

Pallbearers

William L. Glass
Kahili G. Glass
Jontae Ivey

Roderick Pearson
Edward Presley
JerMichael Nichols

Flower Bearers

Nieces and Class of 1972

Interment

Lincoln Hill Cemetery
408 Miller Avenue
Gadsden, Alabama 35903

Acknowledgement

The family of Mrs. Diane Glass-Presley would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.

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Celebrating THE *Life* OF



MRS.
Diane Glass Presley

Sunrise
December 31, 1954

Sunset
April 12, 2024

Saturday, April 27, 2024
1:00 PM

MT. PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH
North 9th Street
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

Pastor Earl Dudley, Eulogist
Pastor Roderick Thomas, Pastor of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church

Obituary

Mrs. Diane Glass-Presley's educational journey was a testament to her unwavering commitment to learning. She began in the Gadsden City School System, where she embodied the values of hard work and dedication. Her educational pursuit reached a milestone with her graduation from Emma Samson High School in the Class of 1972. Undeterred, she continued to chase her dreams, graduating from Gadsden State Community College and attending Jacksonville State University. Her academic accomplishments stand as a beacon of perseverance and the boundless potential of her human spirit.

Diane was a visionary woman who dared to step out of the traditional work environment and become an entrepreneur for more than four decades. She founded and ran several successful businesses, including the Family Affair Daycare Center, Showcase Videos, a popular pizzeria restaurant, and the well-known Alabama Rent-A-Maid Janitorial Service. Her dedication, hard work, and determination made her a respected figure in the business world, and she served as a role model for many who aspired to become entrepreneurs.

Within the warm embrace of Macedonia Baptist Church, led by Reverend Fred Huff, Diane found her spiritual home. Through her diligent service on the Usher Board and leadership of the Youth Usher Board, she exemplified an unwavering commitment to her faith and community.

She was also a Black Excellence Award Winner, a member of the Eastern Star and treasurer for the Black Chamber of Commerce, Carver Community Revitalization Committee, and The Cancer Group.

Her marriage to Mr. Gerald Presley in June 2012 marked a new chapter in her life, and she moved her membership to the Historical Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Earl Dudley, quickly becoming an integral part of her new church family. Diane remained dedicated to serving her church and community. She took on many roles, including coordinating numerous events, co-chairing the Youth Department, and overseeing the church's charitable clothing ministry. Her faithful participation in the church prayer line serves as a shining example of what it means to be a true servant of God.

Diane was deeply involved in various social and community activities. As an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the treasurer of the Northeast Alabama Black Chamber of Commerce, she truly embodied the values of selflessness. Her kindness extended beyond her professional life, as she was a devoted friend of the Traveling Divas, always eager to explore new places, try new things, and make memories with her fellow divas. Through her admirable qualities and empathic spirit, she inspired a sense of optimism and hope within the Cancer Society community. Her legacy of service, aspiration, and compassion will continue to impact those around her forever.

Diane was preceded in death by her father, Cephus Pearson; mother, Lessie Mae Darby; mother-in-law, Ann Elizabeth Burroughs; five brothers, Lewis Borden, Booker T. Borden, Lester Pearson, Raymond Pearson, and Julius Pearson; two sisters, Carrie Mae Freeman and Shirley Elaine Campbell; three nephews, Fredrick Hall, DeAngelo William Ross, and Carey Clemons; and two great-nephews, Zachieous Stephens and Nzo Sams.

Word from Your Daughter

Watching you take your last breath dealt a hurt without measure,
There were so many stones left unturned and so many unfinished endeavors,
So many more memories for us to make and conversations for us to treasure.
Now, who do we turn to, who do we talk to, who will lead us, Mama? This is pressure.
I know you are our mom, but as your daughter you were more, you were my best friend.
We just knew you'd be here longer, we've seen you fight and conquer, we were not ready for this!

