



Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier

January 8, 1942 - December 31, 2020

Gladys Lee Gillis Grier was born January 8, 1942 in Ailey, GA to Troy and Daisy Wright Gillis. Her family moved to Moultrie, GA when she was 13 years old. She departed this life on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at Pruitt Health Magnolia Manor.

She attended and graduated from William Bryant High with honors, Class of 1960. In her young adulthood, Gladys Gillis Grier was active in the Civil Rights Movement, aiding the efforts of local Freedom Riders and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). She earned her Master's degree in English Literature from Albany State College and briefly taught as a substitute teacher in the local school system.

Her compassion for people and dedication to community service is reflected in her social work and civic leadership. Gladys worked for the Department of Family and Children Services many years before assuming the role of Activity therapist and later Mental Health therapist at Colquitt County Mental Health until her retirement in 2003. Outside of work, she was a member of several civic clubs and organizations where she held leadership positions to include serving as President of the Colquitt County Historical Society and President of the Alzheimer's Support Group.

In her free time, she loved to write poetry (she was also member of the

Literary Guild which published several of her poems), sew, bake, shop, dine with friends and family and fellowship at Mother Easter Baptist Church where she sang in the Senior Choir and a member of the Justina B. Lewis Circle. Gladys loved to laugh; she almost always had a smile on her face.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Lamar Gillis, David Gillis; and one sister, Emma Ousley.

She is survived by her younger sister, Clara Gillis of Atlanta, GA, her children Cedric E. Grier, George Grier, III both of Moultrie, Georgia, April Grier of South Orange, New Jersey and Dylan Grier of Moultrie, Georgia; her nieces Torey, Julia, Vida, Carmen, and Chrystal, her nephew Geoffrey, their children, one special friend, Marie Young of Moultrie, Georgia and a host of cousins from the Gillis and Wright families.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery

1855 Sawmill Road
Ailey, GA 30410
<http://www.mtmoriahhiggston.wixsite.com>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier*

October 04, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier*

September 18, 2022 at 05:56 AM



“ *Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier*

September 18, 2022 at 03:24 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier.*



January 15, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ *Prayers and condolences to Clara and the Gillis family during your time of loss, may the memories you hold dear to your heart continue to give you comfort.*

June L. Neal



June L. Neal - January 14, 2021 at 12:00 PM

ZW

“ *Zipora White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier*



Zipora White - January 13, 2021 at 05:27 PM

 Julia Thomas

“ *I will always hear My GaGa's giggle laced sentences. I will always re-play the way My GaGa's body moved as she laughed, standing and sitting. I will always smile when i think of the time My Auntie GaGa warned me not to tell my little cousins, Cedric and Georgie, that there's no Santa. I will always look forward to seeing and hearing my Auntie GaGa again.*

Julia Thomas - January 12, 2021 at 12:32 PM

BG

“ *Benita Green sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier*



Benita Green - January 12, 2021 at 11:21 AM

WT

“ *Willie Thornton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier*



Willie Thornton - January 12, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ *Annie Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier*



annie harris - January 12, 2021 at 08:08 AM



“ *Tonya Slaughter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier*



Tonya Slaughter - January 12, 2021 at 06:42 AM



“ *Rachel Greene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier*



Rachel Greene - January 12, 2021 at 03:35 AM



“ *Willie Mae Barnum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier*



Willie mae barnum - January 11, 2021 at 08:58 PM

RT

“ Rosie Thornton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier



Rosie Thornton - January 11, 2021 at 08:18 PM

SM

“ Sheree Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Gillis Grier



Sheree Marshall - January 11, 2021 at 06:53 PM