



Gloria F. Parks

October 10, 1950 - June 13, 2023

Gloria Faye Thompson Parks, 72, of Chattanooga, was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, in the Hospice Care Center. She was born on October 10, 1950, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was the third of ten children born to Rev. Charles William and Ida Mae Thompson. Gloria accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior under the Pastorate of Elder James D. Williams, while attending Greater New Home Missionary Baptist Church. She continued to faithfully serve in various ministries including Deaconess, Greater New Home Mass Choir, and Finance Ministry under the Pastorate of Elder G. M. Spotts, until the Lord called her home. She was always willing to help with anything, and she was loved by everyone. During her earlier years, Gloria was a long-time resident of the Fort Cheatham community and was educated in the Chattanooga Public School System. In high school, Gloria was an avid reader and conscientious in her studies. She had a particular interest in art and greatly excelled in this vocation. Gloria was a proud graduate of the 1969 Class of Riverside (Trojans) High School. She continued her education at City College (now UTC) excelling in the arts. Gloria was always very studious and was heralded by her parents as the most mature and responsible among her siblings. Her parents were very instrumental in ensuring she was well-equipped to support herself, and she was oftentimes entrusted the responsibility of driving her siblings to school and other events. She loved her dogs and spent a lot of time enjoying each of them. Gloria was a long-time employee of South-Central Bell and a manager

at Richway now Target, from which she later retired. She was always on the go and oftentimes you could find her volunteering at her beloved New Home Church. Gloria had a remarkable aptitude for technology, leadership and learning new skills-including photography, researching, cooking/baking, reading, artistry, writing cookbooks, caregiving, gardening, financing, and ancestral genealogy. Her financial and technological savvy were known and appreciated throughout Chattanooga, and she never missed an opportunity to help innumerable friends and family with their income tax returns, creating a directory for her church, as well as photography. If she didn't know the answer or how to do something, she would pound through mounds of information to find a solution. Gloria was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Davis Parks; parents, Rev. Charles W. Thompson and Ida Mae Thompson; brothers, Kenneth L. Thompson and Robert Anderson; grandparents, Savannah Rutledge, Charlie Thompson, and Rufus and Mozelle Anderson; aunts, Minnie (Eddie) Wilkerson, Mary (Ba'Ruth) Anderson, Ruby (William) Hall, Sylvia A. Leslie; and brother-in-law George Gregory Elliott.

Survivors include her sons, Kelvin (Tyenece) Parks of Apopka, FL, Terrence (Catrice) Parks and Tremayne Parks, both of Chattanooga; grandson, Dinari Parks; granddaughters, Whitney (Jerome) McLaughlin of Atlanta, GA, Olivia (Greg) Walton of St. Louis, MO, Jordyn Parks of Apopka, Amaicia Thompson of Chattanooga and April Myers of Round Lake, IL; great-grandchildren, Avery McLaughlin, Oliver Walton, Zen Walton, Sedona Walton and Callie Brooks; brothers, Michael (Betty) Thompson of Chattanooga and Charles (Sharon) Thompson of Newport News, VA; sisters, Sharon T. Parks, Carolyn T. (Bishop Dr. Mark) Sandilands, Rhonda J. Jackson, Pamela T. Jackson, and Cynthia Thompson Ward, all of Chattanooga; uncle, Alonza "Lil Bro" Anderson; aunt, Valerie Anderson of Chattanooga; nieces and nephews, Kimberly Thompson, Darryl (Faith) Thompson, Yolanda (Robert) Finney, Demetrius Scott (Tiki) Carter, Stephen Jackson, Timothy (Tekail) Williams, Antoinette Lynn Frye, Geanno (Magnolia) Thompson, Dextric (Trace) Thompson, Corey L.

Thompson, Shauniqua Jackson, LaTasha Jackson, Mandel Jackson, James Darrell Ward, Jr., Anesha Thompson, Marcus High, Mario Sandilands, and Megan Sandilands; sisters-in-law, Twilla (Robert) Lewis of Gary, IN, Gloria Warren, and Deborah (Gregory) Tate of Chattanooga; brothers-in-law Otis Elliott, Aaron (Sandra) Elliott, and Jerome Elliott; special friend, Airine Butts; a host of other relatives and friends. Gloria will lie-in-state Tuesday, June 27, 2023, from 12:30-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 12 noon at Greater New Home Missionary Baptist Church with Elder G. M. Spotts as the Eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUN 27. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Greater New Home Missionary Baptist Church
2809 13th Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37407

Service

JUN 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater New Home Missionary Baptist Church
2809 13th Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37407

Tribute Wall

TC

“ On behalf of the Clergy Koinonia of Greater Chattanooga and Vicinity, we send our deepest condolences to Sister Carolyn Sandilands and Bishop Sandilands in the home going of her sister , Gloria Parks. Jesus will give you strength for the journey of life.