We know you're at peace now and see we knew your suffering would end
So with tears in our eyes, and a heavy heart, we concluded this fight as a win.

The Lord allowed you to yet again speak
So we could hear your voice once more
So your words of encouragement could embrace us
And the light you carried would glow galore.
We will cherish the hugs, the tears and the goodbyes

That you shared with us before
You decided to prepare yourself
To walk through God's glorious door
You've instilled so much wisdom in us
See mama, you've taught us very well
You didn't sugarcoat life's journey, regardless of what it was
You always kept it real.

You were the epitome of beauty, poise, class, intelligence, hard work and appeal
The drive you had in overcoming life's obstacles is why this is so surreal.

I know people say with time all pain and wounds will heal
But there's a void in this space that can't be replaced only thoughts of you will fill.

A business woman you really were, because even with this here

You made your pitch and gave us the blueprint

You have ALWAYS sealed your deals.

God knew the type of woman you were

I mean He created you as such

He knew you'd love children that weren't your own and it wouldn't affect your love for us.

He knew He could trust you with plenty that's why He freely gave you so much.

He knew whether it was Pizza or a Video store, Daycare or a Cleaning service

You were going to succeed.

You wouldn't use hard times as a crutch

He knew you would never give up.

He knew you loved him dearly

He knew you would teach your children the same.

He knew you would be loved by many

He knew it wouldn't be easy

When He decided to call you home.

We love and cherish you so greatly, Mama

So for you we will try to be strong

We will never forget your lessons, we will never forget your hugs.

We will never forget your chastisement

Because we knew it was out of Love.

You will forever be in our hearts and we will always keep your memories alive

And one great day we will be united with you in the Heavenly skies.

Love,
Andrea Nicole

Precious Memories



She leaves to cherish her memories: her beloved husband, Gerald Anthony Presley; one daughter, Leontyne Antoinette Williams of Springville, AL; two sons, William Leslie Glass of Birmingham, AL, and Kahili Gibran Glass of Gadsden, AL; special daughter and son, Diedre Nyree Presley of Bowie, MD, and Ed DeWayne Presley of Atlanta, GA; eight grandchildren, Tyi Emery Williams and Mecca Aden Williams, both of Springville, AL, Kaitlyn Ruth Glass, Malari Sherri Glass, and Layla Paige Glass, all of Birmingham, AL, Kahili Griban Glass, Jr., Karter Rashad Glass, and Kade Lincoln Glass all of Gadsden, AL; three special grandchildren, Laila Elizabeth Presley and Edward Roby Presley, both of Atlanta, GA, Stanley Edward Matthews, Jr. of Bowie, MD; sisters, Justine Borden Williams and Viola Borden both of Gadsden, AL; Patricia Clemans of Jackson, AL, Cathy (Robert) Dowdell of Gadsden, AL and Cleo (Bobby) Thomas of Atlanta, GA; brothers, Willie Borden and Cephus (Winfred) Pearson, Jr., of North Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many dear friends.

If Roses Grow in Heaven

*If roses grow in Heaven, Lord,
Please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my mother's arms
And tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love her and miss her,
And when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
But there is an ache within my heart
That will never go away.*

William & Kahili

Order of Service

Prelude.....Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church Choir

Processional

Song Denise Hoyett Sims

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Pastor Roderick Thomas

New Testament Pastor Z. Andre Huff

Prayer.....Pastor McDaniel

Song Essience Wright

Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Robin Weston

SongMt. Pilgrim Baptist Church Choir

Eulogy..... Pastor Earl Dudley

The Recessional.....Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church Choir



My Wife

My wife, Diane, was “My Queen, My Friend, My Love”. She was a loving and caring person, who touched many lives and inspired many others. She was full of life and had an uplifting spirit. She was dedicated to family and the Lord. I was blessed to have her in my life for 11 years and 10 months. I think of all the wonderful times that we had together, and it eases the pain. I thank God for bringing us together.

“Rest in Peace My Love”

