



Celebrating the Life of



Gloria Gary

October 12, 1944 - October 17, 2024

New Covenant Church of Philadelphia
7500 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19119





OCTOBER 25, 2024

ORDER OF *Service*

OFFICIANT
REVEREND LILLIAN
STOKES

MUSICAL PRELUDE

CURATED GOSPEL SELECTIONS

PROCESSIONAL

CLERGY AND FAMILY

OPENING PRAYER

REVEREND LILLIAN STOKES

MUSICAL SOLO

SISTER DAWN MORGAN-MOORE

SCRIPTURE READING

ELDER ERICA DURANT

PRAYER OF COMFORT

REVEREND LILLIAN STOKES

MUSICAL SOLO

MINISTER KEISHA BURNSIDE

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

ELDER ERICA DURANT

REMARKS

B. HAIRSTON, C. HARPER, T. COSSOM

READING OF THE OBITUARY

DR. LINDA THOMAS

FINAL VIEWING

FAMILY ONLY

MUSICAL SOLO

SISTER MARSHA TRAPP

EULOGY & BENEDICTION

OVERSEER DEBORAH SIMS

RECESSIONAL

CLERGY & FAMILY



Viewing: 10am-11am | Service Time: 11am

Burial (Greenmount Cemetery): 1 pm

Join the family for fellowship directly after the burial at New Covenant Church

GLORIA ANGELINE

Gary



Gloria Angeline Gary was born on October 12, 1944, to the late Thomas and Louise Cossom in Philadelphia, PA.

She attended Carver Elementary School, Vaux Junior High, and Germantown High School, all in Philadelphia.

For over 30 years, Gloria served as a dedicated crossing guard and teacher's assistant at Walton Elementary, where she was beloved by children, co-workers, and parents alike. During a tumultuous time marked by the Philadelphia gang wars, she was a steadfast protector of the children and earned local recognition for her unwavering commitment to their safety.



At a young age, Gloria gave her life to Christ at Much More Memorial Church, where her family worshipped. In her later years, she recommitted her life to Christ at Flaming Fire and Faith Ministry, where she served as the mother of the church. Gloria was subsequently ordained as Deacon Gary at Living Word Family Worship Center, under the leadership of Overseer Deborah Sims. In 1964, Gloria was united in holy matrimony with James Melvin Brown Jr., and this union was blessed with three children: Mark, Marla, and Michelle. A strong, loving, and caring mother, Gloria was deeply engaged in her children's lives, always willing to lend a helping hand. Her feisty yet nurturing spirit made her a cherished figure in her community. Though she became a widow in 1987, Gloria was later blessed to marry Robert Gary on August 11, 1990. Throughout their 34 years of marriage, they enjoyed serving in the church, spending quality time with family, and catching up on their favorite Law & Order episodes.

"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God."

- Job 19:25-26



GLORIA ANGELINE *Gary*

"To everything, there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die." Suddenly and unexpectedly, Gloria departed this life on Thursday, October 17, 2024, after a joyful weekend celebrating her 80th birthday with family. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, Rob; one sister, Ruth; one son, Mark (Alice); two daughters, Marla and Michelle; one daughter-in-law, Jackie; seven grandchildren: JJ, Tony (Jessica), Gloria (Tony), Courtney (Bryan), Brianna, Kashe, and Timothy; three great-grandchildren: Jayden, Laila, and Alexander; one sister-in-law, Christine; and one brother-in-law, Matthew, along with a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and other beloved family and friends who will miss her dearly.



*Mom Gloria,
During your journey on your
final flight home.
White wings will carry you
and you will be flown.
To the pearly gates of
Heaven, where they will
usher you in.
To the feet of your Lord,
your Saviour, and your
friend.
He will hold you in his arms
and the angels will sing.
As another one of His
children is delivered by
white wings.*



LOVING Remarks

My condolences to the family. It was a joy and blessing that as mothers to James and Alice, we became friends. Loving my friend will be with me forever. I pray that your memories will give you peace and comfort.

Liz Porter

I'm am blessed to have known you and loved you. Thank you for loving me and welcoming Kashe and Timothy, Jr. into your heart. Thank you for your blessing to marry your son, James. Take care of my dad up there...he's going to want you to make some mac and cheese. 🙏😊

Alice Powell-Brown

My sincerest condolences and prayers to the family. I fondly remember Mama Gloria's smile and pride as she loved on her children and grandchildren. May her light, love and sweet memories bring comfort to you during this difficult time.

Arnaud & Tarawhona Bellevue


We were brought together by the marriage of my son Tony to Lil Gloria. I felt her warm and caring heart and her love for family and friends. Rest well, ❤️ I will cherish our moments together and they will forever be in my heart.

Marilyn Smith

Our sincerest condolences. We have been through so much as a family. We have always loved one another. You will always be missed and you will always be in our hearts and minds.

