

A portrait of Gladys Payne-Duncan, a woman with dark curly hair, wearing a light-colored blazer over a pink ruffled blouse. She is smiling and holding a large pink rose. The background is dark with several glowing, circular bokeh lights in shades of pink and orange.

Celebrating The Life of
Gladys Payne-Duncan

September 1, 1923 - January 4, 2022

Wednesday January 12, 2022

Viewing: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Homegoing Service: 11:00 a.m.

FIRST AME ZION CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Marvin DeWitt Hooks, Sr., Pastor

Obituary

Gladys Payne Duncan was called to God's heavenly glory on January 4, 2022, at the age of 98. She was a caring and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She was born in Taylorville, NC on September 1, 1923. She was the eldest daughter of the Viola and James Perry and the oldest of three sisters. All of whom have passed away. At the age of 2 she went to live with her late aunt and uncle, Addie and Lucious Chairs in Pittsburgh, PA. She grew up in a religious household which valued education. Gladys spiritual journey began at an early age, on Sunday her aunt made sure she attended Sunday school. She received her diploma from Schenley High School in Pittsburgh, PA.

She married the late LeRoy Payne and they relocated to Brooklyn, NY and was blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Victoria. Gladys remarried in January 1967 to James Duncan who passed away in April 1992.

She was employed by Kings County Hospital in the mail and messenger service where she worked for 31 years. During her tenure she was promoted twice the first promotion to supervisor and the second promotion to P.P.A Level II. She retired at P.P.A Level II. Her pleasant personality was contagious to everyone she met. After retirement she stayed at home to help raise her grandson, Jamal who affectionately called her "Gaga". She enjoyed chaperoning on class trips and his classmates were always happy to be in her group. In addition to being a close confidante and devoted mother to her daughter, Victoria, she frequently spoke to her adopted daughter, Pat. She loved watching soap operas and playing bingo. Gladys enjoyed travelling to different islands and countries with family, friends, and fellowshipped with church members.

She embodied the meaning of being a true Christian through her charitable acts and was always an integral part of her church community. Gladys joined First AME Zion Church on Easter Sunday in 1986 and was a member of various clubs and boards. She was an earnest participant in several fundraisers and rallies. She was a member the Life Members Council and Class #2. Also, the past president of the Mission Minded Friends, a member of the Auxiliary Trustee Board and past member of the WHOMS Parent Body. She was also a member of the House of Ruth under the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. She had been an Appointee of the Grand Household of Ruth for many years. Gladys served as the Worthy Usher and Left Senior Steward in Mara Household of Ruth #3289 in Brooklyn, NY. She was a former member of the Love Pinochle Club and held the position of Treasurer until she resigned from the club.

She loved the Lord with her whole heart. Her favorite Bible verse was Psalm 117 -- "Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever; Praise ye the Lord."

Gladys leaves to cherish her memory her devoted daughter Victoria, her precious grandson Jamal, adopted daughter Patricia Beatty, nieces, nephews, cousins, her loving neighbors the Laurianos, friends, and her First Church family. Gladys will be deeply missed but the memories of her generous deeds and selfless nature will remain with us forever.

"My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress; I will never be shaken." – Psalm 62

Order of Service

Organ Prelude Medley of Spirituals
ProcessionalLift Him Up - #668
Invocation
Hymn..... Marching To Zion - #648
The Old Testament..... Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8
The New Testament Romans 8: 1-6
Prayer of Comfort
Reflections..... (2 Min Please)
Obituary Read Silently
Solo “Amazing Grace” - Kimberly Douglas
EulogyRev. Dr. Marvin D. Hooks, Sr.
Post Eulogy HymnIt Is Well With My Soul - #507
The CommittalRev. Dr. Marvin D. Hooks, Sr.
BenedictionRev. Dr. Marvin D. Hooks, Sr.
Recessional When We All Get To Heaven - #560

Entombment:

Clover Leaf Memorial Park
931 US Highway 1 N
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

Repast:

First AME Zion Church Fellowship Hall

The Magic of a Mother's Touch

*There's magic in a Mother's touch,
and sunshine in her smile.*

*There's love in everything she does
to make our lives worthwhile.*

*We can find both hope and courage
Just by looking in her eyes.*

*Her laughter is a source of joy,
her works are warm and wise.*

*There is a kindness and compassion
to be found in her embrace,
and we see the light of heaven
shining from a Mother's face.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Gladys Payne-Duncan** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*

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