



Gloria L. Miller

January 23, 1957 - December 5, 2022

Gloria's Call and Answer

Surrounded by her family on December 5, 2022, at Duke University Hospital, Durham, North Carolina in the early morning hour of 4:17 am, "Gloria LaVon Miller", answered God's call and transitioned into the loving arms of her Heavenly Father. He comforted her saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."(Matthew 25:23)

Gloria's Educational Studies

Gloria, known as "Von," by her family, was born on January 23, 1957, in Conway, North Carolina to the late Frank H. and Doris M. Rodgers. She began her education in Norfolk Public Schools attending Bowling Park Elementary and Azalea Garden Junior High. In 1972, she matriculated to Portsmouth Public Schools where she attended Woodrow Wilson High School and became a proud honor graduate of Manor High School in 1975, Go Mighty Mustangs!!

Gloria's Profession and Career

Completing high school, Gloria furthered her educational studies in Business

which catapulted her career and she became employed with the city of Portsmouth's Economic Development Program. Her desire was to be the best employee that she could be, and she always strived for the top in every field of her work experiences, knowing that she could do all things through Christ who strengthened her. In the later years of her employment, Gloria became a government employee with The Norfolk Naval Shipyard. She exemplified a work performance of excellency, while being a true force in her position as a "Contract officer" retiring in January 2020, with over 30 years of experience.

Gloria's Spiritual Journey

Gloria's spiritual journey began at an early age at The First Baptist Church, Severn, North Carolina under the late Reverend Eugene Watson. Growing in Christ and led of the Holy Spirit, she found a church home at Fairwood Agape Baptist Church, Portsmouth, VA, where she lived, under the late Pastor Robert Baker. She later became a member of Vision Ministries Life Skills & Worship Center, Chesapeake, VA, under the late Pastor Edward Smith, and was a member of Trinity Faith Diamond, Chesapeake, VA, under Bishop O.L Cromwell. Built on her strong biblical foundation, she joined First Baptist Church South Hill, on November 20, 2018, under the leadership of Pastor Michael Toliver. She was a regular and very active participant of Sunday School, Noon Day and Evening Bible Study, Morning Moments Prayer Call, and ministered her strong soprano voice in the Church Choir. Gloria displayed her love for the Lord with all her heart and never lost hope in God. She was strong and courageous as she stood on the promises of his word, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." (Joshua 1:9)

Gloria's Life, Love, and Legacy

Enjoying a life well lived, Gloria in her spare time was multitalented and had many interests. She enjoyed playing tennis, line dancing, shopping at Macy's and Amazon, traveling, cooking, eating from Olive Garden, and making her famous banana pudding, "um umm good." She also loved to sing praises unto the Lord whether in the choir, with her family group, "The Rodgers" Family Gospel Singers, acting in The Gospel Apollo Ministry, and singing background with her sister's group, Elder Pittman and the People of Praise. If she ever started laughing, she had a laugh that was so infectious, it was catching and would bring you to your knees!!

Gloria's Remembrance

Gloria was preceded in death by her loving parents, Frank H. Rodgers and Doris M. Rodgers, and her beautiful, oldest sister Shirley A. Langley. Those who will continue to cherish her loving memories that will forever remain in their hearts are: her only son, Justin L. Miller (Amelia), her three grandchildren, she affectionately called her "Boo-Boos", Alayah Miller, Aria Miller, and little Justin Jaier-Lee Miller, her husband, Earle L. Miller, for over 30 years, her two sisters, Juila McIntyre (John), Doris Pittman (Wesley), and only brother, Frank Rodgers Jr., a niece, Doriece Carter, two nephews, Marvin Rodgers, Alonzo Langley, her great nieces and nephews, in-laws, aunts, and a large family of relatives and friends. Yes, our hearts are grieved, but yet we can rejoice in knowing that our loved one, "Gloria LaVon Miller's" soul has been anchored in the Lord! A Strong Finish, A Strong Faith!!

Momma...Von, rest in the Lord, and we will see you again!

Love, Your Family

Receiving Guest @ 3708 Wortham Court, Chesapeake, VA (Deep Creek Area)

Time: 6-8:30 pm (Thursday-Saturday)

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

DEC 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church South Hill
3633 Galberry Road
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall

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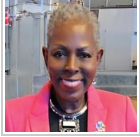
“ When Gloria told me her diagnosis, she also said she was in God's hands and I said to her, "you know He's a healer". Gloria didn't just focus on her illness. I was going through some personal issues and she would give me encouragement and tell me to be strong. I'm so glad I got to see her Thanksgiving night and tell her that I loved her. Not because I thought that it would be the last time because I truly believed that she would be coming back home. She and I had so many projects that we wanted done to our homes and I couldn't wait for us to share our progress. Gloria, I will truly miss you!! Justin, Mess, Julia, Hot Shot, please accept my deepest sympathies. I pray God gives you comfort, peace and strength at this time of grievance. Love, Terri Levarity

