



Gloria Irene Clark

September 11, 1944 - April 3, 2019

Sunrise - September 11, 1944

Sunset - April 3, 2019

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. Proverbs 31:10 (KJV)

The family and friends of Gloria I. Clark would like to Celebrate her Life as a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, daughter, cousin, friend, and mentor.

Gloria Irene Williams Norman Clark was born on the 11th of September 1944 in Dunn, North Carolina. She attended and graduated Harnett High School in 1962. That same year, she met her first husband, Rufus Norman, Jr. and married and moved with him to Brooklyn, New York. This union welcomed her three surviving daughters, Cheryl, Victoria, and Judith.

While raising her three daughters, Gloria attended college focusing on education and administration earning a Bachelor of Science from Montclair State College; a Master Business Administration from Jersey City State College; and a Doctorate from the University of California-Davis. During her collegiate career, she was initiated into Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Pi Epsilon, and Alpha Kappa Alpha. Gloria taught in private schools and public schools in New Jersey, with her last role as a high school administrator. During her tenure at Eastside High School in Paterson, New Jersey, she met her second husband, Dr. Joe Clark. Both retired from their careers in education and relocated to Gainesville, Florida, a community she has proudly called home for the past twenty years.

Gloria brought her bright smile and keen humor, her most reliable sense of commitment, her lioness-like courage, her innovative creativity, and her unwavering perfectionism to all she did, as a home-maker, care-taker, garden-creator, community server, patron of the arts, mother-mentor, and compassionate friend. Gloria was an active 'cheerleader' in the lives of her children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and her Gainesville community. She was a member of the Grand Female Protective Society Lodge # 10 and Greater Fort

Clarke Missionary Baptist Church, Gainesville, FL.

Gloria was pre-deceased by her mother, Shirley Mae Gilmore and stepfather, Charlie Gilmore, Jr and countless other relatives and friends who were instrumental to her life. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Joe Clark; brothers, Willis McKoy and Johnnie (Mary) McKoy; daughters Cheryl E. Norman, Victoria D. Norman Brown, and Judith I. Norman; stepchildren Joetta (Ronald) Clark Diggs , Joe (Jearl) Clark Jr., Hazel (Shane) Clark Mac, and grandchildren Umar Alim, Carla, Jasmine, and Jason Lee, Satchel and Cole Brown, Joe Clark, III, Talitha Diggs, and Hazel Mac. All who knew her were loved and prayed for by her and will miss her. Gloria passed happily at home on April 3, 2019.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the chapel of WILLIAMS-THOMAS FUNERAL HOME WESTAREA, 823 NW 143rd Street, Newberry, FL. The family will receive friends prior to the service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Forest Meadows West, the repast will follow the burial. In lieu of flowers, Contributions can be made to either the Female Protective Lodge #1 12610 NW 39th Avenue Gainesville, FL 32606 or Greater Fort Clarke Missionary Baptist Church 9121 Newberry Road Gainesville, FL 32606.

The family requests that no photographs, filming, or audio recordings be taken at the viewing, funeral ceremony, burial, or repast. Please respect the family's privacy at this time.

Cemetery

Forest Meadows West Cemetery

700 NW 143rd Street
Newberry, FL, 32669

Events

APR 13 **Family Will Receive Friends** 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Williams-Thomas Westarea
823 N.W 143rd Street, Newberry, FL, US, 32669

APR 13 **Funeral Service** 12:00PM - 01:30PM

Williams-Thomas Westarea
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Comments



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Hi

Mrs Clark was my guidance counselor at EOHS and I was friends with Hazel, I am just learning of her passing. She looked out for me and got me into becoming a peer counselor. She had a good heart. I am saddened of such a beautiful soul having departed this earth.

Ako Johnson

Ako Johnson - December 29, 2020 at 10:39 PM



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My beautiful Soror Ms. Gloria Clark! I will miss our chats about life, and your sound advice. I love you! I planted a peach tree in your honor, and named her Gloria. She's growing little peaches already We shall see each other again in heaven. Love you!



Dr. Pinky Miller - April 21, 2019 at 09:37 PM



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Continue to RIP Mrs. Gloria. You will be sorely missed

Tonya Ingram - May 02, 2019 at 12:46 AM



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To The Family Of Gloria Clark,

My thoughts are with you at such a difficult time. My prayers are all I can give in the hopes that they will comfort you.

Mrs. Kathleen West) Rumsby----- Retired Math teacher from Paterson(taught under Joe Clark)

Kathleen Rumsby - April 18, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ I'll always remember you Mrs. Clarke - a quite force in a stormy world. Thank you for telling me about planting and how it relax the mind - you said, "planting and digging into the earth takes your mind off everything else". Since hearing that statement from you, I have made it my business to plant stuff and it's most relaxing. Thank you Mrs. Clarke - RIP

Josephine Brown - April 15, 2019 at 11:01 PM



“ Christine McNeill lit a candle in memory of Gloria Irene Clark



Christine McNeill - April 12, 2019 at 11:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Irene Clark.



