

Pallbearers

James Hendricks
Edward Frazier
Rosezell Williams

Gentle Duley
Yntell Duley
Cornell Brown

Honorary Pallbearers

Cornell Duley Sr.
William Workcuff Sr.
William Workcuff Jr.

Tynell Duley Sr.
Randy Nunley
Cortez Hicks

Family Acknowledgements

We deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy in our time of great sorrow. There are really no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the love and support you have extended towards our family during this time of sadness.

The Family of Gloria J. Nicholson

I am at rest now.

Do not weep for me, beloved ones — I have simply gone to my rest.

I know your love held me close, but the love of my Father called me home.

He has lifted me from the weight of this world's trials, to a place where pain cannot follow, and He has given me the promise that we shall meet again, in joy, when the time is right.

Be strong, and let your hearts turn toward God. Listen well to the truth you have been given.

Live in holiness, and love one another with open hands and open hearts.

Do not grieve too long at my going, for my work here is done.

I have kept my course, and now, I rest in peace.



"Nana"



Gloria J.
NICHOLSON

FEBRUARY 09, 1935 - MAY 01, 2025

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
GOLDEN GATE FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES
2800 E. 18TH ST. KANSAS CITY, MO 64127
REV. JAMES WATKINS, OFFICIATING

10:00AM VIEWING

11:00AM SERVICE

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

R E M E M B E R I N G

Gloria

ORDER
Of SERVICE

Today, we gather to honor the life and legacy of Gloria Jean Nicholson — lovingly known as Nana — as she completes her sacred journey and returns to the eternal Light. Born in Wewoka, Oklahoma, to Mable Davis and Atward Edwards, Gloria came into this world destined to touch hearts and leave a lasting imprint of love.

She moved through the seasons of life with grace — from her days at Douglas High School to becoming a devoted wife to Orville Nicholson and a nurturing mother to Cornell Duley Sr. (Brenda) and Genee Hendricks . Together with Orville, she built a life rich in love and connection. Though Orville preceded her in death, their bond endures.

In Kansas City, Missouri, her light shone brightly. Through her beloved store, Reet-Petite, Gloria became a vessel of kindness, welcoming all who crossed her path. Her smile was a balm, her presence a sanctuary, and every act — no matter how small — was touched by grace.

Her faith anchored her life. Before her health declined, Nana was a dedicated member of Palestine Missionary Baptist Church, where she lifted her voice in the choir, sharing her love of song and deep devotion with her community.

On the morning of May 1, 2025, Gloria's soul was called home. She released her earthly body and rose into the embrace of the Divine, joining the ancestors who welcomed her with love. This is not her ending — it is her sacred homecoming. Her spirit is free; her love, eternal.

She leaves behind a living legacy: her children, 25 grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, loving cousins, and friends — all of whom carry her essence in their hearts, each bearing a thread of her strength, humor, and boundless love.

We remember the sacred rituals she offered — homemade birthday cakes that turned ordinary days into celebrations — and her joy in simple pleasures, from her favorite westerns to action films that mirrored the quiet strength she embodied every day.

Her kindness, resilience, and deep love live on in every act of compassion, every word of encouragement, and every moment of courage shared by those who knew her.

And so, with love, we release her. We bless her journey onward.

Gloria Jean Nicholson — Nana — you are deeply loved, forever remembered, and eternally home.

PreludeSoft Music

Scripture Rev. James Watkins

Prayer Rev. James Watkins

Selection Leon Walker

Acknowledgements
& CondolencesProphetess Artelia Carter

Life Reflections Video tribute

Remarks Family and Friends

(2 minutes please)

Saxophonist Billy Winston

Word of Comfort Rev. James Watkins

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Forest Hill Cemetery
6901 Troost Ave,
Kansas City, MO 64131

