



## Mrs. Gloria Jean Washington

December 7, 1943 - August 1, 2013

WASHINGTON, Mrs. Gloria Jean – Age 69, passed away Thursday, August 1, 2013 at McLaren-Flint. Gloria was the wife of the late Freddie Washington and the mother of Lamont Washington, Sabrina Washington, Sally Washington and Rachel Cosey; grandmother of Denzel Washington. She will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 4PM to 8PM, Friday, August 9, 2013. On Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 9:30AM please join the family for final viewing in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, with funeral service commencing at 11:00AM. Special thanks to the staffs of Hurley Medical Center, Select Specialty and McLaren - Flint.

Gloria Jean Dickerson Washington was born December 7, 1943, in Mount Vernon, New York, to Magdalene Morton and Conway Dickerson. From birth, Gloria was a gift to her family and to anyone who gazed upon her smile.

As a child she displayed the characteristics that were consistent throughout her life – determined, caring, outspoken, hardworking, and loving. Gloria graduated from Edison High School in Mount Vernon, New York, and earned college credits at various universities throughout her professional career.

In her formative years Gloria was a member of the Church of God and Saints of Christ, where she sang alto in the church choir and was an ardent believer

in God – always having high spirits, doing the right thing, and believing that all things are possible. She grew up in a house on 6th Avenue with her grandmother Sallie Belle Morton, who guided her and who she emulated. This strong grandmother influence established Gloria's foundation in understanding the importance of God, family, hard work, helping others, and being consistent. Also in that same home were aunts, uncles, and cousins who created a supportive and loving environment – a safety net, which Gloria, in turn, provided for so many others throughout her own life.

During Gloria's teenage years, she initially wanted to be a hair stylist, and she received her cosmetology license. She could create fabulous hairstyles, making anyone who was touched by her hand gorgeous. She also worked as a nursing assistant at several hospitals in the New York area where she displayed her natural inclination for the physical care and compassion for others.

In 1965, she decided to pack up, leave New York, and start an adventure in Flint, Michigan. She asked her cousin Bubber to drive her, because she had purchased a new Mustang stick-shift car and did not know how to drive it. And thus, the journey in Flint began.

We all knew Gloria to have an adventurous spirit – and once she made up her mind, she was certain to make it happen. She surrounded herself with progressive people and adopted an entrepreneurial outlook. It was here she convinced her high school sweetheart, Freddie Washington, to join her in Flint – and we all know that she could be very persuasive. Freddie was living in Philadelphia, but because of his love for Gloria, he moved to Flint to join her. They were married, and in 1972 Lamont was born. In 1974 Sabrina joined the family. Shortly thereafter in 1976, they celebrated the birth of Sally. In 1984, the arrival of Rachel made the family complete.

Lamont says about his mother, “She was a strong Black woman, helped many people, gave them her guidance and strength. She worried about others more than she took care of herself. She gave me my first Jheri curl. She was the Queen Bee, always in my corner. And now my loving Mama – my Queen Bee – is gone.”

Sabrina says, “My Mom was compassionate beyond the norm. From her heart, she spoke her mind. She was a diva, teacher, coach, and my anchor. I can only hope that the spirit that she emulated each day, I will carry forward, because she was an absolute inspiration to me.”

Sally says, “All the children have good hearts because of how they were raised. She taught us how to love. And not only her own kids. Whenever any of my friends went out in the evening, they had to chant, because she wanted us all to be protected. She was a protector.”

Rachel feels that Gloria’s evolution to Buddhism provided the spiritual foundation for all of the good that has come to her mom and her siblings. She says, “It gave Mom strength to weather the storm and to beat the odds so many times. She was the light under my feet, the joy in my heart, and my Number One supporter and encourager.”

In the early ‘80s, Gloria began to practice Buddhism, and as Rachel has said, it set her on the path to believe there are no boundaries because there is abundance in the universe.