April 12, 2019 at 03:32 PM



“ Harnett High School,Dunn,NC,CLASS OF 1966 purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gloria Irene Clark.



Harnett High School,Dunn,NC,CLASS OF 1966 - April 12, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gloria Irene Clark.



April 12, 2019 at 12:21 PM



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April 12, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ There are no words to express how deeply Mother Clark was loved, and she will be missed immeasurably by our family. Her love for family and friends is cherished. She will always be remembered in our hearts as a pillar in the community and in church...as a pioneer....as a leader....as a giver....as a Mother.....as a woman of God....as a beacon of light....as a friend....as a mentor. The list could go on and on.

Her unselfish outpouring of love for children in our church will never be forgotten. She provided guidance, support, and direction for so many....including our daughter as she entered her first year of college. Her words of encouragement for Cayla will forever be engrained in our souls. Her deep compassion for learning and getting a good education was infectious and has made a difference with an everlasting impact on our family.

Deepest condolences to all of the Clark family, and please accept our sincerest sympathies. May peace be with your family, and may God's love and grace always be with you.

Darryl & Angela Francis
Cayla Mandrell

Angela Francis - April 12, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ Your UConn Women's Track and Field Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Gloria Irene Clark.



Your UConn Women's Track and Field Family - April 12, 2019 at 12:13 AM



“ My deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences. I met you about 25 years ago. You were one class act, a real southern lady with deep convictions. We were colleagues, friends and you mentored me. You will be sorely missed I'm sure.



Marcia Gaskins - April 11, 2019 at 08:30 PM



“ Afiong Ekong lit a candle in memory of Gloria Irene Clark



Afiong Ekong - April 11, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ Ruth Norman lit a candle in memory of Gloria Irene Clark



Ruth Norman - April 11, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ Dr. & Mrs. Jimmie Jones, Las Vegas, Nevada purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gloria Irene Clark.



Dr. & Mrs. Jimmie Jones, Las Vegas, Nevada - April 10, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gloria Irene Clark.



April 10, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ Dear Sweet Honesty!!! We Salute Your Spirit In Jesus Name. We Love you in Spirit and in Truth. Your Spirit will Always Lead & Guide us Along the Way. You taught us by Example to Believe in Righteousness for His Name sake. Although we walk daily in the shadows of death, that we would Believe to fear no evil, for thou Art with Us. You treated mankind as if IT were your own, A Mother of All Mother's. The Lord says consult with the Elders with His Spirit for Knowledge & Understanding, and that We did!!!taking every word of Wisdom as only you could give. You touched each one of us and our children and our children's children,as your own, sometimes making a way out of no way; Always Helping someone along the way. That you did!!! with Everyone you met. Matthew 26:13 says:Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her. You saw me thru 50 years of Marriage just this same Season. Isn't it just like you,Gracefully taking the highest road of Life. Only you & Your Life, would be Summoned for A Greater Service with a New Purpose, what a path to follow. God himself with Boldness, quietly called your name & you answered ascending Gracefully & on Time, to The Presence of the Lord,quietly in this Season of Remembering Good Deeds. You Loved the World by example, preparing to Die, to be with Jesus, Your acts of Love offered to Us & others for His Name sake, the Love done unto Him.Our Heart's are broken Into tiny pieces but with God's Love, we seek shelter in the time of this Storm. You showed us & Taught Us that the Spirit of God is Just & Only Know Him & Know Him for Yourself. So this storm will not Hender Us but make us stronger to seek higher ground. You were called to Teach & you did. As we assemble ourselves with each other as Believers, your Life will live on In Us and the Believers will lift one another up to find shelter in the time of this storm. In the climate of this storm of Life we're leaving all the windows open, we don't even mind the Rain, where we All stayed warm & dry. We are collecting evidence of one Remarkable Storm named Gloria. “ Rain On Us. Sweet Honesty! Salvation is Coming in the morning but now what we need, Is a little rain on our face from you Sweet Honesty. So we don't sleep tonight, while we brace against the wind from an Eagle, our Hearts they're weather-makers. We'll go where it takes Us, till we find ourselves shelter again. We won't settle for the silence, we won't drown in our own tears. Let the Rain wash away Our tears. Salvation is Coming In the morning but now what we need is a little rain on our face's from you Sweet Honesty. Rain on Us Storm Gloria. Oh! We won't let Go. We'll be soaked to the bone, Baptized by Truth, we will reap what we sow,to Build our own higher ground, when the rain's Coming down, this is worth it to me. Rain....We'll wait patiently aiming straight for it but now what we need is a little rain on our faces from You Sweet Honesty. Our Hope is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ our Righteousness. We dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean On Christ the solid rock We stand, all other ground is sinking sand. When darkness veils his lovely face, you taught us to rest on God's unchanging Grace. In every high and stormy gale, Our anchor holds within the veil. His Oath,His covenant His Blood supports Us in this whelming flood. When all around Our soul's give Way, God, then is all Our Hope & Stay.

