

*In Loving Memory of*



*Gloria Lewis*

*Sunrise: June 5, 1963*

*Sunset: July 9, 2016*

Service

*Friday, July 15, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.*

**GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Officiating*

# Obituary

**Gloria Jean Overstreet** was born in the Bronx on June 5, 1963 to Mary Lizzie and Thomas Overstreet. She was the sixth of seven children and the youngest of her two older sisters.

Gloria received her education from the New York Public School system. She attended elementary school at P.S. 29, Junior High at P.S. 151 and Morris High School, where she received her high school diploma. While in Morris High School, she discovered a love for the arts. She loved music whether it was through song or dance. She also found interest in pageants. She participated in all the school and local neighborhood talent shows while in high school. After graduating from Morris High School, she attended SUNY Old Westbury where she would study nursing. While in college, she met and later married Cecil Lewis. In this union, she gave birth to Cecil Thomas Lewis ('84) and Marion Corey Lewis ('88). While being a mother and wife, she also pursued her career in nursing as an Emergency Room Nursing Technician at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. Although she and Cecil severed ties, she found love again when she met Norman Williams in 1990, who she loved until her last day in this life. In 1997, she and Norman became parents to her last son, Quincy Edward Williams. She also gained a stepson, Ondre Williams whom she loved as her own.

Gloria later transitioned from Columbia Presbyterian Hospital to Montefiore Medical Center on Fordham Road where she was a nurse until she retired in 2012 after finding out she was ill.

Gloria had a personality that commanded respect, but also would light up the room with her jokes, witty remarks and ultimately her love for people. She treated everyone, whether you were a new born or the elder. She always made people feel loved and respected, and she showed this through her generosity and caring spirit.

Gloria was saddened by her early retirement, but never allowed her illness to stop her from doing the things she loved. She loved going to the casino, City Island, shopping at local merchant vendors at fairs and markets and having family around for parties and cookouts. It didn't have to be a special occasion for her to celebrate because she treated life like a party. Everyday was a special occasion to her. She enjoyed life, and she lived it the way she wanted until she took her last breath.

Gloria leaves behind: her sons, Cecil, Marion, Quincy and Ondre; her love and lifetime partner, Norman; her grandchildren, Jeremiah, Erica and Ondre, Jr.; siblings, Maggie, Larry, Linda and Stanley; thirteen nieces and nephews; four great nieces; one great nephew; two nephews-in-law; one great nephew-in-law; one sister-in-law; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends whom she loved dearly.

Gloria will join her mother, brother, Willie and niece, Aisha in eternal rest. She will be laid to rest with her mother and brother in Sylvania, Georgia.

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

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*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Friendship Cemetery  
Sylvania, Georgia*

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,*

*Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

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

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