



Bishop Gladys Privette Joyner

April 30, 1934 - September 25, 2020

“Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain:
but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.”

Proverbs 31:30

Bishop Gladys P. Joyner, the daughter of Gertrude English and Robert English, was born April 30, 1934, in Durham, North Carolina. She attended public school in Durham and graduated from Hillside High School in 1953. Later that year she moved to Baltimore, Maryland, to attend Cortez W. Peters Business School, graduating in 1955. An advocate for education and bible study, Bishop Joyner studied theology at Saint Mary’s Seminary and Morgan State University.

She met the love of her life, Corporal Walter R. Joyner (a young soldier stationed at Fort Meade), on a blind date. Following a six month worldwind courtship, they were united in holy matrimony on June 23, 1956.

This union was blessed with two children. During her career, Bishop Joyner worked as an administrative assistant for the Internal Revenue Service and the Baltimore City Police Department. She was known for her speed and accuracy as a typist and taking notes in short hand.

Bishop Joyner had several hobbies, including shopping, cooking, bowling, and traveling. She had more suits and dresses than she had closet space; and her collection of shoes could fill a store. She was an excellent cook and loved to bake. Her pound cakes were legendary. Bishop Joyner enjoyed ten-pin bowling and would not hesitate to tell her opponents how bad she was going

to beat them. She also loved to travel. Her favorite vacations included a road trip across the country with her cousin, Lumus Privette Jr. and his wife Rosa Lee and her trip to Europe with her son LeMont and his wife Suzan.

At a very young age Bishop Joyner accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. For nearly two decades she was an active member of Sweet Hope Freewill Baptist Church. Blessed with a beautiful alto voice, she sang on the Number 2 Choir. Although content being a singing Christian, Bishop Joyner was called to preach the Gospel under the late Pastor, Reverend John T. Crummedy. It was in the plan of God that she be ordained; so in 1981, during the Baptist Conference, she was ordained by Bishop Robert McKinney.

While at Sweet Hope Bishop Joyner, accompanied by her prayer partner Reverend Carolyn Whittle, led Bible class in the basement of her home. Their friends began to visit on Bible study night, and the Lord continued to bless.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." As she continued to allow the Lord to direct her path, many were attracted to her zeal for the Lord; and she developed a great following.

In 1986, the Lord led her to New Horizon Baptist Church where she became Assistant Pastor to Reverend Claude Lambert. Later, she frequented New Jerusalem Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas.

Bishop Joyner received a vision from the Lord to organize a church. Being obedient to do the will of God, she and a group of God-given followers moved forward despite the fact that they had no funds. They came together in the home of Reverend Martha Rich; and in July 1993, White Rock Non-Denominational Church was organized. In July 2003, she was consecrated to the Office of Bishop by the late Apostle Bishop Eddie A. Montgomery, Ph.D. Her vision for the expansion of God's Kingdom included ordaining Elders to assist her as Bishop in providing oversight and care for White Rock Non-

Denominational Church as well as churches birthed from White Rock Non-Denominational Church. This included those churches desiring to unite in fellowship under the umbrella of White Rock Non-Denominational Church. In August 2003, Bishop Joyner ordained the organization's first Presiding Elder, Reverend William A. Liggins, Sr. As Bishop and Pastor she ordained eight ministers, including her son, Reverend Simeon D. Joyner, whom she also ordained as Elder. Bishop Joyner will be remembered best for how she loved to give. She started the Gladys P. Joyner Scholarship to provide financial assistance to White Rock's high school graduates who plan to further their education.

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, Bishop Joyner gave food baskets to anyone in need; and she provided Christmas gifts to the entire church family. She will also be remembered for how she loved to sing the Fire Baptized Praises. Her favorites included "Wave My Hands" and "If I Don't Wake Up."

Her wonderful life will be cherished and remembered by her husband of 64 years, Walter R. Joyner; her two sons and their spouses, LeMont E. Joyner (Suzan) and Simeon D. Joyner (Renee); one brother, Harvey Lee English, Sr.; six grandchildren and their spouses, Kristina D. Leslie (Edward), LeMont E. Joyner, II, Simeon D. Joyner, II (Tiffany), Jamal M. Joyner, Terrell D. Joyner, and Caleb N. Joyner; one great grandchild, Olivia Joy Leslie; two sister-in-laws, Mary Berry and Jean Joyner; one nephew, Harvey Lee English, Jr.; three nieces, Vanesia Joyner, Tawana Collington (Ralph) and Sabrina Berry; devoted family member, Lumus Privette, Jr. (Rosa Lee); prayer partner, Carolyn "Cookie" Whittle (Barry); three Godchildren, Michelle Howard (Ron), Damion Floyd, and Tyrique Liggins; Spiritual granddaughter, Amber Whittle; and a host of devoted cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery- Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
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<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD

Wake

OCT **1**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

White Rock Non Denominational Church
930 Wilmigton Ave
Baltimore, MD

Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

White Rock Non Denominational Church
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Baltimore, MD

Tribute Wall

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“ *Michelle Privette Howard lit a candle in memory of Bishop Gladys Privette Joyner*



Michelle Privette Howard - September 29, 2020 at 08:50 PM