



Gloria T Plotnik

July 28, 1955 - July 20, 2019

The Unity Mortuary of Anderson announce that family and friends will gather 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 26, 2019 for memorial services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Gloria T. Plotnik at Kings Chapel AME Chapel 135 Vance Street Pendleton, SC. Family will receive friends on Thursday, July 25, 2019 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. at 401 S. Fant Street Anderson, SC.

Gloria Thompson Plotnik was born July 28, 1955 to Robert H. and Elsie M. Thompson. Gloria was one of five siblings and the youngest of four sisters. As a child, Gloria was often referred to as "Loving Lola" because of her generous affection and radiant smile. She continued to be called Lola throughout her life, and was always eager to supply the family with lots of hugs and kisses if needed. Over the years, Gloria's warmth continued to be a dominant part of her personality.

A landmark moment for Gloria occurred when she was selected as one of the first African-American students to integrate the public-school system of Pendleton, South Carolina. With tremendous courage and tenacity, she persevered and became an outstanding student. She cherished her role in ending a dark era of segregation and inequality in public school education. The strength she displayed at such a young age would ultimately serve as a harbinger for her numerous civic, professional, and personal accomplishments. After completing her secondary education in Pendleton, SC, she attended Coker College, from which she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Much later, she would earn a master's degree from South Carolina State University in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Upon graduating, Gloria lived in Isle of Palms, SC for several years, where she met her husband of 17 years; Gregory Plotnik, a native of Cloquet, Minnesota. Gloria's marriage to "Greg" was one of the highlights of her life. Unfortunately, the union ended with Greg's untimely death following a brief illness. Gloria and Greg lived in several places over the course of their marriage, including Charleston, SC, Albuquerque, NM, and Greenville, SC. Gloria returned to Pendleton with her husband when he became ill. Gloria decided to remain in Pendleton after his death and re-immersed herself into the community. She renewed her membership at Kings Chapel AME Church and worked with several civic

organizations including the Anderson County Chapter of the NAACP, where she served as president for many years. Perhaps Gloria's most fulfilling, and certainly most appreciated, work revolved around the excellent care and attention she provided to her parents during their advanced years. After more than fifteen years of living in Pendleton, she relocated to Columbia, South Carolina and accepted employment as an administrator for the State Vocational Rehabilitation division. While living in Columbia, she became an affiliate member Reid Chapel AME Church. Through the church, she developed close relationships and sang with one of the church's choirs.

Most notably, her move to Columbia resulted in a new companionship with a remarkable man, Mel Hart, a local newsman and community activist. This relationship provided a rock of support and love during their time together. Mel and Gloria possessed a very special bond, and he remained by her side until the very end of her life.

Throughout her life, Gloria possessed a network of very close friends who she considered family. She was a devoted daughter, loving sister, caring aunt, proud niece, dedicated partner, and admiring member of the Thompson, Hamberg, and Daniels families. She will forever be missed. Her immediate surviving family members are Cecelia Thompson Mitchell (Ron, Candace, Heather, Alea, and Scott), Allison Thompson (Naomi and Daphne), and Robert Thompson II (Shelia, Brittany, and Robert III). She was preceded in death by her loving sister, Dianne (Ursula and Tracey). Gloria's sisters, brother, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, friends, and partner filled her life with love and happiness. She will be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation in Gloria's name to:

Alzheimer's Foundation of America

322 8th Ave 16th Floor

NY, NY 10001

www.alzfdn.org (866-232-8484)

Events

JUL Visitation 06:00PM - 07:00PM

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The Unity Mortuary of Anderson
401 S. Fant St., Anderson, SC, US, 29624

JUL Service 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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King's Chapel AME Church
135 Vance Street, Pendleton, SC, US, 29670

Comments



“ Gloria was my best friend and sister for sixty years, she will remain a part of my heart for the rest of me life. Our heartfelt condolences to Mel, her sisters, brother and other family members. Thankyou Mel for taking such good care of her and adding to her happiness over the years. My Husband and I will miss her very much.