Gloria owned an array of businesses that helped the community – many adult foster-care facilities, a furniture store, and a home-based community chicken business. She has been an owner, an executive director, a philanthropist, a mentor. She enjoyed music and liked to sing. She had a degree in

numerology. She was known as a New Yorker her entire life. She had a New York way of thinking. She would help anyone. She was a people person. She believed that if she could help one person, then her living would not be in vain. Kind and considerate, outspoken and tough, generous and loving, opinionated but not judgmental, what you saw was what you got. Gloria was a magnificent woman. She was strong and independent – a woman who delivered. And when a woman stands tall and delivers, one cannot ask for anything more.

In a closing benediction to his mother, Lamont says, “May your love and kindness never be forgotten. You have your kids to carry your spirit for many generations to come. You’ve left an incredible legacy.”

Gloria leaves behind a son, Lamont Washington; three daughters, Sabrina Washington, Sally Washington and Rachel Cosey; one grandson, Denzel Washington; one brother Leonard; two sisters, Barbara and Arlene; two aunts, Sarah Young and Rachel Marshall; and a host of cousins, extended family, and friends.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

AUG 10. 9:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

AUG 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Gloria Jean Washington*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I was sadden to learn of the passing of Gloria. We first met in 1957 when we started junior high school. She was indeed a good person who surprised me at the wake of another friend a few years back in Mount Vernon. She told everyone not to let me know she was there. When I turned around and saw her, I could never express happy I was to have the opportunity to sit down and talk with her. Many, many years later we would talk late at night while she was at one of her establishments. I don't think we every got off the phone under two hours. To her children and family, so many of us here in New York were grateful to have her in our lives. May God bless you as you travel this journey. May His arms of protection be around all of you and may you always remember the great memories I'm sure you have. That's something that nobody can take away.*

*Sincerely,  
Sharon Patterson-Lockett  
Mount Vernon, NY*

Sharon Lockett - August 19, 2013 at 10:05 PM



“ *Gloria was always the life of the party! Such a beautiful woman who leaves behind beautiful kids. So blessed to have known such an awesome woman. Rest in peace now. The battle is over. Receive your heavenly reward. We sure will miss you!!  
~ Robin DeVeaux Morton*

robin morton - August 12, 2013 at 09:13 PM

LO

“ i sure will miss u gloria all our late night talks u were a real women and to lamont i am so proud of u and the way u cared for yur mother in her time of need she was sick for a long time and she said that she was tired she had ran her race and beleive me when i say she ran a good race to the end cause she was a go getter to the end and i will just charise the loving times thats we spent together and i just remember how she was the flower girl in my moms and dad 50 annivesary she played each and part that she starred in to the fullest but u can rest assure that she will be with us as the days and nights go back and sally u know she got her eyes on u never took them off of u since the day u were born one thing i can say about this lady she gave her all to her children and grandchild now u go out into this world with all the knowledge and lessons that she gave u all make this angel proud love u all if u need anything please give me a call cause there is a long haul ahead of u and if u need me i will be there

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**loretta** - August 09, 2013 at 08:55 PM

TC

“ Tara Coble sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gloria Jean Washington



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**Tara Coble** - August 09, 2013 at 02:54 PM

TC

*Mrs. Washington you will be truely missed and loved by many! Stay Strong Washington family.....*

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**Tara Coble** - August 09, 2013 at 02:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gloria Jean Washington.*



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August 09, 2013 at 10:58 AM



“ *I was deeply saddened by the the news of Gloria's passing. She was a woman of great strength, courage, compassion and love. My heart felt condolences to the entire family. May the memories of your time with Gloria, fill you with comfort and strength during this difficult time.*



*~Monique*

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**Monique d'Almeida** - August 08, 2013 at 12:15 PM



“ *Linda English lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Jean Washington*



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**Linda English** - August 07, 2013 at 09:19 PM

LI

“ Dear Washington Family and Friends,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is fresh, even with the passage of much time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress. (Psalms83:18, Psalms65:2) Please be assured , death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again. (Isaiah 25:8) My family and I wish you and yours peace. (Phillipians4:7)

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**Lisa** - August 07, 2013 at 07:27 PM

SB

“ To the family of my dear friend Mrs. Gloria Washington: Please accept my heart felt sympathy for your loss. The times that your mother and I spent together was precious and nothing can wipe those memories from my heart. She brought hope, determination and compassion to all she encountered. May the Mystic Law continue to create peace and harmony for the entire Washington family. I love you all.

