

*In Loving Memory of*



*Gwendolyn Gibbs*

*Sunrise*  
*October 28, 1935*

*Sunset*  
*June 24, 2019*

*Service:*  
*Friday, July 5, 2019 - 2:00 pm*

**Whigham Funeral Home**  
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey  
*Rev. Dr. Kenneth Mitchem*

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Scripture Reading**

Old Testament

New Testament

**Prayer**

**Hymn**

**Obituary & Acknowledgments**

**Words of Comfort on Behalf of the Family**

Maurice Sidney Gibbs

**Solo**

**Eulogy**

**Recessional**

**Private Interment**

## *Obituary*

Gwendolyn Gibbs departed this life, late Monday evening, June 24, 2019. She was born (Gwendolyn Harrison) on October 28, 1935 in Newark, New Jersey. Gwendolyn was the oldest daughter of six children, born to the late Walker Harrison and Ruth Robinson.

Gwendolyn was raised in the city of Newark and was educated in the Newark public school system and later graduated from the Newark Evening High school program. She later attended Essex County College and received a Business Administration Certificate.

Although, Gwendolyn was raised in the A.M.E Church and attended Clinton Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Newark, New Jersey. She later chose to go a different route in professing her faith and joined the Roman Catholic Church, most notably attending St. Joseph Church in East Orange, New Jersey.

Gwendolyn started her professional career working for the City of Newark Department of Consumer Affairs. She then moved on to the Urban League of Essex County as a job coordinator securing employment, for those in need of guidance and assistance.

Gwendolyn was truly a social butterfly and will fondly be remembered as a ray of sunshine when entering a room. She enjoyed telling family stories about her father and her siblings and their adventures when they lived "Down the Neck" in Newark, New Jersey. She enjoyed many restaurants and local dining establishments, perhaps, her favorites were; Cooper's Deli in Newark, New Jersey; The Famous Delicatessen in South Orange, New Jersey and Jay's restaurant in Newark, New Jersey. Her favorite treat was a walnut hot fudge sundae, with cherry vanilla ice cream from the now defunct Pam's Ice Cream parlor on South Orange Avenue in the Vailsburg section of Newark; perhaps, a close second was a slice from an Entermann's Pecan Danish Ring. She also enjoyed movies, books, reading The Star Ledger newspaper and watching her favorite television programs including Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune.

Gwendolyn leaves to cherish her precious memories her six children, three daughters: Leslie, Lora and Lisa and three sons: Charles, Richard and Maurice; eighteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren; her dear cousin, Hattie Smith; her compassionate and generous nieces, Michelle "Renée" Banks, Karen Banks; daughter-in-law Annese Goodwin Gibbs (Richard) and her sister-in-law (Sidney) Marylin Harrison; as well as a host of relatives, family and friends who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her father Walker Harrison, mother Ruth (Harrison) Richardson; sisters: Estelle Banks and Ruth Elaine Lynch and her brothers: Mexie, Richard and Sidney Harrison, sister-in-laws (Mexie) Hattie Harrison and (Richard) Elsie Harrison.

## Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Gwendolyn Gibbs** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

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