

Celebrating the Life
of



Gladys Gloria Alston

Sunrise
September 14, 1954

Sunset
September 22, 2020

Thursday, October 8, 2020 - 6pm

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME
256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey
Pastor Marcus Debnam, Officiating

Obituary

Gladys Gloria Alston Thomas was born on September 14, 1954 to the late Frank Alston and Pattie Lou Williams in Henderson NC. When her mom moved up North to pursue her career and seek better employment, Gladys stayed in Henderson and was reared by her grandmother, Novella Harris Williams.

“Lump” as she was affectionately known, was educated in Vance County School system and was a graduate of Vance Senior High School. After graduation she was accepted into Vance Granville Community College majoring in Business Administration.

“Sister”, as she was known to her younger cousins and friends, came to know Christ and was baptized early in life. She was an active member at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Henderson where she served in Sunday School, Youth and Young Adult Choirs and the Missionary Circle until she left the area in early 80’s.

She loved caring and taking care of children. One of her greatest achievements was instilling good morals and values into her niece and nephew and teaching them how to be independent thinkers. She spent the majority of her life taking care of other people’s children. Gladys could very easily have managed her own daycare services, the more the better. She would help anyone if she could and she never met a stranger.

In addition to her parents and grandparents, Gladys was preceded in death by her husband, B.J Thomas, and her brother, Ervin C. Alston.

Gladys Gloria Alston Thomas, 66, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, September 22, 2020.

Gladys leaves precious memories to her nephew, Roshan Myers (Toreeka) and their children: Quayshon Myers, Ahlea Myers and Tyra Myers all of Columbia, South Carolina; niece/care giver, Veronica Zaffuto (Nevin Earl, Sr.) and their son, Nevin all of Paterson, New Jersey; cousin/brother, Clarence Shearin Jr., of Baltimore, Maryland; sister/cousin, Sandra Waverly (Joseph) of Henderson, NC; aunt, Janice Buie (David) of Clifton, NJ; aunt, Lena Williams of Laurinburg, NC; uncle, Clarence Shearin, Sr. of Baltimore Maryland; sister in law, Frankie Crawford of Eastover, South Carolina; cousins, Vernice Johnson and Denise Young of Paterson N.J and a host of cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Order of Service

Invocation.....Pastor Marcus Debnam
(Mighty Sons of God Fellowship Church)

Selection.....Organist

Old Testament Scripture.....Pastor Rosetta Collins
(Psalms 91) (Mighty Sons of God Fellowship Church)

New Testament Scripture.....Minister Danielle Johnson
(I Thessalonians 4:13-18) (Mighty Sons of God Fellowship Church)

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Michael D. McDuffie
(Mighty Sons of God Fellowship Church)

Remarks by Friends & Family (Please limit to 2 minutes)

Acknowledgement of Cards
& Reflections of Life/Obituary.....Pastor Rosetta Collins

Special Selection.....Felisha Farrar

Eulogy.....Pastor Marcus Debnam

Closing Prayer.....Pastor Marcus Debnam

Final Viewing

Committal

Final Disposition
Cedar Lawn Crematory
Paterson, New Jersey

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Gladys Gloria Alston** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

The family wishes to Thank the Management and staff of Lakeview Rehabilitation & Care Center of Wayne, New Jersey for all the rehab and long-term care of Gladys.

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