (Joshlyn); her grandchildren, Brooke and Bryce; her sisters, Laura, Barbara/Roeeyah and Sheila; her brother, Charles (LaSondra); her devoted nieces and nephews, Nikkia, Alexis, Kamaria, Herbert, David (Blair), Jelani, and Aaron; her cousins, Faiza, James and Linda; her lifelong friend and godmother to Bryan, Charlene Davis, and a host of other relatives and friends. Joyce was predeceased by her oldest brother, Clarence E. Gibbs, Jr., known affectionately as Bucky.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21244  
(410) 944-8300  
info@kingmemorialpark.com  
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

# Previous Events

## viewing

MAY 4. 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

MAY 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

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MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Koinonia Baptist Church  
5738 Belair Road  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

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MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce M. Gibbs*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Joyce, Shirley and myself went to Dunbar High School in the class of 1966. I am sorry to hear joyce passing. God Be With Family*  
*Thaddeus Modlin*



**Thaddeus MODLIN** - May 08, 2018 at 12:54 AM



“ *Vivian Ballard lit a candle in memory of Joyce M. Gibbs*



**Vivian Ballard** - May 05, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Eugenia McCants Holloway Harden lit a candle in memory of Joyce M. Gibbs*



**Eugenia McCants Holloway Harden** - May 04, 2018 at 11:57 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** - May 01, 2018 at 09:59 AM