

TRIBUTE TO MOM

Hi, Momma! Today is my birthday, but you already know that. Without you, celebrating just doesn't seem right. I need you. Not just today, but always.

Your absence changes things. It makes things less beautiful and more heartbreaking. Today, I sit here thinking about this exact day thirty-seven years ago. It was the day you became a mother. It was the day you gave birth to me. Did you realize on this day how amazing you'd be? Did you realize that you were about to become the best mother this world has to offer?

You probably didn't realize that the moment you gave birth to me you became so much more than a mother. You became an inspiration. You became a hero. I grew up wanting to be you. I admired everything about you. To this day, I'm still inspired by your unconditional love, your unwavering support, and your dedication to being the best mother any kid could ask for. I'll never stop wanting to be just like you.

Thirty-seven years ago, our journey began. I became your daughter and the luckiest girl in the world. Being your daughter was a blessing. It was my first gift and the best gift. If I must celebrate my birthday without you, I'll celebrate this for this is the day I met you.

Instead of counting how many candles I'll blow out without you here, I'll celebrate that on this very day, I met you. My life will be forever blessed because of that fact. It's easy to celebrate you.

So, when I blow out my candles, instead of making a wish, I'll be celebrating the moment you and I met, instead of dwelling on the fact that you're not here.

I miss you every second of every day. I will always love you Momma!

-Nicole-

PALLBEARERS

John Moten, Jr.
Larry Powell
William W. Drayton, Jr.
William W. Drayton, Sr.
Christopher Jenkins

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Church Members and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To God be all the Glory! There is such comfort in knowing that we are not alone. Thank you for the warm expressions of sympathy shown to us. A special thanks to the Jackson Family, Gloria's Medical Team, Community Revival Center Apostolic Church, Inc., and Gloria's neighbors and friends. May God continue to shine his face upon each of you.

-THE FAMILY-

GLORIA
L. DRAYTON

"Glo Baby"

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE *for*

GLORIA
L. DRAYTON

Sunrise "Glo Baby" Sunset
APRIL 15, 1966 JANUARY 1, 2025



Saturday | January 11, 2025 | 11:00AM
Community Revival Center Apostolic Church
1964 McQuade Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32209
Bishop Arthur L. Adams, Sr. - Officiating

GLORIA'S STORY

Gloria L. Drayton, affectionately known as “Glo Baby”, was born on April 15, 1966, to the parents of William R. Drayton and Lessie L. Drayton. She attended the local schools of Duval County and graduated from Englewood High School.

“Glo Baby” was a faithful member of Community Revival Center Apostolic Church, Inc., for well over thirty years.