*Sharon Buadu.....Jefferson City, Missouri*

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**sharon buadu** - August 07, 2013 at 04:04 PM

LG

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting this amazing women but I feel like I know her from the amazing attributes she instilled in her son. Sharing in your love, pain & celebration, I extend my hand to our heavenly Father, in your time of need. LaShon Rimmer-Greene

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**lashon greene** - August 07, 2013 at 12:24 PM

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**lashon greene** - August 07, 2013 at 12:24 PM

RC

“ To my extended family,  
May God wrap you in his arms and give to each one of you back all that your mommie have given! She loved all and she gave all. We have so many wonderfull memories of Glo and I will cherrish them all. especially her laugh it was one of a kind. She taught me things my own mother never taught me. Im forever grateful for the time God has allowed us to have her in my life! You all have my condolences

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**Renee Cobb** - August 06, 2013 at 03:54 PM

AW

“ Angela Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Jean Washington



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**Angela Williams** - August 06, 2013 at 03:41 PM

CL

“ To Lamont, Sabrina, Sally & Rachel

*I know its not easy to face, accept or deal with but I just want you to know that you are not alone & we all share your pain.*

*We offer our love & support to each of you, so don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need help, advice, encouragement, support or help.*

*We are a supportive and loving Family & Gloria will always be in our minds and hearts.*

*Gloria was truly a leader with all the qualities of a Queen, she had a warrior spirit that didn't back down from challenges, yet she was classy & down to earth.*

*Gloria was a compassionate loving people person that often reached out to help those in need.*

*she lead by example and we learned so many valuable as well as priceless lessons from her.*

*I am proud to have been a part of her life, I truly feel that we have been touched in many way's by a angel*

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**clarence** - August 06, 2013 at 09:35 AM

AL

“ Dear family, I'm so sorry for your lost your in my thoughts and prayers. Rachel your Dear to me and have been a wonderful friend your mom was an amazing woman she touched hearts near and far she will remain with you always you have a lot of people who love and support you sending some more love from North Carolina

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**Alona** - August 05, 2013 at 10:26 PM

AS

“ Dear family, I pray for you all and extend my condolences. Rachel you are a dear friend and I want you to know you have a lot of people who love you & are here to support you; sending love from North Carolina.

Ashley - August 05, 2013 at 06:54 PM

ND

“ Dear Family , I am so sorry to hear about your loss just remember that she still watches over you from above and will always be in your hearts 4ever God Bless and I'll send special prayer for you may god cont to be with you in your time of need.

nichelle dickerson - August 05, 2013 at 05:05 PM

CL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



clarence - August 05, 2013 at 04:06 PM

  
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Cosey

“ Mom I love u so very,much I will never stop loving u....

Rachels Notyouraverage Cosey - August 05, 2013 at 03:45 PM

  
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Rachels Notyouraverage Cosey - August 05, 2013 at 03:45 PM

DC

“ Dear family we are hurt and so sad to hear that Glo has gone on home, it is times like these that we must lean to the Lord who gives us strength to endure. Weeping my endure for a night but joy comes in the morning and that is what we will remember about Gloria she always was full of Joy!!! We love you and if you need us just let us know. God is a healer and he will keep you in perfect peace. Lean close to him and he will bring you through. Hazel Cobb and family.



debra cobb - August 04, 2013 at 05:52 PM

AN

“ Dear Family, I am deeply sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. In this difficult time in your lives, may you find comfort and strength in God's word the Bible. James 4:8...encourages "Draw close to God and he will draw close to you." And as you turn to God through your tears and sorrow, bear in mind, He is the healer of the brokenhearted (Psalm 147:3).



Anne - August 04, 2013 at 09:16 AM

LO

“ We love you Gloria (Glo Jean). You were and still are an inspiration to the entire family. You were always there for us and lots of others too. Your legacy as the total package lives on..... May your spirit be accepted as a praise going up and the family receive the blessings that come down.  
Linda and the Okusaga's



Linda Okusaga - August 04, 2013 at 01:20 AM