



Gloria Ann Epps

March 15, 1950 - June 24, 2019

GLORIA ANN COTMAN EPPS departed this life on June 24, 2019 at Vibra Hospital in Richmond, VA. Gloria fought a courageous battle with multiple lung problems for more than 10 years. However, she rarely complained and continued to live her life. Gloria always trusted in the Lord to heal her but in his infinite wisdom, God gave her eternal glory.

Gloria was born in Charles City County, Virginia in 1950 to the late Estelle Johnson Cotman and Harold Lee Cotman. Raised on a farm, Gloria was truly loved by her parents. She was a lighthearted and sweet child and an incredible joy to them. Although she was an only child, Gloria was raised along with many family members who were close to her age. As part of a large extended family, many cousins and aunts were more like her sisters and brothers.

In 1968 she graduated from Ruthville High School, now Charles City High School, and moved to Washington D.C. where she earned an Associate Degree from Cortez Peters Business College. Gloria soon found employment as an administrative assistant with the U.S. Department of Labor. Her experience, working for the federal government, led her to a position closer to home with the Regional Office of General Motors located in Richmond.

in 1977 Gloria was united in holy matrimony to Ronald Thomas Epps. For over 40 years, Gloria, with her lighthearted and outgoing nature, and Ron, who seemed more serious, truly complimented and balanced each other. Their distinct yet compatible personalities made for a perfect partnership. They were an incredible team. Ron and Gloria attended many military functions and social engagements where she dined with world renowned artist and nationally known politicians. Their union later produced the love of their lives, their daughter, Aynsley.

Gloria and Aynsley exuded a special mother daughter relationship which was always evident. It was a bond that will continue into eternity. When you saw one, you saw the other. As the song goes, "Me and My Shadow", it is a perfect analogy of their relationship.

Gloria, as a mom, was extremely kind, courageous, generous, and the perfect mother. She was one of the best moms who strive to show her only child how to live life, and to live it successfully.

For many years, Gloria was an active member of the Union Baptist Church Usher Board in Charles City until her health declined. To be closer to home, she attended St. Paul's Baptist Church to continue her fellowship with the Lord. As a young child, Gloria thought of herself as a teacher. She would holler across the cornfield to her cousins yelling, "School's calling in" and they would run to her for their lesson. Always trying to learn more, later in her life she took computer courses at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. She enjoyed family gatherings and relished opportunities to share stories with members of the family.

Gloria had a magnetic personality and made every person she came in contact with feel energetic and happy. Every conversation with her, you were bound to have at least one good laugh. She left a lasting impression of warmth and friendliness to everyone she encountered, from doctors and lawyers, even people at the convenient store.

Our hearts are experiencing a great loss, but we know that our loss is Heaven's gain and that she has gone to a place where there is no sorrow or pain. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Gloria leaves to cherish her precious memories a loving and devoted husband, Ronald Thomas Epps; her daughter, Aynsley Danielle Epps, the apple of her eye; mother-in-law, Mamie Epps; brother-in-law, James Walter Epps; nephew, Jackie Wayne Epps II; matriarch of the Johnson family, Lillie Mae Wilson; matriarch of the Cotman family, Alethia Grady; close and loving aunts, Florence Gary, Batrice Smith (Joseph), Barbara Otey and Shirley Crump; and a host of other family members and friends.

God saw the road was getting rough, the hill too hard to climb;
He gently closed those weary eyes and whispered "Pace be Thine".

Cemetery

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA, 23220

Events

JUL **Visitation** 12:00PM - 08:00PM

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March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA, US, 23222

JUL **Family Hour** 06:00PM - 07:00PM

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JUL **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
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Comments



“ I send my love, thoughts, & prayers to the family of Mrs. Gloria Epps. May God be with you all during this time of bereavement.
Sincerely,
Nicole D. Brash and Family

Nicole Brash - June 30, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ Ron so sorry for your loss we are praying for you and Your Daughter

James and Linda



james Burford - June 30, 2019 at 07:44 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Ann Epps.



June 27, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ KENNETH TABB lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ann Epps



KENNETH TABB - June 27, 2019 at 07:04 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - June 26, 2019 at 11:35 AM