THE Shuler family,
Bill and Sherry

Sherry - August 03, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ That day in the 5th grade at Pendleton, Elementary School, Gloria and became friends. We continued on through school as friends. We lost touch after graduation, till that day she walked in Bilo, and I was working. That day we got reconnected. I remember visiting her at the Interim Health Care many times. After her husband passed away and she moved back to Pendleton, we lost touch again, till a High School Reunion. She was then living in Irmo. She was telling my husband how much she appreciated are friendship, since that day in our 5th grade class. Through FB we were able to stay in touch, but still every time I pass by that Interim Health Care Place, I told her how I always thought of her. Then she said I should be thinking a lot about her then, and she is right. I will miss my friend Gloria. My hearts and prayers go out to the Thompson family. Rita Owens



Rita Owens - August 02, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ Gloria was such a warm, caring and loving individual, always positive and fun to be around. Prayers for peace, comfort and strength as you face the days ahead. God bless you in your sorrow. My heartfelt and deepest sympathy to you. Jody Vassey

Jody Vassey - July 30, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ I was so sorry to learn this evening of Gloria's passing. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Harriet Smith - July 26, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ Pat Gilliard lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Pat Gilliard - July 26, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ Angela Y. Sumpter lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Angela Y. Sumpter - July 26, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ Always loving, always kind. God's angel on earth, rest in his presence.

Annie V Williams - July 26, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ Martha Riley lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Martha Riley - July 26, 2019 at 04:00 AM



“ Tryphena Taylor sends warm thoughts for her friend Gloria (RIP)

Martha - July 26, 2019 at 04:03 AM



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“ My thoughts and prays are with you during these difficult times. Gloria and I sang for the Lord at Reid Chapel Concert Choir. Gloria you were loved and will be missed. (RIP)

Martha Riley - July 26, 2019 at 03:54 AM



“ Lola, as we at Coker called her will be missed. To know her was to love her in those red commissioners tennis shoes. She had a grateful heart and an endearing smile. She will be sorely missed. Prayers to her family and those who will mourn her loss.

Linda Gilliard Johnson - July 25, 2019 at 10:55 PM



“ Praying for Gloria's family



Teresa Moses - July 25, 2019 at 09:00 PM



“ Marilyn Iverson lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Marilynn Iverson - July 25, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ A true friend and confidant, Gloria will be greatly missed. She always greeted me with a smile, giving a word of thought, and always positive. Will miss you my dear friend and until we meet again.....Teresa S. Moses, SCVRD

Teresa Moses - July 25, 2019 at 05:27 PM



“ Gloria was such a genuine person. Always had a kind word and a beautiful smile. She will be greatly missed. Pat Gilliard

Pat Gilliard - July 25, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ Larry & Norma J Sullivan-Thornton lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Larry & Norma J Sullivan-Thornton - July 25, 2019 at 03:16 PM



“ Dianne R Williams lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Dianne R Williams - July 25, 2019 at 03:10 PM



“ Gloria exuded the love of Jesus in her life. Just a few months ago, my dear friend, Tina, was very ill and Gloria called me at home to check on ME. So very thoughtful and kind. She was a very special lady and will be missed by all who knew and loved her and were blessed to be loved by her.

Rhonda Warren - July 25, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ Flutie, Pam, Robert, and Mel, Lola was a delight, to know her was to love her. Ron and I send our love and pray that God will give you peace and comfort in such a time as this.

Ron & JoEtta Gantt
Clemson, SC



JoEtta Gantt - July 25, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ Shirley Williams Vandiver lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Shirley Williams Vandiver - July 25, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ My condolences to the Thompson family and friends. Gloria was a beautiful person inside and out that never met a stranger. We worked together on numerous projects for a number of years and through that relationship developed a lifelong friendship. She was a very professional and talented person that will truly be missed. I light this candle in memory of my friend, Gloria.



