

Order of Service

Organ Prelude Musician
Hymn of Consolation “Blessed Assurance”
Processional Clergy and Family
Invocation (Prayer of Comfort) Deacon
Scriptures
Old Testament Denise Hall - Psalm 100:1-5
New Testament Reverend Joseph L. Jones
Selection Choir
Reflections
Acknowledgment of Condolences
Obituary LaVerne Comerie-Hubbard
Selection Choir
Eulogy Reverend Joseph L. Jones, Sr.
Final Viewing Jackson Funeral Residence
Committal
& Benediction Reverend Joseph L. Jones, Sr.
Recessional

Interment

Bayview Cemetery
Jersey City, New Jersey

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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jackson funeral residence



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Home Going Celebration



Gladys J. Howard

July 30, 1914 - January 31, 2012

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

Monumental Baptist Church

121 Lafayette Street
Jersey City, New Jersey

Reverend Joseph L. Jones, Sr. - Pastor

Obituary

Gladys J. Howard was born in Jersey City. She was the seventh child of Deacon and Deaconess George and Virginia Martin. She passed away on January 31, 2012.

In 1933, she met and married Benjamin Howard. From this union they had five children, Benjamin, George, Gloria, Donald and Geraldine.

Gladys was a caring mother. She loved her children and frequently talked about them with love and pride. She enjoyed every minute spent with her family, especially during various holidays.

Gladys was educated in the public school system in Jersey City. She attended P.S. #22 and later graduated from P.S. #12. She then attended Lincoln High School where she earned her high school diploma. She valued education highly and instilled this value not only in her children but also in others. She believed that in order to be successful in life, one must obtain a good education. One of her favorite sayings was, "Education is important because it will benefit you down the road."

In 1939, Gladys went to work for the Jersey City Medical Center. She started as a kitchen aide and was eventually promoted to the position of elevator operator. Gladys enjoyed her tenure as elevator operator; it afforded her the opportunity to interact with the public, doctors, and student nurses. As an elected representative for the employees, she served ten years as trustee on the Hudson County Counsel #1. After forty-two years of service she retired in 1981.

Gladys was a lifelong devoted member of Monumental Baptist Church. She served as a church mother and sang in the Senior Choir. She ensured that her children went to church regularly and received a spiritual education by attending Sunday School.

Gladys was also very active in various organizations such as the Elks, Pride of Jersey Temple #98. She joined the Elks organization in 1959 wherein she initially served in positions such as an assistant financial secretary, a Purple Red Cross Nurse and the treasurer. As a member of the Elks, Gladys was dedicated and faithful. She performed in various leadership roles at the local and state levels. She served on the New Jersey State Association Daughter of Elks Credentials Committee for sixteen years and was chairperson of many successful affairs given by the Temple. Advancing through the various chairs of the Temple, she assumed numerous leadership roles such as Vice-Daughter Ruler for the local temple to Loyal Daughter Ruler for the Northern New Jersey Council, followed by State Trustee for the New Jersey Association of Daughters of Elks, and ultimately received the highest honor in Elks as Past Grand-Daughter Ruler. In the Grand Temple, she was selected to fill in as a teller on the nominating committee and on another occasion served as President of Daughter Anna Burney's Boosters Club. She obtained a Grand Temple Degree in 1977 in Washington DC and ultimately joined the Past Grand-Daughter Ruler's Club of New Jersey.

Gladys was also a member of the Knights of Pythias, (a subdivision of the Elks) where she served on the Scholarship Committee that selected students to qualify for financial assistance.

As a member of another organization, The Veterans of Foreign Wars – Samuel R. Shelton Post #2294, she served three terms as the President of the Woman's Auxiliary. Gladys supported the veterans by making visits to the Veterans Hospital. She brought gifts, wrote letters, and involved them in recreational activities. Additionally, she sold poppies as a means of raising funds for the organization. She often said that visiting the hospital and conversing with the veterans was very rewarding.

Lastly, she served as a member of the Hudson County Civil Service Council assisting with plans for various civil service activities.

Gladys also demonstrated a commitment to volunteerism and community service. As a participant in the Senior Companion Program, she assisted the shut-in elderly with such activities as reading, light house duties and transportation to the doctor's office.

At the Bergen Senior Citizen's Center where she attended the lunch program daily, she crocheted wool caps that were given to the needy on behalf of the Center.

She was a volunteer at the United Way performing clerical support functions which helped the agency to assist communities to meet critical health and human care needs.

Gladys was a volunteer for the Division of Youth and Family Services and received a certificate and pin in recognition of her contribution. For several years, she was a member of the Grand Jury Club of New Jersey-Ladies Auxiliary. Gladys was a member of the Model Cities Planning Board. As a church member, she participated in the program to feed and clothe the needy. She brought clothes that she collected to the distribution site, and when needed, helped to distribute them.

As a volunteer with the Head Start Program, she assisted with the various educational and recreational activities. She always stated that it was a joy to be with the young ones and to be of help at the same time.

Gladys had many sayings and special "*pearls of wisdom*". "*Save money*" "*Be good to others*" "*Love, guidance and concern is important in building a good character. It makes child rearing much easier*". "*I am blessed and not stressed*".

She had many prayers and one of them was:

"Lord, thank you for all that you have done and all that you are going to do. Give us a clean heart so that we can serve thee. Teach us to be kind and more loving to one another. Life can be beautiful".

Grieving but celebrating her life, she leaves behind her children, Benjamin and his wife Dolores, George, Gloria Hall, Donald and his wife Mary, Geraldine; her surviving siblings, Madeline Comerie and Martin Martin; sister-in-law, Alice Martin; and a special niece, Florence Antoine. She also leaves fifteen grandchildren, eighteen great grand children, two great great grandchildren, and her many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and caregiver, Carmen Lewis.

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