

# *Celebration of Life*



## *Gladys Lee Cromer*

**SUNRISE: November 28, 1931**

**SUNSET: July 4, 2022**

### **SERVICE**

**Monday, July 18, 2022 – 9:30 AM**

**(Viewing 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM)**

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# Obituary

**Gladys Cromer** found her true independence on July 4, 2022, at the age of ninety. She was born on November 28, 1931 and is the first born of seven children.

Gladys was born in McCormick, SC, where she received her formal education. At the age of seventeen, she met the love of her life and forever husband, Arthur Rogers Cromer. From this union came seven children. After relocating to New York City, her mother Ruby Luchey passed, leaving four of her younger siblings with her grandmother, Sallie Luchey. With the full support of their spouses, Gladys, and her sister Roberta, brought their Grandmother Sallie, and all their siblings to New York.

Gladys never made any distinction between her biological children and her siblings. She loved and treated all her family members the same. She was a natural caretaker and made the job of motherhood look easy. Gladys never once complained, even as she took care of her double amputee, visually impaired grandmother for more than 28 years.

Gladys worked a multitude of jobs before she retired to do what was most important to her—raising her grandchildren. Gladys and Rogers showered their grandchildren with love and invaluable life skills for success.

Gladys was personable and well-liked by everyone who knew her. She was an excellent cook and many in the community knew they never had to leave her home hungry. Every holiday, and on random days of the week, neighbors would stop by her home, knowing that they could always get a good meal, a homemade biscuit, or a piece of cake made from scratch.

Gladys is survived by: daughters, Sarah (Hubert), Carolyn, Barbara (Ben), Brenda, and Gail (Godfrey); her son, Kenneth (Annette); her grandchildren, Tessa, Romain, Damon (Cristina), Ehrin, Eddie, Lisa, Kira (Jazz), Kimberly, Kyle, Jason, and Alexandra; her great grandchildren, Eric, Dayna, Briana, Carlos Jr., Serenity, Remy, Aniyah, Brianna, Jamel, Erykah, Kayla, Leah, Zoe, Cameron, and Jayden; her great-great granddaughter, Zhane; her siblings, Roberta, Thomas, Antonia, and Sally; and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends.

Gladys was predeceased by Rogers, her husband of 71 years; her first born son, Arthur Jr.; her brothers, Curtis and Robert; brother-in-law, Albert; and son-in-law, Ivor.

On the morning of July 4, 2022, at the direction of the medical staff, the family went to the nursing home to see Gladys for a final visit. All her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were at her bedside for more than 8 hours in celebration of her life. After the family departed, at 10:23 p.m., Gladys flew away to meet her Savior, her husband, and her loved ones that had gone on before her.

The entire family will deeply miss this loving and beautiful woman who embodied the meaning of family and friendship.

# Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL.....“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

OPENING HYMN.....“Amazing Grace”

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8..... Herman Brown

New Testament - St. John 14:1-4..... Tyrone Brown

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....William Brown

CARDS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS..... Alexandra Tull

OBITUARY.....Jason James

SELECTION.....“Blessed Assurance”

REFLECTIONS .....(2 Minutes Please)

EULOGY..... Rev. Akin O. Royall

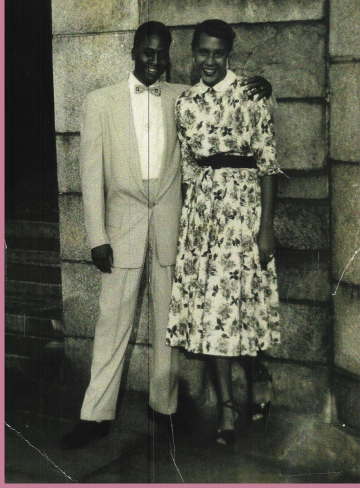
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FINAL VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

**INTERMENT:**  
Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

# *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 of the late Gladys Cromer wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement. May God Bless You Always.*

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