

# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

## Gloria Jean Franklin

SUNRISE  
March 7, 1951

SUNSET  
June 5, 2025

Saturday, June 21, 2025

11:00 A.M.

Elim Ministries of Orlando  
756 Lake Baldwin Lane, Orlando, FL 32803

Officiating  
Senior Pastor Winfred Verreen, ThD

SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO: ROBERT BRYANT FUNERAL HOME

"Nana"  
"Gigi"

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.*

— Revelation 21:4

### Pall Bearers & Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

### Greeters and Ushers

Elim Ministries of Orlando

### Repast

The Family invites you to join them for a time of memories and fellowship immediately after the service.

### Interment

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue, Bushnell, FL 33513

### Appreciation

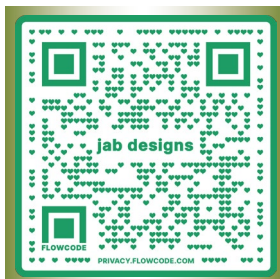
We, the family of the late Gloria Jean Franklin, truly thank God for each and everyone of you. Your outpouring of prayers, love, kindness, and support has sustained us throughout the passing of our loved one. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9...

*"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

— The Family

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## Order of Service

Officiating – Pastor Winfred Verreen, ThD • Elim Ministries of Orlando  
Music provided by Missionary Yvonne Steele and the Special Praise Ensemble

**Processional** – “Goin’ Up Yonder” .....Officers and Family

**Opening Prayer** .....Senior Pastor Winfred Verreen

### Lessons from the Scripture

Old Testament – *Psalm 23* ..... Minister Zena Young [cousin]

New Testament – *John 14:1-4* .....Qiani Arrington, Jamari Franklin, Nesean Franklin, and Eric Franklin, Jr. [grandchildren]

**Ministry through Music** – “You are My Strength”

**Reflections** (limit to 6 people, limit your remarks to 2 minutes each, please)

Open to Family and Friends

**Family Tributes** – In-Laws/The Franklins, Siblings, Grandchildren, Children

**Visual Memories Slideshow from the Family** [Gracie Cherry]

**Praise Dance** – “You Know My Name” .....Daughters of Purpose

**Acknowledgments and Resolutions** .....Robert Bryant Funeral Home

**Ministry through Music** – “Goodness of God”

**Words of Comfort** .....Pastor Rodney Young [Minister Zena – cousin]

Word Nation Church – 578 Brownsville Road, Powder Springs, GA 30127

**Song of Assurance or Affirmation** – “I Shall Wear a Crown”

**Recessional** – “Everything Will Be Alright” AS RECORDED BY Rev. Clay Evans



## A Legacy™ “I’m going to always be Mama.”

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**Gloria Jean Franklin**, affectionately known as “Nana” and “Gigi,” was born on March 7, 1951, in Starkville, Mississippi, to John and Senia Mae (Rogers) Ware. The second of nine siblings, Gloria grew up surrounded by the love and closeness of a large family, a bond she would fiercely protect and nurture throughout her life.

She spent her formative years in Michigan, where she lived until graduating high school, before eventually relocating to Florida – where she met the love of her life, Eddie Franklin Sr. They married in 1972 and shared over 40 years of love, partnership, and family, raising five children together. Gloria and Eddie remained devoted to one another until his passing in 2015.

A devoted mother, grandmother, and sister, Gloria was the heart of her family – known for her protective nature, strong faith, and unwavering commitment to staying connected. She instilled values of faith, family, and love in her children, often reminding them, “Stay close. Be there for each other.”

Gloria worked for many years as a homemaker and later pursued her passion for cosmetology, becoming a skilled hair stylist and colorist. She was known for her artistry, compassion, and her love for working with elders – especially caring for her clients and family members with tenderness and dignity. One of her proudest acts of love was reuniting with and caring for her brother James, whom she brought home and supported for over 20 years.

Everyone will share  
the story of  
Your wonderful  
goodness; they will  
sing with joy about  
Your righteousness.

– Psalm 145:7

Music was a great joy to her – she sang in the choir, passed on her love of singing to her children, and never missed a chance to see her favorite artist, Billy Ocean. She had a sharp wit, a big heart, and a deep sense of purpose. Gloria never met a problem she wouldn’t try to solve, nor a person she wouldn’t try to help.

She was preceded in death by her beloved **husband**, Eddie Franklin Sr., her **parents**, John and Senia Mae (Rogers) Ware, and two **siblings**, Henry “Nuke” Lee Ware and Kennie (Kent) Andrew Ware.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and connection: her **children** – Ericka (Zane) Gray, Gracie (Torrell) Cherry, Eddie (Debbie) Franklin, Jr., Jeremy Franklin, Sr., Eric (Sheena) Franklin, Sr.; **grandchildren** – Christopher Franklin, Avery Gray, Ethan Cherry, Qiani Arrington, Jeremy Franklin, Jr., Jamari Franklin, Eric Franklin, Jr., Nesean Franklin, and Christina Franklin;

**great-grandchildren** – Ajai Franklin, Coi Franklin, and Bryan Arrington; **siblings** – Sherl (Jasper) Ware-Love, Mary “Eve” Ware, James Ware, Johnny “Bop” Ware, Robin (Tim) Crosby, and Bobby (Tonya) Ware; **in-laws** – Nannie Franklin Daniels, Mollie (Ken) Franklin Ward, Robert (Jackie) Franklin, Sr., and Mary (James, Sr.) McKenzie-Franklin; and a host of **nieces**, **nephews**, other relatives, and many friends.

