



## Gloria Dean Williams Spears Dunbar

June 28, 2024

Gloria Spears Dunbar, a retired caregiver, entered eternal rest quietly at her home on Friday, June 28, 2024. She was born in Gloster, Mississippi on October 13, 1932, she was 91 years old. Her parents were the late Limmie Williams and Eliza Brown Williams of Gloster. She met and married Edward Spears Jr., of Clinton, Louisiana, in 1952 and to this union six children were born Nathan E., Edward L., Patricia Ann, Isaiah (Ike), Timothy Lee., and Glenda Ann. They were married until Edward's death in 1977.

Gloria Dean had an insatiable thirst for knowledge. When her children were older, she enrolled in Adult Education classes at Carter G. Woodson and received her GED in 1980 before becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant. She truly enjoyed caring for others, it was her passion and she instilled the love of service in her children. In 1986 Gloria met and married Cleveland Dunbar and they were married until his death in 1992.

Gloria lived and worked in New Orleans for over 50 years as a caregiver in local hospitals and with various home health agencies. Her last 15 years of her career were spent as an in-home private duty caregiver for a retired couple. Gloria loved good church, traveling, crocheting,

quilting, and spending time with her family.

Gloria is survived by three children; Edward L., Ike, and Glenda Spears, 9 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends,

Friday, July 12, 2024 a visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at The Sixth Baptist Church 928 Felicity Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. A memorial service will follow beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024 a visitation will be held from 9:00 am -11:00 am at the Homochitto Baptist Association Building at 2753 Antioch Perkins Road, Gloster, MS 39638. The Homegoing Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at Antioch Cemetery,

Gloster, MS 39638. Both services will be officiated by Bishop-Elect Troy T. Johnson. All are invited and welcome to attend. Services entrusted to Anderson Funeral Home, 352 W. Natchez Rd, Gloster. MS. 39638. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook, share memories, and condolences to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Antioch Cemetery

Gloster, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sixth Baptist Church  
928 Felicity St.  
New Orleans, LA

## Memorial Service

JUL 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

Sixth Baptist Church  
928 Felicity St.  
New Orleans, LA

## Visitation

JUL 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Homochitto Baptist Association Bldg  
2753 Antioch Perkins Road  
Gloster, MS 39638

## Service

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JUL 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Homochitto Baptist Association Bldg  
2753 Antioch Perkins Road  
Gloster, MS 39638

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Gloria in India in September of 2013 at the Asram Hospital in India. We were both volunteers for Project Hope (affiliated with the US Navy). Asram was a poorly funded hospital that also had a medical college and a nursing college. She worked there two months, August-October, and I worked one months while doing a year of volunteering in developing countries in Asia. We were two busy to talk a lot. She focused on improving the standards for nursing care. I taught a few classes and at the request of a surgeon, inspected the intensive care units and emergency room, and found that the hospital was too poor to allow use of alcohol, such as for hand sanitation unless the patient or patient’s family could pay for the alcohol. The nurses were reluctant to provide the kind of care that American nurses do, assuming that the visiting families would take care of the patients. Nurses and doctors shared a sink with a bar of soap, and a towel that didn’t seem to be cleaned often. Gloria did not let anything get in her way to try to improve the standards of the hospital. Her plans were to come back to Asram the following year and i assume she did. Gloria was a wonderful nurse willing to work under conditions that most nurses would try to escape from.

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**Daniel Dlugose** - July 26, 2025 at 08:00 AM

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“ My heartfelt sympathy and deepest condolences to Edward , Ike and Glenda . May God bless and comfort your hearts  
Cheryl Carter and Family

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**Cheryl Carter and Family** - July 12, 2024 at 06:01 PM

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“ To Ike, Glenda, Edward and the Families of Mother Gloria Dean Williams Spears Dunbar, we cherish her memory and the legacy living in you and your circles of responsibility and influence. So many of us have benefitted from your Mother's contribution to humanity that we mourn her loss, but celebrate her work and witness.  
We shall continue to pray that God's deep settled peace abides in you all.  
Because of Christ,  
Pastor Dwight and Sis. Trudell Webster

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**Rev. Dwight Webster, PhD** - July 12, 2024 at 02:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gloria Dean Williams Spears Dunbar.



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July 12, 2024 at 01:48 PM

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“ Diane Stewart and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Dean Williams Spears Dunbar.

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**Diane Stewart and family** - July 12, 2024 at 01:48 PM

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“ Sending our deepest condolences to the Spears family. May your mother 's soul rest in eternal peace. Amen.  
Carlette McLendon  
Lisa McLendon

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**Lisa McLendon** - July 11, 2024 at 02:10 PM

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“ Ms. Gloria's smile lighted up a room and her quiet wisdom and wry humor lighted up our hearts. She will be sorely missed. Lucien, Deidre, William and James Charlot

Deidre Charlot - July 11, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gloria Dean Williams Spears Dunbar.



July 10, 2024 at 09:11 PM

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“ In love, Lena, Kenyatta, Sasha and girls purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gloria Dean Williams Spears Dunbar.



In love, Lena, Kenyatta, Sasha and girls - July 09, 2024 at 07:31 PM

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“ In love, Lena, Kenyatta, Sasha and girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Dean Williams Spears Dunbar.

In love, Lena, Kenyatta, Sasha and girls - July 09, 2024 at 07:31 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gloria Dean Williams Spears Dunbar.*



July 09, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gloria Dean Williams Spears Dunbar.*



July 09, 2024 at 04:06 PM



“ *To Family you all had my condolence may the Lord give to strength and comfort send love peace lord joy Lord weeping endure night joy come in morning.*

Rosalee Russell - July 03, 2024 at 05:36 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Dean Williams Spears Dunbar.*



July 02, 2024 at 11:08 AM

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“ *Alvendia, Kelly & Demarest planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Dean Williams Spears Dunbar.*

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**Alvendia, Kelly & Demarest** - July 02, 2024 at 11:08 AM