

*Celebrating
a Life
Well-Lived...*

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April 10, 1948

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GLORIA J.
ROSEBORO

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 1
2021

10:00am - Viewing | 11:00am - Funeral
Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Senior Pastor



Gloria J. Roseboro



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Colonel Gloria J. Roseboro, USAF, Ret.

Gloria J. Roseboro was born on April 10, 1948 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the oldest of five children to the late Alfred and Emma Lee Killian. She is a product of Buffalo Public Schools. Gloria was married to Herman Roseboro for a period of time and from their union was born Gloria's only daughter, Renee Roseboro Dawson in 1965.

After completing high school, Gloria worked at Buffalo State Hospital for several years until she enrolled in a nursing program at D'Youville College School of Nursing and graduated in 1976. She entered the United States Air Force in November 1978 and held many staff, supervisory and executive positions in her twenty-six-year Air Force career. In 1984, she received a Master of Science Degree in Management and Business Administration from Troy State University, Troy, Alabama, and was a board-certified Nursing Administrator.

Gloria's many nursing positions and special duty assignments include Staff Nurse, Obstetrical Unit, USAF Hospital Shepard AFB, Texas; Nurse Manager, Labor and Delivery, USAF Hospital Lakenheath, RAF Lakenheath, England; Chief, Nurse Recruiting Branch, 3534th USAF Recruiting Squadron, Richmond, Virginia, where her branch gained national recognition as the number one Nursing Recruiting team in the nation for two consecutive years in a row. She then became supervisor, Maternal/Child module, 832nd Medical Group, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. During that same tour of duty, she was also the Supervisor, Primary Care Module; Group Infection Control Officer; Base Moulage Officer and Chief Nurse, Air Transportable Hospital. Her next assignment was Regional Managed Care Coordinator, DOD/OSD (HA), Managed Care Demonstration Project; Delaware Valley Health Services System, Fort Dix, New Jersey. After that challenging position, she was selected as the Chief Nurse Executive, 7th Medical Group, and became the Commander, 7th Medical Operations Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, where she was responsible for total management of inpatient and outpatient services, emergency room, surgical and anesthesia services as well as medical records. In 1999, Gloria was transferred to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland to become Chief, Accreditation and Quality and later Chief Nurse Executive, 89th Medical Group.

Gloria returned to the 56th Medical Group, Air Education and Training Command, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona as the Chief Nurse Executive, where she established standards of nursing practice for over 320 officer and enlisted personnel. She also had the pleasure to serve as the Deployed Commander, 99th Expeditionary



Medical Operations Squadron, 39th Air and Space Expeditionary Wing, Incirlik, Turkey in support of Operations NORTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM. While steadily moving up the ranks in the United States Air Force, on December 1, 1999, she became Colonel Gloria J. Roseboro.

Gloria's awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Force Commendation Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, National Defense Medal with bronze star, Humanitarian Medal, Air Force Overseas Long Tour Award, Air Force Longevity Service Award (5th Oak Cluster), Air Force Recruiting Ribbon and Air Force Training Ribbon. After 26 years of service, Gloria retired from the United States Air Force in 2005. After retirement, she worked for the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General as the Chief of Program Management Division and Chief of Research Compliance. She retired for a second time from the United States Government in 2018.

Gloria was a member of the American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, American Red Cross Volunteer Nurse (Life Member), Military Officers Association of America, and the illustrious Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Golden Life Member).

Gloria was an active and well-known member of her beloved sorority Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was initiated into the Richmond Alumnae Chapter in 1986. She was a member of the Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter for more than 16 years and still remained dedicated even in her time of illness. She enjoyed volunteering, being on and spearheading committees, and being the best Soror she could to her many Sorors. Her leadership skills were displayed through participation in her many committees and projects. She coordinated the purchase of chapter blazers and was involved in social action. She played a major role in the Spring 2018 membership intake program. She also chaired the Fundraising Committee and ran for the position of Second Vice President. She was very supportive and actively participated in a plethora of chapter events and activities over the years. Additionally, she served on the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Delta Education and Community Service Foundation (NVDECS). Gloria was a stellar woman of Delta and was one of the main reasons why her granddaughter Brittany wanted to join the sorority; and did in 2007. Gloria was also an active member of Alfred Street Baptist Church where she sang in the Psalms of Praise Choir and was a member of the finance team.


In 1987, Gloria became a first-time grandmother to her only grandchild, Brittany Hood. She then became affectionally known as "Mamita" and/or "Mita" by Brittany at the age of 2. In 2013, Gloria became a first-time great-grandmother to Skylar Hood and a second time great-grandmother in 2020 to Jace Hood. She had a special and warm kind of love for her two great-grandchildren whom she referred to as her "Skylar Boo" and "My Main Man Jace".

Gloria will be remembered for her gracious smile and tough love. She did not tolerate nonsense from anyone and although stern, she had a sweet, loving and compassionate side of her that those closest to her were able to experience. Let's not forget her looks! She was a fashionista and never stepped out of the house without looking sharp! She was an excellent cook, story teller, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, daughter, great-grandmother, godmother, Soror and friend. She had a tough exterior with a heart of gold. She always took care of those around her whether personally or professionally. Gloria was a woman of God and always had strong faith even in the midst of many storms. She was the epitome of a fearless leader while here on earth. A true angel in the physical and spiritual sense.

