



Gloria C. Stokes

December 16, 1931 - November 30, 2016

One of the kindest and most generous spirits God put on this Earth, Gloria, was born and grew up in Wilkes-Barre PA. She was the sixth child - of eleven – born to the late Matthew and Sadie (Johnson) Collins. She was raised in a faith-filled Christian home where her father was a deacon at their church - Mt. Zion Baptist.

Gloria was a member of the 1950 graduating class of G.A.R. High School. After graduation, she briefly worked at Wilkes College before following in her eldest sister's footsteps with a move to Washington DC. There she obtained a job working at the Library of Congress.

In Washington - true to her upbringing - Gloria found a church home at Florida Avenue Baptist, where her sister, Elizabeth, was a member. Later in life, she would become a member of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church.

On New Year's Day 1955, she married the late William Stokes Sr. at Florida Avenue Baptist Church. Together, they had two sons.

Gloria retired from the American Law Division of the Library of Congress in 1978. After retirement, she worked for Melart Jewelers in Silver Spring MD until 1995.

In June 2012, she moved from Maryland to Townsend DE to live with her sister, Doris. After a stay in the hospital, she began living at the Broad Meadow Nursing Home in Middletown DE. There she passed away.

Gloria was always willing to lend a hand and an ear. You could count on her at family functions and other social events. She was a social butterfly. She loved

to travel and her travels took her to the Caribbean, Europe and the Orient. She was an avid Redskins fan – often attending the games.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Matthew Jr and Robert Collins; sisters, Elizabeth Miller, Agnes Cornish and Arline Bonnette; her eldest son, Darrell Stokes Sr; grandson, Joe Allen; and longtime companion, James Yarbough.

She is survived by son, William Stokes Jr and his wife, Taleesha of Gwynn Oak MD; sisters, Sadie Vaughters of Silver Spring MD, Mattiebelle Harris of Fayetteville NC, Jean Collins of Philadelphia PA, Beverly Collins of Wilkes-Barre PA and Doris Young of Townsend DE; grandsons, Darrell Stokes Jr and his wife, Salena of Wilmington DE, William Stokes of Gwynn Oak MD, William Stokes III and his wife, Zakia of Capitol Heights MD and Joshua Stokes of Capitol Heights MD; four great grandchildren, one great great grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews who affectionately called her Aunt Goby.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria C. Stokes*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gloria C. Stokes.*



December 08, 2016 at 08:19 AM



“ *I wish to express my sympathy to the family of Ms. Stokes. The loss of a loved can be devastating. May your family find comfort in the inspired words of Job 14:14,15. We have the wonderful hope of seeing our loved ones again.*

K Smith - December 06, 2016 at 05:09 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March 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.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - December 05, 2016 at 02:39 PM