

*A Mother's Love,
Forever Missed*

How do we say goodbye to the one who gave us life,
The one who soothed our every strife?
You were our rock, our guiding light,
Now we're lost in this endless night.

Your hands once held us, soft and strong
Your voice was our first sweetest song
In your embrace, we found our home
Now we wander, feeling so alone.

The world feels empty without you here,
Each day a battle, each moment unclear
We miss your smile, your tender care,
The way you loved us, always there.

The days are cold, the nights so long
Without you, everything feels wrong
But in our hearts, your love remains
A beacon in life's stormy rains.

You taught us kindness, you taught us grace
Your wisdom lives in every space
And though you're gone, you still reside
In every tear, in every tide.

We'll carry on, though hearts are torn,
With the strength you gave, the love you've worn
In every step, in every prayer
We'll honor you, with love and care.

Rest now, dear mother, your journey is done
But know your love shines like the sun
In every beat of our grieving hearts
You spirit leaves, it never departs.

Pallbearers

Hal Shanks
Charles Shanks
Edwin Shanks
Kelvin Shanks
Carlos Battest, Sr.
Rickey Shanks, Jr.
Patrick McCoy
Dante Ray

Flower Attendants

Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

The family of Mrs. Gladys Shanks wishes to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of you for your acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. We pray God's blessings upon each and every one of you.

The Family

Interment

Restlawn Memorial Park South
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
Our Queen



GLADYS
Shanks

"LADDIE"

Alpha
AUGUST 1, 1931

Omega
JANUARY 20, 2026

Saturday, January 31, 2026 – 11:00 A.M.
Q. L. DOUGLAS FUNERAL HOME
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Pastor Alford Cotton, Officiating

The Life of GLADYS

Mrs. Gladys B. Shanks, affectionately known as “Laddie”, was born on August 1, 1931 to the late Mr. and Mrs. David and Leoina Nelson Binns in Washington, Georgia.

She received her education in the Wilkes and Duval County public school system. She accepted Christ as her savior and became a member of West Union Baptist Church. She was employed by Moses Meide Jr, whom turned into family.

She was preceded in death by parents, Mr. and Mrs. David and Leoina Nelson Binns, spouse, Mr. Ellis Shanks, Sr., children, Ellis Shanks, Jr., Rickey Shanks, Sr. (Francina), Donald Shanks, Paul Shanks, and Victor Shanks; god-daughter, Danette Johnson-Peebles; grandson, Juan Shanks; great-granddaughter, Yazhaune Shanks; best friend, Mrs. Lillian Bray.

Gladys leaves to cherish her memories, her children, Larry Mccoy (Dr. Mary), Gail Shanks, Hal Shanks (Janice), Charles Shanks (Cheryl), Edwin Shanks (Artecia), Kelvin Shanks, Carlos Battest, Sr. (Traci) and Margie Battest. god children, Carolyn Howard (Lionel), Earl Johnson, Sr. (Sylvia), Danny, Benjamin and Charles Johnson; she has thirty grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren; six nieces and nephews; sister, Janie Everett Andrews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Gladys enjoyed gardening and she loved cooking and taking care of others. She had a huge heart and loved her family and friends dearly.



Order of Service

Pastor Alfred Cotton, Presiding

Processional

Selection.....I Shall Wear A Crown

Scriptures:

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament – John 14:1-4

Invocation

Selection

Reflections

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Selection

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Alfred Cotton

Recessional