

Homegoing Celebration of Life
For
Louise Gloria Briscoe Garland

SUNRISE
April 16, 1930



SUNSET
NOVEMBER 29, 2017

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith:"*

2 Timothy 4:7

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017
VIEWING: 10:00AM **SERVICE: 11:00AM**

ST. STEPHEN BAPTIST CHURCH
5757 TEMPLE HILL ROAD, TEMPLE HILLS, MARYLAND 20748
BISHOP LANIER C. TWYMAN, SR., SENIOR PASTOR

Obituary

Louise Gloria (Briscoe) Garland was the eldest of two children born to the late Ignatius and Lucile Briscoe. Born on April 16, 1930 in Washington, D.C., she peacefully departed this earthly life on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at home.

She was united in holy matrimony to the late Prince F. Garland, Jr., in 1962. The joy of her life was her daughter Sandra.

Louise was educated in Washington, D. C., attending Birney Elementary School, Randall Junior High School and Cardozo High School. She furthered her education by attending University of District of Columbia (formerly Washington Technical Institute), obtaining her degree in Computer Science.

After more than twenty years of service with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), working as the Chief, Sm-Un Pending Claims Section, with expertise in the area of Retirement Laws and Regulations, she retired from OPM in September 1990. Prior to working at OPM, she worked for the Department of Defense - Bolling Air Force Base and the Mayflower Hotel. After retiring from the Federal Government, Louise started her own Day Care, in her home with her mom, Lucile Briscoe. Louise was affectionately known as *Ms. G.* Louise loved all of her little babies, and they loved her just as much.

Louise began her Christian journey at Campbell AME Church. She later joined Canaan Baptist Church and was baptized in 1974. She served faithfully as a member of the Pastor's Aide Society, the Senior Ushers Ministry, and was a member of the Church School. Louise was also a member of the Interdenominational Church Usher's Association (ICUA). In 2006, she united with St. Stephen Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop Lanier C. Twyman, Sr., Senior Pastor. She served on the Number 2 Ushers Ministry until her health began to fail.

Louise loved to travel with her daughter Sandra and her two granddaughters Tamara and Nicole. She was member of the International Mason and Order of the Eastern Star. She served as the East Central Jurisdiction (ECJ) Grand Matron; which comprises of the following States: DC, MD, OH, KY, PA, and WV. Her hobbies were shopping for her daughter and then her granddaughters. Louise was family oriented and was always concerned about her younger brother Cecil (Butch) even as her health began to fade. Sandra, Tamara, Nicole and Sydney were her pride and joy.

During her most recent illness, Sandra was her mom's faithful and devoted caregiver along with her granddaughters and they were training her great-granddaughter to be her nurse as well. Special thanks to Ms. Alfreda Powers who took time out of her busy schedule to come and sit with Louise while her daughter Sandra ran errands. Ms. Powers would pray, sing and have Bible devotions, which she loved. Also many thanks to Ms. Corliss Smith Pompey, who came to the house and did a mini gospel concert, which lifted her spirit mightily.

To treasure her memories, she leaves behind her devoted and loving daughter Sandra B. Powell. Brother Cecil (Barbara) Briscoe; two granddaughters: Tamara and Nicole Powell; great-granddaughter Sydney Thomas; Cousins: Gloria and Manuel (son) Sistrunk, Milton Michael (Judy) Williams; extended family James (Jimmie) Powell and Dameon Thomas and a host of nieces and nephews.

Order of Service

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Bishop Lanier C. Twyman, Sr., Senior Pastor
Officiating

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| Musical Prelude..... | Elder Shaun Pressley Minister of Music |
| Processional..... | Clergy |
| Hymn of Comfort <i>{page 27}</i> | Celebration Choir <i>'Blessed Assurance'</i> |
| Holy Scripture Readings | |
| Old Testament Reading - Psalm 23..... | Elder Janice Warren |
| New Testament Reading - 2 Timothy 4:6-8..... | Elder Catherine Riley |
| Prayer of Comfort..... | Elder Renee McCoy |
| Song of Inspiration..... | Celebration Choir |
| Acknowledgements..... | Elder Marlene Merchant Church Clerk |
| Reflections <i>(2 minute limit please)</i> | Sister Jean Ragsdale Andrea Ross |
| Remarks..... | Rev. Larry Owens, Canaan Baptist Church |
| Family Tributes..... | Sister Gloria Sistrunk Sister Sydney Thomas |
| Obituary <i>(Read Silently)</i> | |
| Solo..... | Sister Corliss Pompey |
| Eulogy..... | Bishop Lanier C. Twyman, Sr. |

* Recessional *
(Everyone standing except Family)



Mom

Mom, you were my faithful companion and confidant even in the most difficult times. Mom, you dedicated your life in caring and providing for me spiritually and physically. You always seemed to know how to help me to overcome problems and thrive in spite of them. Mom, your love is irreplaceable, which makes losing you to death an incredibly painful experience. Mom, I did not want you to leave but the deterioration of your body was unbearable.

I love you with my heart and soul. The memories of your love will carry me through. I will miss our traveling, boat rides, concerts, and shopping. God knew in His infinite wisdom it was time for you to come home.

Until we meet again.

Your devoted daughter, Sandra



Family Acknowledgements

The family graciously and humbly appreciates the many acts of kindness shown during Louise's illness and most sincerely appreciates all thoughtful acts and expressions of sympathy following her promotion to Glory. A hearty thank you for your calls, cards, prayers, and visits.

A Special Thank You to Capital Care Hospice.

It is our prayer that God will bless and keep you in His care.

Pallbearers

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Interment

Resurrection Cemetery

8000 Woodyard Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735

Repast

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to join the family in the St. Stephen Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Arrangements Entrusted to

Owens Funeral Services

Fredericksburg, VA 22401