Gloria is survived by her daughter, Renee Roseboro Dawson, granddaughter Brittany Hood (Jerome), sister Alfreda Killian, brothers Alfred, Gregory (Warene), and Jerome Killian (Kathy), great-grandchildren Skylar and Jace Hood, and a host of other relatives and friends.




TRIBUTES TO GLORIA J. ROSEBORO



I hope you are ok in heaven. Anyway, we forgot to do our banking thing so I hope we can do it soon. Me and Jace love you.

From your best friend, Skylar



To my cousin Gloria: You were more than a cousin, you were a guardian, a sister, a travel partner, a comrade, and now our guardian angel. You are unforgettable. I love you and salute you for a job well done.


Sylvester Jackie Burks



Mamita,


My love for you is so deep and never ending. While I cannot imagine my life without you, I know that you will always be with me. Thank you for showing me the best kind of love and nurturing a person could give. Thank you for being my rock, grandmother, friend and Soror. I love you forever and ever. Until we meet again.

Brittany



Sisters are blossoms in the garden of life. How great is God's goodness to have given me a sister like you.


Alfreda Killian



Prayer for my Mom

Dear God, I gratefully thank you for giving me my mom,
You must really love me,
'cause you gave the best you had.
Watch over her and bless her Lord,
And keep her in your care,
And may she feel my love for her, is my humble, heartfelt prayer.


Your loving daughter



Gloria was my cousin, sister and friend. She was stern and worthy of trust. She was organized and disciplined. She loved deeply but did not suffer fools. My husband affectionally call us his two Glorias. She left an indelible mark on this universe. She will be greatly missed not only by Renee, Brittany and the great grands, but a host of others.


Gloria you have given the best of your service and we say "Well Done".

Dr. Gloria Bozeman Herndon



Gloria was truly one of a kind. She had a heart of gold and heaven has a new angel. I am going to miss Gloria Jean so much.

Janet Wilson




The lyrics of the spiritual Song "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" all our sins and griefs to bear, What a privilege to carry Everything to God In Prayer...Gloria's love for the LORD enabled her to emulate (as Jesus does) the lyrics of this song to all who knew her and was blessed to call her friend and to be called friend by her. Gloria was a "CONNECTOR" she connected people to people who became friends with each other.

She scattered blessings and touched the lives of many. There was no place too far, nor cost too much that would hinder her from being there when you needed someone.

I truly thank God for having giving me such a Wonderful True Friend one who was there (for me and my family) with a willing hand, a shoulder to cry on and a heart that cared. It is my prayer that I can pay forward this awesome legacy of friendship

Memories of kindness, love friendship and Sharing

Roberta Thompson, Abilene, Texas



A true friend is never truly gone! Gloria's spirit will live on in the precious memories of those who loved her. Those memories will always bring smiles to our faces. Thoughts of funny and sassy conversations, fine food and nights out on the town! Her friendship will always be remembered as a blessing and an inspiration.

Beverly Henry Nance

God's got a good lady coming to Heaven.

We still can't believe you're gone. But we know it's just in physical form. We'll always remember how excited we were when you came home to visit Buffalo, NY. It seemed to be a tradition piling up at Mama's house and talking for hours while ordering your favorite foods, pizza, wings and Louie's Texas Hots. I remember when we were young Aunt Gloria would send us clothes and we always thought that was sweet of her. Aunt Gloria is inspiring and an extraordinaire that was full of love!!!!

You will be missed and always in our hearts.

Your Nephews Darryl, Monte and Marlon



Soror Gloria

Our Fighter, Our Forever Support

You mean so much to so many. To us, you are our Jewel, our Spesh, our confidant, and our forever support system. You were the smile that greeted us on line and the soror that always made us feel so much love. Whenever your name is spoken amongst the seventy of us, the sentiment is consistently the same; YOU are the one we knew we could count on for unwavering support. People describe you as a fighter, and that you are. You consistently fight for the rights of others. Many of us would not be Deltas if it were not for your determination, prayers and the way you emphasized to our sorors why we deserved to be here. There are not enough words to say thank you. We are forever grateful.

Although you are no longer here, we will carry your spirit within us. We will carry the tenacity and the love you've shown to us and share it with others. Through us, your legacy will continue.

*We miss you. We Love You,
The F.A.T.E.D 70*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Instrumentalist

Invocation Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley

Hymn of Rejoicing: "Blessed Assurance"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament, Psalm 23 Rev. Gregory Killian, *Greater Love Fellowship, Buffalo, NY*

New Testament, John 14:2-4 Pagerine Jackson

Epistle, Romans 8:37-39 Rev. James Walker,
The Historic First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, VA

Prayer of Comfort Rev. James Walker

Musical Selection: "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Tributes/Reflections Rev. Gregory Killian
Brittany Hood
Vivian Dennis

Musical Selection: "It Is Well". Norma Ott, *Soloist*

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley

Closing Prayer and Benediction. Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley

Recessional "When We All Get To Heaven"







ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

On behalf of the family, we sincerely thank each and every one for their prayers and support during this extremely difficult time. Each act of kindness whether big or small is truly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who lent a hand during this process to make the load a little lighter for the family. Your support shows how blessed Gloria was to have such an amazing village. May God bless you all.

– With Love, The Family

PALLBEARERS

Darryl Barnes, Sr.
Marlon Richardson
Roger Killian
Darryl Barnes, Jr.
Andre Barnes
Dion Barnes

INTERMENT

Interment will be held at
Arlington National Cemetery
at a later date

SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

Pope Funeral Home
2617 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20020