The Clergy Koinonia of Greater Chattanoo - June 29, 2023 at 06:53 AM

TL

Sorry to hear about mom's, but she is still with you. I just wanted to send my condolences & comfort for the family. Be blessed 🙏💜

Tasha Lee - July 21, 2023 at 09:57 PM

H'

“ We, the members of Howard High Schools Class of 1967, on behalf of our classmate, Sharon Thompson Parks, do share in your time of bereavement. We ask the Lord JESUS to give you and your family strength for the journey



Howard High School Class of '67 - June 29, 2023 at 06:35 AM

MG

“ My prayers are with you and the family. Mrs. Parks was a wonderful lady whom I loved dearly.



Milo Geiger - June 28, 2023 at 10:04 AM

RS

“ Renee P Sharp lit a candle in memory of Gloria F. Parks



Renee P Sharp - June 27, 2023 at 04:34 PM

KD

“ Kelli Darden lit a candle in memory of Gloria F. Parks



Kelli Darden - June 27, 2023 at 08:00 AM

KD

My Prayers - Love and Condolences to the entire family of Ms. Parks especially my classmates Kelvin and Yolonda and Friend Tremayne. May God wrap his loving arms around you all. Love Ya! Kelli

Kelli Darden - June 27, 2023 at 08:05 AM

TL

“ Beloved memories of my sister, not by birth but by love, is what is left but will always be cherished. I will miss my visits home, our talks in the kitchen, and all the times we shared. To my nephews and nieces and Faye's brothers and sisters, my prayers are with you all.

Twillia

Twillia Lewis - June 26, 2023 at 08:15 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gloria F. Parks.*



June 26, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ *To the Parks and Thompson family; we send our sincere condolences. We are lifting you up in prayer. The Moorer Family/Eastdale*

Deneice Moorer - June 25, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ *To the family of Ms. Gloria Parks sending condolences and prayers at this difficult time may God grant you the peace and strength to need now and the days ahead God bless you all 🙏*

Molcy P. Gore - June 25, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ *Jacqueline Jones-Miller lit a candle in memory of Gloria F. Parks*



Jacqueline Jones-Miller - June 24, 2023 at 11:23 AM

GM

“ *Condolences to the Parks and Thompson Family. You all will be in my prayers for peace and comfort for you. Only time can soften the wounds of the loss of a love one but memories will forever stay strong.*
Gracelia Daniel Moore (RHS class of 1970).



Gracelia Moore - June 24, 2023 at 10:10 AM

SH

“ *Sandra Harrison lit a candle in memory of Gloria F. Parks*



Sandra Harrison - June 23, 2023 at 11:59 AM

EM

“ *Elaine Malone lit a candle in memory of Gloria F. Parks*



Elaine Malone - June 17, 2023 at 04:51 PM

TB

“ *To all of the family of Gloria " Faye" Parks, I extend my sincere prayers & condolences to you in the loss of your loved one. May God give you all comfort & strength during this time.* ❤️🙏

TAWANA BANKS - June 16, 2023 at 01:24 PM

AM

“ To the Family of Gloria Parks, extend my sincerest sympathy and condolences to you in the loss of your loved one. My prayer is that GOD will be to you whatever you need HIM to be and give you comfort and strength during this most stressful time!! LOVE YOU ALL.



Alice Montgomery - June 15, 2023 at 08:31 PM

NW

Sympathy and condolences to Faye's family and friends. God is a present help. Thank God for all the memories. I loved her then and I love ❤️ her now. Good night I will see you in the morning. ❤️❤️

Nettle Wright - June 20, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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So sorry to hear of Faye's passing. Condolences to the family and I will keep you in prayer. ❤️

Gladys Thompson (Jackson)

Gladys Thompson (Jackson) - June 28, 2023 at 08:30 AM