



## Gloria Jean Hairston

April 14, 1953 - October 22, 2020

Gloria Jean Carter was born on April 14, 1953 to Charles Henry Carter and Gloria Elaine Stewart Carter in Baltimore, MD.

She attended elementary and middle schools in the Baltimore City Public School System prior to graduating with honors from Seton High School in Baltimore in 1971.

Following her mother's footsteps, Gloria aspired to become a teacher.

Gloria furthered her education with an earned Bachelor of Science degree from Coppin State College in 1975, an earned Master of Education degree from Towson State University in Baltimore in 1980, an earned Continuing Education certificate in Administration and Supervision from Towson State University in 1984, with further education in Administration and Supervision from University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University.

Her career in the Baltimore City Public Schools System spans from elementary classroom teacher to being promoted to Master Teacher, then to Assistant Principal and later to Principal beginning at Fr. Lillie M. Jackson Alternative Elementary School. She retired as Principal of Mary E. Rodman Elementary School in 2006.

After retirement, Gloria worked briefly as Principal of Saint Johns Lutheran School in Brooklyn Park, MD and later as an Education Coordinator for Baltimore City Head Start Program.

Gloria has been the recipient of numerous academic certificates and honors including member of Phi Delta Kappa Educational Fraternity-Johns Hopkins

Chapter, American Federation of School Administrators, Who's Who in American Education Inductee, Certificate of Advanced Proficiency Nation Association of Elementary School Principals and Governor's Citation in Recognition of Impressive Dedication to Instructional Leadership in Maryland Schools.

Gloria married the late Michael Belvin Hairston on September 16, 1976. From their union was born a son, Alan Michael on June 14, 1990. Gloria speaks of Alan as a marvelous blessing from the Lord whom she loves endlessly and is proud of call son.

Michael passed away on March 19, 2008 following a brief illness.

Baptized at the age of 12 under the pastorate of the late Rev. Dr. Edgar L. Reid, Gloria became a member of the Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD.

Gloria has been actively involved over the years in various work of ministry at Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church as President of the Junior Usher Board, Youth Choir, member of the Courtesy Guild, Primary and Intermediate Church School Teacher, Assistant Superintendent of Church School, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Leader Baptist Training Union Youth Department, Women's Day Co-Chairperson and Chairperson, planning in various Church Anniversaries and Pastoral Anniversaries and Celebrations, planning committee member for Church-wide Institute, Director of Council of Ministries, participant at Leadership Retreat, Dean of GTBC Bible Institute.

Gloria has been honored for her numerous works of ministry at GTBC.

In earlier years, Gloria was an active participant in the Baptist Congress of Christian Education. She served as a Board member, Recording Secretary, Delegate to National Baptist Congress of Christian Education Conventions, Annual Session attendee, and assisted in planning for the Annual Youth Banquets and the Annual Youth Retreats.

In 1997, Gloria was awarded the Distinguished Service in Christian Education certificate from Maryland State Congress of Christian Education.

Encouraged by her esteemed Pastor, Bishop Reginald I. Kennedy who

instilled that your work should extend beyond the walls of GTBC, and that if you can be as blessing or help to another church...do it.

Thus at the invitation of Rev. Henry J. Turner, the distinguished Pastor of the First Corinthians Baptist Church, Gloria accepted the responsibility of creating the weekly Sunday Church Bulletin.

Having a passion for the work of ministry, Gloria desired to continue to express Godly kindness, Beginning with Pastor Turner's acceptance, she created certificates for ordinations, baby dedications, new members, and baptism; created programs for ministry events and special occasions; created a emergency contact tree; designed the church calendar; decorated the bulletin board and dining hall and typing/sending correspondence letters and announcements as deemed by Pastor Turner.

The Pastor and church family have expressed their appreciation of Gloria's stewardship t FCBC through the gifting of beautiful floral arrangements at Christmas and her birthday.

Gloria's favorite passage of scripture is Ephesians 3:20...Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above al that we can ask or think according to the power that worketh in us.

Whenever gratitude is expressed for her participation to the work of ministry, Gloria's immediate response in "not me... God gets glory."

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park Cemetery- Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

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

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT **30**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Gloria Jean Hairston,  
Please Click the Link below.



March Life Tribute Centers - October 28, 2020 at 10:43 AM

SJ

“ Sis Joyce lit a candle in memory of Gloria  
Jean Hairston



Sis Joyce - November 03, 2020 at 07:45 PM

GP

So shocked to hear that Gloria J. Hairston past away. I am a dear  
friend of the family Could you  
Please me a phone # her sister  
Barbara or husband?? To:  
Georgia Parker  
#586-675-6756 or  
Loveyou52@sbcglobal.net  
Thank You so much.

Georgia L. Parker - January 28, 2021 at 07:23 PM

GP

I was a classmate with her mother:  
Gloria S. Carter @ COPPIN STATE University GLP

Georgia L. Parker - January 28, 2021 at 07:30 PM

VA

“ Sending lots of prayers and comfort to the family. Gloria Jean, my heart is so broken over the loss of you. I will miss our wonderful conversations and your beautiful smile and advice that you would give to me.

*I will so cherish these wonderful memories of you. Love you Valerie*



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**Valerie** - November 02, 2020 at 08:04 PM

RP

“ Sending prayers of love and comfort. it was a beautiful service for a beautiful and loving woman. Gloria Jean we will miss seeing that loving smile, but you are truly in a better place with your father. Be at Rest. Love you your cousin Robin

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**Robin Parker** - October 31, 2020 at 11:46 AM

JF

“ Jeanette, Valerie and The Davis Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gloria Jean Hairston.



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**Jeanette, Valerie and The Davis Family** - October 27, 2020 at 06:02 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - October 26, 2020 at 11:51 AM**