



Mrs. Gloria Lillian Ragland

August 14, 1936 - October 6, 2024

On October 6, 2024, the Ragland Family lost our Matriarch, our Mother Dear, our “Glo”, our Grammy, Gloria Lillian Ragland, who was called home by the Lord, to reside among His angels.

Gloria was born on August 14, 1936, in Dunham, Kentucky, the oldest of nine children, to John and Mary Clifton (nee Butler). Gloria’s father, John, worked as a coal miner during those early years, and as was the custom, Mary Clifton was a housewife and managed the day to day needs of their growing family.

Gloria graduated from Kimball High, Class of 1951 in Welch West Virginia, The Clifton Family had by then relocated to West Virginia where John Clifton had secured work there in the coal industry,

In November 1954, as teenagers Gloria and her younger sister Yvonne moved to Buffalo, NY to live with their father. One day Aunt Tee (Yvonne) and Mom by chance saw James Ragland (Uncle Sonny) walking down the street. The Ragland family had also moved to Buffalo from Welch and they renewed their friendship. Uncle Sonny introduced Gloria to John Ragland (Mickey) and the rest as they say is history. and Gloria was married on August 14, 1962, and in

that union, they raised 5 children.

In the 1960s the family moved to Columbus Ohio and resided there until 1974 when they moved to Atlanta GA where dad began work with Norfolk Southern Railway. Gloria worked in retail but was always a fulltime housewife and mother.

Gloria was a dedicated mother, grandmother and great grandmother and loved her family beyond measure. Gloria treasured her children and embraced every moment with them. She especially loved her eventual role as “Grammy”. She had a vivacious personality and everyone who met her fell in love with her.

Gloria was always immaculately dressed and groomed. She maintained her appearance and optimism even during her numerous doctors’ visits. The nurses would always compliment her on her outfits. She was a fantastic cook in the kitchen, kept an immaculate home, was a master gardener (which was her passion). Gloria loved the Atlanta Braves and watched the Western Channel (Gunsmoke and Tombstone were among her favorites).

Gloria battled lung cancer that had metastasized to her brain. During her health battle, she cared for her husband as he battled liver cancer. The strength and courage she showed her family was inspiring and instilled in them strong values, love and faithfulness to each other and the Lord. We later learned from her Oncologist that after her first brain surgery they only expected mom to live 6 weeks to 3 months. This little lady lived 3 years and survived a second brain surgery. But God...and her amazing Gloria was a

dedicated member of Elizabeth Baptist Church until her health condition made it impossible. But every Sunday she would attend online Church until the end.

Gloria was preceded in death by her late husband John W. Ragland, her siblings Fred Clifton, John Clifton Jr. Ronald Clifton, Nolan Clifton, Donald Clifton and Louis Wade.

She is survived by her children, Mona (Gregory), Hudson, Clarence Ragland, Kathy Ragland, Shawnta Ragland, Daniele (Alphonso Lowe), 13 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren,

Her siblings Yvonne Ragland, Raymond Clifton, Natalie Wade, Louise Welch, Ellen Harris-Harvey, James Ragland, Ernestine Ragland McCullough, Nadine Ragland as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends strength we had her in our lives another 3 years. She will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Rockdale
1999 Hwy. 138 SE
Conyers, GA 30013

Family Hour

OCT 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

OCT 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

OCT 19 (ET)

Hillandale Memorial Gardens
6201 Hillandale Dr
Lithonia, GA 30058-4759
(770) 981-1144

Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a <https://vimeo.com/event/4655633> in memory of Mrs. Gloria Lillian Ragland



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - October 16, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Gloria Lillian Ragland



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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this tough time.

Love Eric & Tangela Lowe Jones Family



Tangela Jones - October 19, 2024 at 07:23 PM

NW

“ *Natalie Wade lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Lillian Ragland*



Natalie Wade - October 19, 2024 at 11:40 AM

NW

*God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command, we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family,
relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.
In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever.
Amen*

Natalie Wade - October 19, 2024 at 12:02 PM

MR

“ *There are no words for the legacy that Gloria has left on our family. Her shining personality will live on in our hearts. We thank God for Gloria and know that she rest peacefully with Him. Sending love and comfort to the rest of the Ragland family. Michelle Ragland, Darren Ragland and Sonny Ragland*

Michelle Ragland - October 19, 2024 at 10:21 AM

RD

“ Rest in Peace Auntie Gloria I'll always remember your visits to Buffalo and your vibrant personality.
Prayers and condolences to the family
Love Renee Davis



Renee Davis - October 18, 2024 at 06:34 PM

TB

“ Tynia Byrd purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs. Gloria Lillian Ragland.



Tynia Byrd - October 18, 2024 at 10:36 AM

MF

“ Michelle and Jonathan Reed and family purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Gloria Lillian Ragland.



Michelle and Jonathan Reed and family - October 16, 2024 at 06:30 PM

KP

“ Our deepest sympathies to you and your family!

Kathy Pierce & Family 🙏🌸



Kathaleen Pierce - October 16, 2024 at 06:17 PM