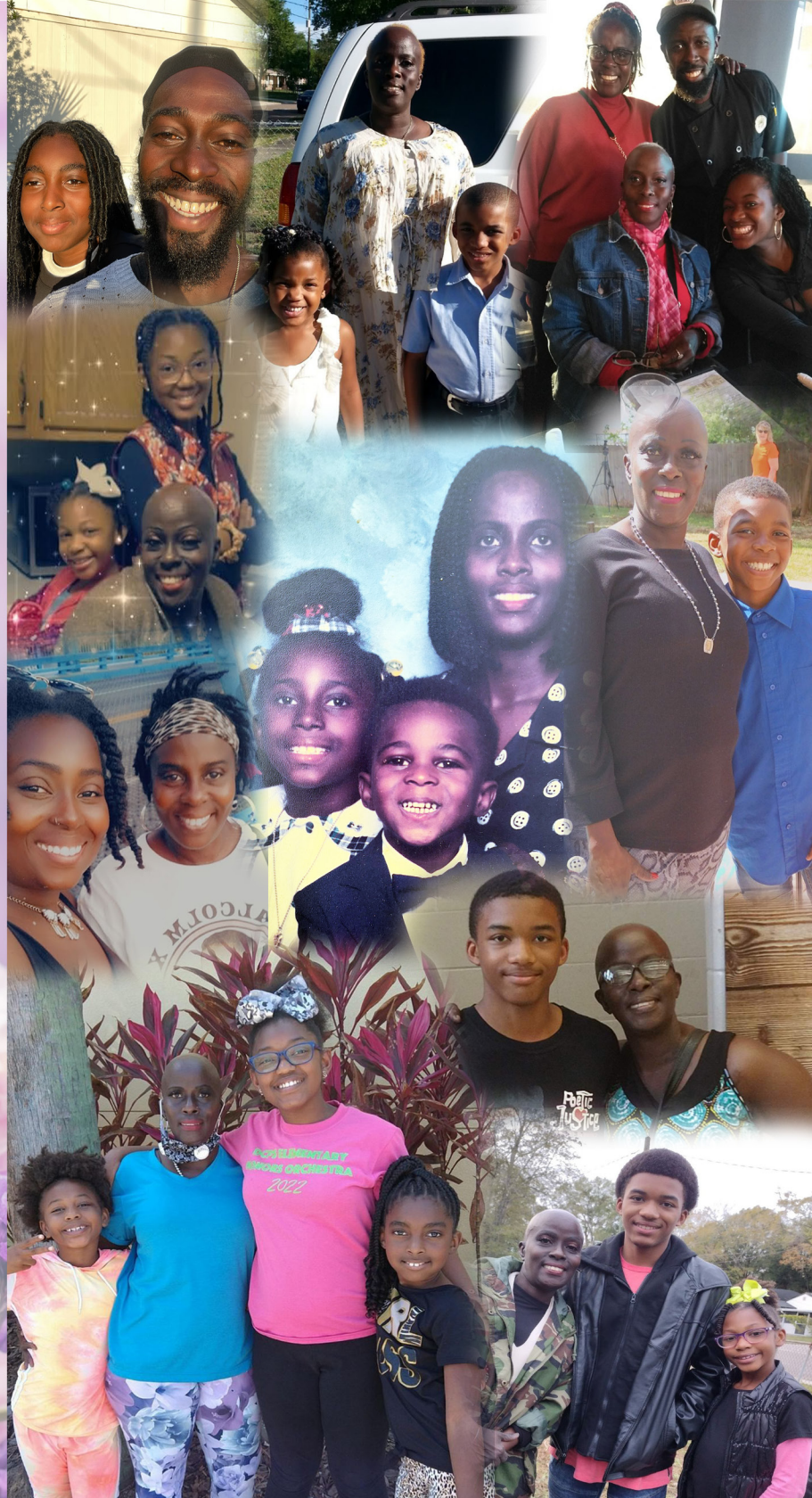
With a nurturing spirit, Mrs. Drayton worked in the home health industry for many years caring for others. She had a selfless personality in which she never missed an opportunity to help someone else. Whether it was preparing a meal, taking people to the store, or simply just checking on someone. It was clear that she was gifted by God in the ministry of helps because it flowed from her so freely. Although she was kindhearted and would give anyone the shirt off her back, she kept it real and didn't mind keeping it real.

Gloria loved spending quality time with her grandchildren. She also had a love for traveling and fellowshiping with her church members. On January 1, 2025, “Glo Baby” left this earthly life for eternal life.

Gloria was preceded in death by her father: William R. Drayton; mother: Lessie L. Drayton; aunts: Annie Mae Spivey and Rebecca Sheppard; uncles: Jacob Drayton, Esau Drayton, Samuel Drayton, William Mustopher and Reuben Drayton.

She is survived by her beloved daughter: Nicole Harris; cherished son: John R. Moten Jr.; grandchildren: Joshua Harris, Saraya Harris, JaKayla Moten and Sarah Harris; brother: William W. Drayton, Sr. (Michelle); twin sister: Odessa Drayton; beloved nephew: Larry Powell (Mary), William W. Drayton, Jr. (Blair), niece: Whitney Glass (Cameron); great-nieces: Serenity Powell and Calaya Glass; great-nephews: Ja'len Drayton, Cameron Glass and Camar Glass; beloved cousins: Charlena and Maxine (Damien), Micheal, Raymond (Mary) and Machelles Drayton (Sherman); goddaughters: Samaria Sutton and Michelle Green and a host of other relatives, lifetime friendships and medical professionals who have witnessed the life of her beautiful soul.

“IT IS WELL”



ORDER of SERVICE

Bishop Arthur L. Adams, Sr. – Presiding

Processional/Viewing

Solo

Elder Shakeia Ransom

Scriptures:

Old Testament

Whitney Glass

New Testament

Larry Powell

Prayer

Clergy

Solo

Charity Ferguson

Reflections (As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)

Special Birthday Poem

Nicole Harris

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Q. L. Douglas Funeral Home

Solo

Samuel Adams

Eulogy

Bishop Arthur L. Adams, Sr.

Committal and Benediction

Bishop Arthur L. Adams, Sr.

Recessional