

In Loving Memory of



Gloria Viola Butler

Sunrise
February 4, 1927

Sunset
January 30, 2012

Service

Friday, February 10, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Our beloved Aunt Gloria was born **Gloria Viola Davis** in New York City to the parents, George Wyatt Davis and Lena Madeline Moore. The eldest daughter, Gloria grew up in a loving home with siblings George Wyatt, Reginald Thomas and Marilyn Yvonne Smalley. Excelling in her educational pursuits, Aunt Gloria attended Joan of Arc Junior High School, Julia Richmond High School, and the California State University of Sacramento. She graduated with two college degrees: one degree in Criminal Justice and the other in Radiology. Aunt Gloria also obtained many other certifications along her educational journey.

Over the years, she worked for and retired from the United States Post Office as a clerk at the Federal Court House. Later she worked at the California State University of Sacramento as a counselor to ex-offenders and before retiring from the work force in 1989, Aunt Gloria worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In the early 1970's, Aunt Gloria relocated to California; she settled into a small community in Sacramento one block from Aunt Gwen and Stacy, and two short blocks from her sister Marilyn. By 1977, she moved her parents to California, where she lovingly cared for them, grew oranges in her back yard and made many friends. Aunt Gloria was an avid walker. She and dear friend Myrtle Jules would walk six miles daily around Florin Mall. Aunt Gloria could always be seen leisurely walking around her neighborhood in South Sacramento.

Aunt Gloria never had children of her own, but always helped "mother" all her nieces and nephews. She took them on boating excursions, picnics, to movie theatres, to Broadway plays and visited family members no matter how far away they might have lived. She always did whatever she could to keep her family close, and, because of her deep love of family, Aunt Gloria always endeavored to instill good values and study habits so as to ensure that all of her nieces and nephews would understand, and embrace, the importance of obtaining a solid academic foundation.

There were countless times when the family was all crammed in that small apartment at 311 West 11th Street to enjoy family gatherings and eat Breyer's ice cream. Aunt Gloria had a host of cousins she was extremely close to, but shared a particularly close bond with Cousin Eddie (Edward H. Johnson). She always said that he was more like a brother to her than a cousin and he always called her "Sis." Up until the very end of Aunt Gloria's life she always spent time reminiscing about their childhood and his "good hair." Did you know that Aunt Gloria played the violin and spoke French and Swahili? And that she used to address her great-nephew Gni as Monsieur?

Aunt Gloria was preceded in death by her parents George and Lena Davis, siblings Reginald Thomas Davis, Marilyn Smalley, great-niece Kellie M. Key, nephew George F. Davis as well as her one true love, husband Karl Anthony Butler. As a strong believer in Christ, Aunt Gloria is sure to find joy reuniting with her heavenly Father as well as the earthly loved ones who have passed on. She is survived by her brother George Wyatt Davis and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends who are dedicated to keeping her legacy of love alive.

Order Of Service

- Welcome Pastor
- Opening Prayer Pastor
- Soloist *"May The Works I've Done Speak For Me"*
- Words of Comfort Pastor
- Expressions Natasha Boone (Great-Niece)
"Aunt Gloria" by Khiry Malik of Sacramento, CA
- Sympathy Cards Kenneth V. Glanton (Great-Nephew)
- Soloist D'Andre Sincere Harris (Great-Great-Nephew)
"This Little Light Of Mine"
- Written Words of
Remembrance and Love Karlene Glanton
"For A Woman of Quiet Distinction" by Gwendolyn Fitchett
- Reading of Obituary Kishae G. Glanton
- Message of Directions Kiana Glanton
- Closing Funeral Director / Pastor

Interment

Long Island National Cemetery
Farmingdale, New York

23rd Psalm

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Family Reflections

On behalf of the family, we wish to express our gratitude for the love, support, prayers, and thoughts during this difficult time.



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