



Minister Gloria Jean Epperson

February 23, 1958 - March 29, 2024

Minister Gloria Jean Epperson was one of ten children born to the union of the late Thomas James Smith and Rosie Lee Walker-Smith on February 23, 1958 in Alamo, TN. She departed this life and moved to her heavenly home on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

She was a beacon of life, love, and hope. She was full of faith and loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! She received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at a very young age.

She graduated from Crockett County Alamo High School in Alamo, TN. After graduation, she set out to accomplish her career and family goals of marrying, starting a family, and finishing cosmetology school at West Tennessee Business College. She began to work and serve in ministry by becoming a Sunday School Teacher at First Baptist Church in Alamo, TN.

She had the gift of not only making people feel beautiful, but partnered with Jesus in beautifying the hearts and minds of her community. Her salon was more than a place for hair appointments, it was a sanctuary where lives were prayed for, friendships were formed, and love and laughter echoed throughout the space. She loved and nurtured women across Jackson through A Touch of Glory Hair Salon for decades.

While hairdressing was Gloria's occupation, ministry was her first love and passion. She continuously walked in the fullness of the Holy Spirit with a desire and calling of intercessory prayer and connecting people to Jesus Christ. She modeled union with the Father in such a way that inspired others to truly love him. She pastored the former Glory to Glory Ministries in Jackson TN and she was a board member of P31 Ministries.

She dedicated her life to praying and reading her Bible (front to back- numerous times!) Whatever Gloria had- she gave it back to the Lord. Her home became a place of worship, her salon became a sanctuary, and her children became monuments of the Father's faithfulness in her life. She loved her family and was an anointed and excellent woman of God and mother to her children. She was truly a Proverbs 31 Woman!

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Thomas Smith Jr., Thomas L. Smith, Vera Mae Dirkes, and Carolyn Avery-Hudson.

She leaves behind a legacy of three children and seven grandchildren to fulfill their glorified purpose and destiny: Dawn (Chris) Pewitt, Latoya (Juan) Cole-Rutherford, Gerry Pewitte Jr. Grandchildren: Beth (Samuel) Brown, Anna Cole, Tyler Pewitt, Amber Rutherford, G'Marion Wilburn, Kyra Booker, and Kysin Booker. In addition, she leaves siblings to cherish precious memories: Karen Smith, Stephanie Cooper, Theresa Reams, Bruce (Nadine) Smith, Shirley Smith, Donna (Michael) Green, Ethel (Sam) Reeves, Ilandis (Jinette)Smith, Sr., Gary (Patricia) Smith, and a host of nieces and nephews and extended family.

Minister Gloria Epperson will always be loved and cherished by everyone that knew her and encountered her beautiful smile and spirit! She was truly a gift from God that will always be treasured and remembered! To God be the Glory!

Cemetery Details

Bellview Cemetery

Margin St
Bells, TN 38006

Previous Events

Family Hour

APR 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Celebration of Life

APR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

All Nations Church of God
1340 Parkway Boulevard
Jackson , TN 38305

Tribute Wall

FA

“ Rest in peace Ms.Gloria.She was my stylist and ALWAYS prayed for me and my kids.I will deeply miss her❤️.Praying for the family 🙏

Felicia A.Franklin - April 06, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Minister Gloria Jean Epperson.



April 04, 2024 at 11:59 AM

RH

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers for this Beautiful Family. I'm so very sorry for your Families loss ..

Roy & Pat Haynes - April 03, 2024 at 03:47 PM

BS

“ Brooklyn S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Minister Gloria Jean Epperson.

Brooklyn S. - April 03, 2024 at 12:33 PM

BF

“ This just hurts my soul to find out of Ms. Gloria's passing. She use to do my hair some years ago and she was just the sweetest person. She played her gospel music and she didn't gossip. She was a true angel right here on earth. She will definitely be missed. Take your rest now Ms. Gloria 🥹🌹



Brenda Floyd - April 02, 2024 at 10:09 PM

MS

“ Rest in peace Ms Gloria my stylist. You were such a sweet soul. You will truly be missed. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. Praying for peace and comfort for her family who she loved so dearly.

Marvel Sherrod - April 02, 2024 at 09:28 PM

TM

“ Texas Children's Hospital - Bawana Moore purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Minister Gloria Jean Epperson.



Texas Children's Hospital - Bawana Moore - April 02, 2024 at 01:04 PM

TM

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Texas Children's Hospital - Bawana Moore - April 02, 2024 at 01:04 PM

GW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*



Gloria Walker - April 01, 2024 at 06:08 AM

MW

“ *Ms. Gloria was my hairstylist, as well as my daughter for many years. She was so kind and genuine. We will truly miss her. My condolences to her family. She was definitely one of a kind.*

Malinda Williams - March 31, 2024 at 08:50 AM

FB

“ *Frankie Blaylock lit a candle in memory of Gloria Epperson*



Frankie Blaylock - March 31, 2024 at 07:40 AM

FB

“ *Gloria was my neighbor and hairdresser when I got a chance to visit. She was always playing her gospel at the shop with a smile on her face greeting you as you come threw the door. It sadden my heart to hear of her passing but rejoice to know that she has gone home to be with the Lord. Remember a kind word is like honey to bees. My condolences to the family*

Frankie Blaylock - March 31, 2024 at 07:39 AM

MW

“ *My sincere condolences to the family, Gloria always prayed for me and always prayed with her heart and soul was filled with the Holy Spirit of the Most High, I will truly miss her.*

Mary Williams - March 31, 2024 at 02:19 AM

SB

“ *Ms. Gloria was my neighbor over 20 years and she was always the sweetest woman I knew, more like my 2nd mom, I remember working with her in the shop in the summer we would always laugh and she always said go get you a snack or something lol, I love you forever Gloria 🤗🌹*

Shanieka Bosley - March 31, 2024 at 12:18 AM

CW

“ *Praying for the family ! Ms Gloria was a precious lady did my hair for YEARS always has a word from God and could definitely get a prayer through ! Your work here on earth is done Ms Glo ! To be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD ! OH what a GLORIOUS TIME*

Cierra Willis - March 30, 2024 at 08:46 PM

AC

“ *My heart Hurts!!!! This World Will not be the same without this CARING Lady Of GOD!!!! GLORIA Will Be MISSED!!!!*



Annette Carney - March 30, 2024 at 07:36 PM

SG

“ Sarah Goyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Gloria Epperson



Sarah Goyer - March 30, 2024 at 04:48 PM

SG

“ Sarah Goyer lit a candle in memory of Gloria Epperson



Sarah Goyer - March 30, 2024 at 04:47 PM

BP

“ Barbara PERSON lit a candle in memory of Gloria Epperson



Barbara J PERSON - March 30, 2024 at 02:11 PM

BP

“ Classmates friends you will truly be missed I am so glad I got to see you at the class reunion your looked so good Rest my friend! 🙏🌹
🌹 Prayers for family and Friends 🌹🌹🌹🌹

Barbara J PERSON - March 30, 2024 at 02:09 PM

AB

“ *I'm sorry for your loss my condolences to the family. Your mom was a jewel she was always smiling when we see her and always had a kind word. She will be missed.. Angela Brooks and Family.*



Angela Brooks - March 30, 2024 at 01:28 AM