Ruth and Donald Jackson

*"So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."
- John 16:22*

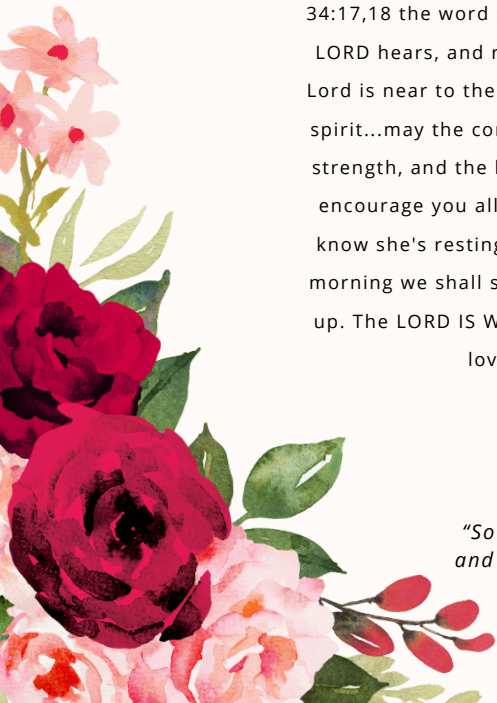




LOVING

To my cousins Mark, Marla, Michelle, Uncle Rob, Aunt Ruthy, and Auntee's grandchildren my little cousins: My grief, deepest sympathy, love, and prayers are with you all..words can hardly express what we are feeling but I know auntie is resting now... and it's hard to process as humans when our love ones have gone on..that we can't see them, can't hear them, or even touch them.As believers, we know that she' shall live again...in John 11:25,26a...Jesus said, " I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die". In our human form, it's hard to grasp but the Spirit that lives in us knows the truth..we all have the story of her life as we know it ' in our hearts' and our thoughts, Auntee' is resting be encouraged, family. The LORD said I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU. In Psalm 34:17,18 the word says' when the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit...may the comfort and love of the Holy Spirit give you strength, and the love from family and friends support and encourage you all...missing auntee so much already..but I know she's resting peacefully' and in that great getting up morning we shall see her again if we hold on and don't give up. The LORD IS WITH US..so hold on family... 🙏😊🙌🙌🙌 I love you all..❤️❤️❤️💯💕💚💙💜

J.Vanessa C.Cossom



*"So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."
- John 16:22*

Remarks

Our condolences, prayers, and love to all our family and friends, We believe that there's a heavenly celebration going on with all our loved ones as they received Aunt Gloria Cossom-Gary with open arms 🥰❤️🙏
🌸❤️ Aunt Gloria, you will be truly missed. Thanks so much for all the love, fun, and exciting times we've shared throughout the years, We can see you smiling right now and we'll always remember your one-of-a-kind laugh ❤️ Please give a big hug and kiss to all our loved ones in heaven from us, but most of all give our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the biggest hug and kiss from all of us. Aunt Gloria, we know you are in God's hands now- your work is done and you've finished your course. We will see you and our heavenly Father, family, and friends when we arrive. 🥰🌸❤️ What a beautiful soul, that will never be forgotten ❤️🙏🥰🌸

🌸🌿 R.I.P. ❤️

Alexander and Marsha Trapp and Family

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Miss Gloria. My heartfelt condolences go out to Rob, Michelle and the rest of the family. I pray for your strength and comfort during this time. My memory of Ms Gloria was that of a warm, kind, gentle and God fearing woman who loved to be surrounded by family & friends.

Wayne Sellers

Thanking God for allowing me to know Gloria. We were ordained Deacons along with her daughter Marla, she was a faithful servant and a true friend. She will be greatly missed. My condolences to her family and her faithful husband

Bro. Rob 🙏🙏 John 14:1-6

Shirley M. McCrory

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

- Psalm 23:4



LOVING *Remarks*

Aunt Gloria. I love you.
You will be missed. RIP.

Carmen Clark

To God be all the glory auntie we love you. I'm going to miss our talks and our time together, but I appreciate all your help Hand and all the conversations and all you've done to help you will always be miss. I know you're up there with mommy, , Jesus Christ, Lord, and Savior, I love you
Jeremiah 31 : 3 With loving kindness have
I drawn thee.

Sharon Cossom

I am sorry for your loss. I
really enjoyed talking to
your mom.

Sheila Porter

My deepest
condolences for your
loss. I was proud to
call her friend. May
God be with you as
you navigate through
days without her,
remembering all the
good times.

Nell Thompson

Dear Family, Aunt Gloria's memory will forever live on in each of us. Her love, strength, and wisdom touched our lives in ways that words cannot fully capture. She was a shining example of grace, resilience, and unwavering faith, and we are blessed to have been shaped by her presence.

As we move forward, let's honor her by embodying those same qualities, showing love to one another, facing life's challenges with strength, and sharing the wisdom she imparted. In doing so, we carry forward the beautiful legacy she left behind, ensuring that her spirit remains alive in our hearts and actions. With love and deepest sympathy, Sederia Brown and Family

Sederia Brown

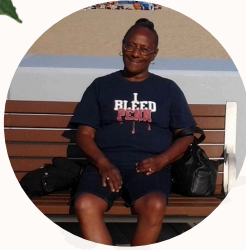
*"For I am sure that neither death nor life ... nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- Romans 8:38-39*

LOVING *Memories*





LOVING



Memories





Thank you for the love & support



Please continue to keep the family in your thoughts & prayers.

Thank you to our Pallbearers

*Jimmie Washington Jr. | Tony Brown | Tony Harrison
Timothy Powell Jr. | Bryan Rondeau | William Brown Jr.*

*"Though He brings grief, He will show compassion, so great is His
unfailing love."*

Lamentations 3:32

