

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.

Active Pallbearers

**Kenneth Love Sr,
Charles Love
Reign Maxberry**

**Terrance Greene
Nathaniel Love Jr.
Mark Walker**



"If Roses Grow in Heaven" – Dolores M. Garcia

If roses grow in heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.



"The Broken Chain"

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,
But as God call us one by one, the chain will link again.

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IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF

Gloria Anne
LOVE

NOVEMBER 27, 1951 - JANUARY 13, 2025

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 12:00 PM
WESTMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
11230 BRISTOL TERRACE, KANSAS CITY, MO 64134
REV. DR. ENGUS CARTER, OFFICIATING

REMEMBERING

Gloria

Gloria Anne Love (Gillespie) was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on November 27, 1951, to Mary Anne Clayborn (Gillespie-Clark) and Grover Arvester Gillespie Sr.

Gloria attended St. Joseph and St. Vincent Catholic Schools, graduated from Lincoln High School, and attended Kansas City Job Corps for nursing.

Gloria's work history reflected her interest in education, service, and community. She was employed as a paraprofessional at C.A. Franklin Elementary, the Internal Revenue Service, Price Chopper, and the Election Board.

Gloria's many accomplishments and acts of service include starting a nonprofit organization named Glory Hallelujah. The organization was designed to provide safe and high-class transportation for seniors. Gloria also began writing an autobiography, which is believed to have been the beginning of her healing. She was a powerful and essential part of her community, volunteering to feed the homeless at Thelma's Kitchen, GYRL (Giving Yourself Real Love), and Community Gardens. Gloria openly declared that she would never leave her roots, the "Inner City." She always told her children the inner city would be rebuilt, and she would be a part of it—and she was.

Gloria was a committed and dedicated servant of Westminster Baptist Church for approximately forty-one years. As an active member of WBC, Gloria served as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, usher, greeter, in hospitality, and wherever she saw a need.

Gloria met and married Nathaniel Love Sr. on April 20, 1973. Their union lasted thirty-five years and was blessed with four children, all residing in Kansas City, Missouri: Michelle Rice (Love), Natalie Love-Maxberry, Kenneth Love Sr., and Genice Love. Gloria also had two children by love, Nathaniel Love Jr. and Mark Walker. Sons-in-law include Robert Maxberry and Nathaniel Rice.

Gloria was a lover of THE LORD, family, education, and serving her community. She enjoyed being around her family and was passionate about being a grandmother. She loved art, education, learning, and teaching. Gloria enjoyed crocheting, watching cooking shows, game shows, home improvement shows, and soap operas (The Young and the Restless, All My Children, One Life to Live, and General Hospital). She also enjoyed music and dancing. These are just a few of the things that brought her joy. Gloria had an amazing sense of humor and could make anyone laugh. She also had a very "slick tongue" and wasn't afraid to speak her mind—you always knew when Gloria "got with you." While she was known for her caring, sweet, and smooth demeanor, she was also feisty and fiery when needed. Although Gloria loved to serve, she equally enjoyed being served.

Gloria was a woman of great faith, which at times could even be described as "radical faith."

Gloria departed this life on January 13, 2025, at the youthful age of seventy-three.

Some family members who preceded Gloria in death include her parents, Mary Anne Clark and Grover Arvester Gillespie Sr.; her sister, Mary Alice Gillespie; her brothers, Alan Mark Gillespie and Grover Arvester Gillespie Jr.; and her granddaughter, Aariona Chante Love, along with a host of other family and friends.

Gloria leaves to cherish her memory her children: Michelle, Natalie, Kenneth, and Genice; her siblings: Deborah Gillespie and Denise Freeman of Kansas City; her grandchildren: Charles, Chyanne, Marquelle, I'Janae, Na'Tasia, Reign, Kennedy, Kenneth Jr., King, Faith, Kashton, Terrance, Clinton, Takira, Chantae, Shanae, Britiany, and Mark; and her great-grandchildren: Loyal, Khasani, Charles II, and Yharia. She is also survived by a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude.....Soft Music

Prayer.....David Marshall

Scripture

Jerry Harris (Old Testament Scripture-Psalms 23);
Pastor Kevin Smith (New Testament- Romans 8:38-39)

Selection..... Steve Yancy
(His Eye Is on the Sparrow)

Acknowledgment & Condolences

Life Reflections.....Read Silently

Praise Dancer.....Daysha Amos

Remarks.....Family & Friends
(Two minute limit per person)

Selection.....LaTonya Rollins
(Better Days by Le'Andria Johnson)

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Engus Carter

Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Engus Carter

Recessional....."Gloria" Enchantment

Repast.....Immediately afterward at
Westminster's Fellowship Hall