Lillie Bolden - July 25, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ Linda Mosley lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Linda Mosley - July 24, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ To Melvin Hart and the Thompson Family:

Please accept our deepest and most heartfelt condolences for the loss of your beautiful Gloria. She was well liked and respected by all of us who knew her. She was an amazing person and will be forever missed. You have my deepest sympathies.

Ken Hasty
Calhoun County Clerk of Court

Kenneth Hasty - July 24, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ I will love you a quarters worth FOREVER My Lola!!! There is no end to grief for there is no end to love. Forever the Rainbow in my eyes.



Phillis Mair - July 24, 2019 at 04:03 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gloria T Plotnik.



July 24, 2019 at 07:59 AM



“ To Mel Hart and the Thompson Family...those we love really never die...they continue to live on in our hearts . Bessie Eaddy and Michael “Bric” Williams.

Bessie Eaddy Williams - July 24, 2019 at 07:51 AM



“ Beautiful Spirit..beautiful soul.. I'll miss your voice, smile,and humor..You'll be forever in my heart!!!! Rest in love -Nita

Anita Aiken - July 24, 2019 at 01:59 AM



“ Makeba Neeley lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Makeba Neeley - July 24, 2019 at 12:49 AM



“ Marie H Artis lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Marie H Artis - July 23, 2019 at 08:51 PM



“ This candle represents the light Gloria gave to so many! My prayers will continue to be with siblings, Mel, and families. Marie Hamberg Artis & Family

Marie H Artis - July 23, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ Sandra Gantt lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Sandra Gantt - July 23, 2019 at 08:04 PM



“ With heart felt sympathy for the loss of your sister. Memories of Lola will always be on my heart. Jackolyn Jackson King



Jackolyn King - July 23, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ To Mel and Thompson Family:
You all have my deepest sympathy. Gloria was my friend, mentor and family. Gloria will be deeply missed! Sheila Cobb Ford



Sheila Cobb - July 23, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ Williemae Williams lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



williemae Williams - July 23, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ Yolanda J. Carter lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Yolanda J. Carter - July 23, 2019 at 04:15 PM



“ Herb And Jean Rembert lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Herb and Jean Rembert - July 23, 2019 at 02:49 PM



“ Sandra M Vandiver lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Sandra M Vandiver - July 23, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ My condolences to Pam, Flutie, Robert, Mel and the Thompson and Hamberg families. Lola was a ray of sunshine in everyone whose lives she touched. She was like a sister to me; although we were cousins some though we were sisters. She loved children and would always call them "my precious lamb". I will miss her greatly. Love and hugs to all of you.

Ingrid

Ingrid Jackson - July 23, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ Annie Lee Powers-Ligon lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Annie lee Powers-Ligon - July 23, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ We have lost such a sweet person my condolences to the family. When she was attending King's Chapel we song beside each other on the Gospel Choir we had a bunch of laughs together during rehearsal's.

Annie lee Powers-Ligon - July 23, 2019 at 11:22 AM



“ Scott Ward lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Scott Ward - July 23, 2019 at 10:16 AM



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or www.alzfdn.org
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Robert Thompson II - July 23, 2019 at 10:06 AM



“ Your beautiful smile and your angelic voice were always such a blessing to my spirit. Your pursuit of always doing right by All was inspirational and admirable. I am a better person for having known you Ms. Gloria. My prayers go out to the family and her companion.

Tanya Graham@ Reid Chapel AME Church, Columbia, SC

Tanya Graham - July 23, 2019 at 07:11 AM



“ Debbie Washington lit a candle in memory of Gloria T Plotnik



Debbie Washington - July 23, 2019 at 05:57 AM



“ She was a wonderful person, with a heart that large enough to fit everyone in it. Will be missed



Marsha Greenlee - July 23, 2019 at 02:00 AM