

Celebrating the Life of



Gloria Baston

Sunrise
October 13, 1940

Sunset
December 26, 2021

Thursday January 6, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Citadel Cathedral of Praise and Worship

105 Barbey Street

Brooklyn, New York 11207

Bishop Kevin Bond, Senior Pastor

Obituary

A Son's Tribute to his Mother & Best Friend

Gloria May Baston (Mom/Grandmom) was called home to glory on, December 26, 2021, at the young age of 81. She had been battling various illnesses for years, but that never stopped her love of her family and friends or was allowed to overshadow her demeanor. She lived her life, on the terms she and God set for 81 + years, until God called her home. Mom remained active until the month leading to her departure. Mom was always one to find the best in you and wasn't judgmental. Although, Mom didn't live in a mansion, she would always make room for anyone who needed a place to stay, food to eat, and encouraging conversation. However, don't get it twisted, when you wore out your welcome, Mom knew how to politely show you the door, with love.

It is with a heavy heart as I write this, that I want you to know that I personally lost on December 26, 2021, not only a beloved Mother, but my best friend. If you knew Gloria (Mom), I am sure you know what I am saying, and while I say that, I know I will see her and many of our family, and friends again. "What a day of shouting that will be, when we ALL see Jesus, we will sing and shout the victory".

Gloria was born on October 13, 1940 in Manhattan to John Mckinley and May Brown (both preceded her in death), who placed her in foster care at a very young age. It was at the Riverdale Children Association, where she would meet, Arlene Stanley and Doris Adams. The three would forge an unbreakable sisterhood that survived the test of time, and this chain remained connected until the passing of Doris Adams on, June 8, 2019. Gloria completed her schooling, and in the course of her studies, she met Wilson J. Baston Sr. (preceded her in death), who she married. They had four children, Wilson Jr., Denise, Erik and the baby Tamela (Pam).

Gloria was a member of the Amity Baptist Church in South Jamaica, NY, where the late Reverend Moore was the Pastor. She would later join St. Paul of Brooklyn, where Bishop Johnny Youngblood was the Pastor. While Mom wasn't a every Sunday worshipper, Mom believed God and the power of prayer.

Mom worked at Social Concern, Inc, where she worked as a home attendant for many years, until for health reasons, she had to retire.

Mom lived a full and blessed 81 years of life to see her children grow, see her grandchildren and yes her great grandchildren. If Mom taught us anything as a family, it was always to Love each other, and help your neighbor/one another.

Gloria is survived by, one sister, Arlene Stanley & her spouse David Stanley, one brother-in-law, the late Claud Harris of VA, two sons, Wilson Jr., and Erik, two daughters, Denise and Tamela (Pam) two sons-in-law, Steven and JD, one daughter-in-law, Vilma, grandchildren, Jonathan & his spouse Mona Lisa, Victoria and her spouse Kris, Joseph, James, Nicole, Shantiva & her spouse Kenneth, Shantea, Joshua, Jordan, Erika, great grandchildren, Kimberly, Kendall, Malia, Yakira, Nehemiah, Isaac, three nieces, Linda Leary of GA, Dawn Adams of NYC, Janet Harris of VA two nephews the late Richard Dixon of GA & his spouse Julia Dixon-Montgomery, who remarried to Benjamin Montgomery of GA, Claud Harris Jr. of VA, great nephew, Jacob, Mark, Wesley & his spouse Ashley, great great niece, McKinley and a host of family and friends.

Our family wish to personally thank, GOD #1 (Jesus Christ), Bishop Kevin Bonds (Pastor), Church family (Citadel), Sampson Funeral Services, and all of you who have prayed for Mom, and our family.

Order of Service

James Hall, Minister of Music

Processional

Words of Comfort

Reading of Scripture:

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Elder Charles Perry

New Testament - St. John 14:1-7 ... Elder Deborah Prichard Stevenson

Musical Selection Elder Deborah Prichard Stevenson

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Tribute Speakers Jonathan Baston- Grandson

Dawn Lisa Adams- Niece

Elder Wilson J. Baston Jr.- Eldest Son

Reading of Obituary

Musical Selection Professor James Hall

Eulogy Bishop Kevin Bond

Benediction

Funeral Director

Recessional

Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, New York



Acknowledgment

The family 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.

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