Terri D Levarity - December 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Gloria, I could always depend on you to look out for me and my home when I was away. I will be eternally grateful for you and our many talks about keeping each other safe. I promise to be there for Justin and babies if they ever need me. Thank you for being the best neighbor! I miss you so much. My heart is sad but knowing you are well and feeling the best you ever have, calms my soul. Sleep well my friend. Until we meet again...Angela

Angey Corbett - December 19, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ I will surely miss my sister from another mother, sweet Gloria (Von). I met my dear friend over 25 years ago when we both sang in the choir and later as a part of a singing group, Naomi & Ruth. When I moved away, we continued our relationship, and when I came home to visit, Von was always on my visit list. When she told me she was sick, I told her I knew she would overcome her illness. She was always optimistic, but she also told me she was in God's Hands. I knew she was right, but I prayed selfishly that she would survive because I wanted another visit. Well, I will see my friend on the other side. Thanks so much to her son, sisters, brother, and parents for allowing me to be a part of Von's life - I love her to life in eternity.

Rowevina Herring - December 19, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gloria L. Miller.



December 19, 2022 at 08:29 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gloria L. Miller.



December 18, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gloria L. Miller.* ”



December 18, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 18, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *Elder & Marva Davis lit a candle in memory of Gloria L. Miller* ”



Elder Ernest & Marva Davis - December 16, 2022 at 06:44 PM

FV

“ *Deepest condolences to the Rodgers/Miller families from former neighbors & childhood friend Faye Vanderhorst & Family 🙏*



Faye Vanderhorst - December 16, 2022 at 03:11 PM

BS

“ *To the Miller & Rogers Families we know you will truly miss her. Our Condolences are extended to y'all. Gloria was a friend, neighbor & classmate. We will keep you in prayer & May you find peace in knowing she with the Lord!*



Barbara Sparks - December 16, 2022 at 03:08 PM

AM

“ *To Doris Pittman (Wesley), and the entire Miller Family, I was saddened to learn about the passing of your loved one, Gloria L. Miller.*



Please accept my deepest condolences as you begin to process this deep loss from your family circle.

May the Lord grant you peace as you move forward in the days ahead.

Sorrowfully,

ARLENE A. MATTAI - PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS Retiree

Arlene ANN Mattai - December 16, 2022 at 12:21 PM

EE

“ Justin, Amelia, and family my condolences and prayers are with all of you during your time of sorrow. Gloria ALWAYS called me "Roanoke Rapids" because she had family members in that area. Something funny about Gloria is that she would tell me to "fix your face" when we were in the choir. She kept me straight! I loved her as a truthful, caring, and amazing woman, she kept it real! I know it is hard, keep your faith, God will be there for you and your family.
Love you, Ms. Elaine Edmonds



Elaine Edmonds - December 14, 2022 at 02:02 PM

LW

“ Justin, Amelia and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. I have so many wonderful memories of Gloria. A beautiful light, gifted and talented in so many ways. I worked with her also on the Newsletter committee at Trinity Faith Diamond. I will miss her laughter and beautiful smile. Rest in Heaven my dear friend. 🌹 Lisa and Reginald Wright

Lisa Wright - December 14, 2022 at 08:25 AM

JH

“ Gloria and I worked on the newsletter committee at Trinity. I can still remember her smile. I'm still in disbelief at her passing. I'm praying for the family. She will always be in our hearts.
Jonitta & Benny Harris

Jonitta Harris - December 11, 2022 at 09:33 PM

CG

“ *Caroline Gupton sent a virtual gift in memory of Gloria L. Miller*



Caroline Gupton - December 09, 2022 at 03:38 PM

CB

“ *My fondest memory of Vonn was singing with her family, The Rodgers Family. She had a beautiful spirit, voice, and a giving heart. I am still in shock and praying for her family.*

Carla Bashay-Brockett - December 08, 2022 at 09:00 PM

PL

“ *To Frank Rodgers and Family, we extend our deepest condolences to you during this difficult time. Our prayers are with you all. Pastor Terrell Batten and the Rising Star Baptist Church Family*

Pamela Lee - December 08, 2022 at 03:57 PM

DM

“ *Being a family member my fondest memory of Gloria affectionly called Vonn is singing with her family the Rodgers Singers she will be missed*

Doraetta McIntyre - December 08, 2022 at 09:20 AM

NJ

Dear Family,

My heart is sad with you today. I have a lot of memories of Vonn. My memories goes back to Bowling Park in Norfolk. Vonn, will be truly missed in Sunday school and Bible study. I would say hi Vonn and she would say hi Ms Naomi. Vonn always gave God the praise and trusted in him. It gives me peace and joy to know Vonn knew and loved the Lord. She is at home now. "Remember to be absent from the body is to be presence with the Lord."

Naomi Johnson and family.

Naomi D Johnson - December 17, 2022 at 12:23 PM