When God shall come with trumpet sound, may We then into HIM, be FOUND. . In HIM,Our Righteousness ,alone, FAULTLESS TO STAND BEFORE THE THRONE. Amen and amen. I have Loved you All my Life. You took care of a Little Motherless Child at age 6, Loved and Nutured me as if I were your own together at Grandmothers house, and you yourself merely a child. You carried that Love until this

Day, to Mold the person I am today. Rest my baby. Your time to Rest.

Mother Carolyn S McNeill & Family - April 10, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ Lavurnia Perkins. My sweet, sweet friend. She was kind to everyone she knew. Her favorite saying was "it is what it is". She loved her husband and children deeply. She loved and cared so, so much for the elderly as well as the young. The beauty, pose and light she had simply lite up a room. She taught many women what it meant to be a women of God, even caring for those she knew and did not know. She kept the faith and lived her best life for all to see. She often said "God blessed me to be a blessing to others." She dearly referenced to her husband as "Hun". Mrs. Clark lived her Eulogy. She was a mission all by herself. She never once bragged about all her many mission projects, she herself did. She was my dearest friend for sure, and she will be missed by this old world. Farewell my friend, friend farewell.

My deepest sympathy
to Mother Gloria's
family

Perkins - April 09, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ Joshua Norman lit a candle in memory of Gloria Irene Clark



Joshua Norman - April 08, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ Regina Norman lit a candle in memory of Gloria Irene Clark



Regina Norman - April 08, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ N. Carnell Robinson & Family lit a candle in memory of Gloria Irene Clark



N. Carnell Robinson & Family - April 08, 2019 at 08:46 AM



“ Dec Nathaniel & Mother Carolyn McNeill lit a candle in memory of Gloria Irene Clark



Dec Nathaniel & Mother Carolyn McNeill - April 07, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ My Sexy Mama Forever and Ever! I miss you and love you! Sword is "Our Son" as you know and always said! You are the kindest, selfless, most generous, most compassionate, funniest, most gorgeous, most loving, most caring, dedicated, loyal, dependable, elegant, classy, gentle, amazing, most intelligent of anyone in the World!, and everything in this Universe and Beyond!!!! Words can not express how I feel now that you are not on this Earth! I just want your hug!!!! I want to share your photo with your HUN as you always call him. This was one of the last happiest day we shared. We will always love you forever and ever!



Tracey L. Hardin - April 07, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Irene Clark.



April 07, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ Mommy,

You were the epitome of grace, love and beauty. My best friend, confidant, voice of reason, investor in all my dreams, and so much more.

I wish I had more time with you. But, I have peace because I know that you are in heaven with the Lord. Actually, you are more than my mom now, you are my Angel. So, I will be counting on you to watch out for me. Oh, and can you do some investigation about you know who and provide me with some intel?

I love forever.

Thank you for you.



Judith Norman - April 07, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ To Gloria & Aunt Gloria, I will miss you and have wonderful memories of you, Love you always

Regina & Joshua Norman

Regina Norman - April 08, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ Sending my love and condolences to Cheryl, Victoria, Judith (Gloria's children) and to all of her Grandchildren:

In one sense, there is no death, the life of a soul lasts beyond its departure. You will always feel Gloria's life touching yours – her voice speaking to you, her spirit looking out for you, talking to you in the familiar things you shared. Gloria, your mother, grandmother, and friend, lives on in your life and in the lives of all others who knew her.

Oh Happy Soul Gloria – be thankful now and rest – Heaven is a goodly and Godly land.

With Love, Aunt Joan

Ruth Norman - April 11, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ To John, Willis, and the family of Gloria Clark.

“Brows may wrinkle, hair grows gray, but family never knows decay.” We all try to reach the port of heaven. We sail, sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it – but we must sail!

Death reminds us, our years are limited, which makes them so precious. We only see a little of the Ocean, but it is there beyond the eyes' horizon. There's more... There is more!

With Love and Sorrow, Your Sister-In-Law Joan and the Norman Family.

Ruth Norman - April 11, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ Cheryl, Vickie, and Judy,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Aunt Gloria. She was vibrant woman who lived a full and meaningful life. She was not only the kind of woman people wanted to be, she was the kind of woman people would be proud to be. She will be missed dearly.

Comfort can be found in the belief of love's everlasting connection. May that love lift you and hold you close, and give you peace.

I just wanted to let you know my thoughts and my prayers are with you and your family through this heartbreaking time.

Nothing I can say will ease your pain but I just wanted you to know I am thinking of you.

Be encouraged and know that God holds her in His arms and peace is her covering.

God bless you & Love to you and the family.

Your loving cousin, Afiong

Afiong Ekong - April 11, 2019 at 12:30 PM