

Pallbearers

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Muskogee Alumni Chapter

Flower Attendants

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Alpha Epsilon Omega Chapter

Honorary Pallbearers

Men of First Missionary Baptist Church

Honorary Flower Attendants

Women of First Missionary Baptist Church

"and until Then, She Rest in..."

Booker T. Washington Cemetery
Muskogee, Oklahoma

Acknowledgement

The family sincerely thanks everyone for the prayers, calls, visits, cards, flowers, and acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement.

We extend special appreciation to Eastgate Village Healthcare Center, Good Shepherd Hospice, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Alpha Epsilon-Omega Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi - Muskogee Alumni Chapter, the Carter & Thomas Families, Roxanna Kirklin, Sandra Whitaker, Doug Hendricks, Patrinia Maiorino, the Kate Frank Apartment Family, and the First Missionary Baptist Church Family for your love, support, and compassion.

Your kindness will always be remembered.

The Family

Psalms 121:1-8

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

"Concerning them, which are asleep..."



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Celebrating the Life of

Ms. Gloria
BELLE PARKER

SUNRISE

30

January 1942

SUNSET

23

May 2026

Monday June 8, 2026
Eleventh Hour of The Morning
The Peoples Chapel of Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors, Inc.
549 South 6th Street
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401
Pastor C. Maurice Baccus Jr. - Presiding

"This Is My Story"

Gloria Belle Parker was born January 30, 1942 to Willard Giddings and Opal Jean (Moore) Parker. She was the second of two daughters.

Gloria received her early education in Muskogee, Oklahoma before graduating with the Class of 1959 from the historic Manual Training High School where she participated in National Honor Society, Hi-Y Club and Speech Club. Her love and dedication to her class and school was exhibited when she chaired the 60th reunion of her classmates in 2019.

After graduating high school, Gloria went on to graduate with her Bachelors of Arts from Lincoln University (LU) located in Jefferson City, Missouri before receiving her Masters in Communication Management from the University of Southern California's (SC) Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, located in Los Angeles, California.

One of her fondest memories of her "LU days", was when the theatre and drama club from Howard University from Washington, District of Columbia (DC) would travel to Missouri for summer camp and have a "Jammin Good Time!"

Gloria's humble beginnings in Muskogee made her extremely grateful to have lived a well-traveled life experiencing the joys and opportunities in life in areas such as Cleveland, Ohio, New York City, New York, Germany and Los Angeles, California.

Gloria's career path included numerous chapters including as an actress, model, media executive, producer, director, writer and the occasional Off-Broadway Theatre.

Gloria retired after 15 years of service working for the Los Angeles Department of Social Services as a case worker, staff development trainer and video producer.

As an administrative assistant to Iris Gordy, niece of Berry Gordy, founder of the Motown record label, Gloria was one of the decision makers within the Artists and Repertoire (A&R) department when it came to sending artist's demo tapes on to the "next level".

During her modeling days, Gloria modeled some of the most stunning and luxurious Ben

Khan Fuhrs furs. She recalls the grandeur that came along with owning one of his designs. His furs were worn by the likes of Jackie Kennedy Onassis and other wealthy heirs.

In 2012, Gloria returned home to Muskogee to take care of her beloved father.

Gloria was never without a job. Something she and her sister learned from their father. Gloria loved to talk of how her father, famed agricultural educator W.G. Parker, taught them to be independent women and chase after their passions. She once stated that he never insisted on agriculture careers and encouraged them to follow their dreams.

Gloria served in several capacities at First Missionary Baptist Church, such as Sunday School Teacher, Bible Study Scholar, Prayer Warrior, Choir, Women Missionary Union, and served/supported all Church functions. Gloria was also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Organization for Women, National Democratic Party, Precinct Officer for the Muskogee County Democratic Party, and supported other Church ministries as well, too numerous to name.

As a mother to no biological children of her own, Gloria had many adopted children and grandchildren. She once stated "I dedicated my life to taking care of my family and other people's children."

Before her sickness, Gloria's dedication to her family extended beyond the physical realm as she dedicated Memorial Day each year, to cleaning and maintaining the 27 graves of her grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts and uncles resting in the family cemetery located in Porter, OK.

Gloria's parents preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her special memories; her sister Beverly Young, and niece Kimberly Harrell; along with a host of loving relatives, extended family and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Frank Hill, Vocalist Gailian Murphy, Musician
Processional	Funeral Director, Clergy, Parker and FMBC Family
Musical Selection	Frank Hill, Vocalist Gailian Murphy, Musician
Comfort from the Scriptures Old & New Testament	Reverend Roger L. B. Cutler
Prayer of Assurance	Reverend Roger L. B. Cutler
Musical Selection	Frank Hill, Vocalist Gailian Murphy, Musician
Resolutions & Acknowledgements	Soror Schuyler Carter
Special Remarks	First Missionary Baptist Church - Sister Felicia Collins Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Soror Bonnie Carter Manual Training High School Class Of 1959 - Dr. George Jones
Musical Selection	Frank Hill, Vocalist Gailian Murphy, Musician
Video Tribute	Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors, Inc.
Eulogy	Reverend C. Maurice Baccus Jr. Pastor First Missionary Baptist Church Muskogee, Oklahoma
Recessional	Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors, Inc.

