

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



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Woodlawn Memorial Park
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In Appreciation

We, the family, wish to extend our sincere appreciation to each of you for all acts of kindness and love shown to us during our sorrow. Your kind deeds will always be remembered.

May all of you please accept our sincere gratitude and know that your love and support have meant more to us than mere words could ever express.

May the blessings of God be yours forever and ever! 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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A Celebration of Life

FOR

*Gloria Cassandra
Atkinson*

“Gloria worked tirelessly and placed her faith in God, trusting He would guide her steps and those of her children.”

SUNRISE
June 11, 1940

SUNSET
August 26, 2020

Sunday, September 13, 2020
10:00 A.M.

CHURCH HOME

First Baptist Church of Orlando

3000 S. John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL 32701

Officiating – Dr. Dion G. Henry, Pastor
Altamonte Springs Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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*MY help comes from the
Lord, who MADE heaven and earth!*

*He will NOT let you stumble; the One
who watches over you will NOT slumber.*

*The Lord HIMSELF watches over you! The
Lord stands beside you as your protective shade.*

*The Lord keeps you from ALL harm and watches
over your life. The Lord keeps watch over you as
you come and go, both NOW, and FOREVER.*



"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

— 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Wonderful Memories



ORDER OF SERVICE Celebration of Life

*Officiating – Dr. Dion G. Henry, Pastor
Altamonte Springs Seventh-Day Adventist Church*

ProcessionPlatform Participants

Prayer of Comfort / WelcomePastor Dion G. Henry
[nephew]

Scripture – Psalm 121 / Romans 12:18Luke Green
[brother-in-law]

Words of Reflection
Elizabeth Henry [sister]
Olivia Green [sister]
Gertrude Henry [sister-in-law]
Sharon Hodges [First Baptist Church]

Reading of the Legacy Nicole Bailey
[cousin]

Video PresentationCREATED BY Yolanda Green

Musical Selection

EulogyPastor Dion G. Henry

AcknowledgmentsDr. William Atkinson & Wayne Atkinson

Appreciation Woodlawn Funeral Home

Recessional

*We are confident, I say, and
willing rather to be absent
from the body, and to be
present with the Lord.*

– 2 Corinthians 5:8



A Legacy™

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Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!

— Isaiah 26:19_{NLT}

Gloria Cassandra Atkinson

Gloria Cassandra Henry, daughter of the late Louis Thomas Henry and Talmozene Henry, was born on June 11, 1940 in Saint Toolies, Manchester, Jamaica. Gloria was the second of ten siblings (three of whom preceded her in death).

In early adulthood, Gloria moved to England where she studied nursing and traveled on a work program throughout Europe. After completing her studies in England, Gloria moved to Canada where she lived and worked for several years.

After leaving Canada, Gloria moved to New York City where she was employed as a nurse at Elmhurst Hospital in Elmhurst, New York. While in New York, she met George Alexander Atkinson of Montego Bay Jamaica. The two were wed on June 7, 1975, where she became Gloria Cassandra Atkinson. The couple had two sons, Aubrey William Alexander Atkinson (born 1976) and Wayne Anthony Atkinson (born 1977). In addition to William and Wayne, Gloria fully embraced George's sons, Garvin Atkinson and Alvin Atkinson, as her own.

George unexpectedly passed away in 1979, leaving Gloria widowed to raise two small children. A short time after George's passing,

Gloria moved with her sons to Orlando, Florida, to the home she and George had previously purchased.

Gloria worked tirelessly and placed her faith in God, trusting He would guide her steps and those of her children. Through the years, Gloria continued to work as a nurse at Florida Hospital, Robinswood Middle School, Maynard Evans High School, and the Orange County Health Department, where she retired from in 2007. With her consistent prayer and support, her sons, William and Wayne went on to graduate from Dental School at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, and Law School at the University of Florida, respectively. In 2018, She gained a beautiful daughter-in-law, Mekdes. Gloria was also a grandmother to two beautiful grandsons, Emmanuel and Reign.

Service to others was the defining theme of Gloria's life. Throughout her life Gloria sponsored and facilitated the immigration of numerous family members to England, Canada, and the United States. Gloria, on her nurses' salary, rebuilt and renovated her childhood home in Jamaica.

Gloria enjoyed several passions including gardening, cooking, walking, and real estate development. Gloria was a member of First Baptist Church of Orlando, the YCMA, L. Claudia Allen Senior Center, and a volunteer/donor of the Orange County Rescue Mission.

Gloria Cassandra Atkinson, affectionately known as "Auntie G," at 80 years old passed away August 26, 2020. Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her **children** – William Atkinson, Wayne Atkinson, Garvin Atkinson, and Alvin Atkinson; **daughter-in-law** – Dr. Mekdes Atkinson; **grandchildren** – Reign Atkinson and Emmanuel Atkinson; **siblings** – Sydney Henry, Charles Henry, Grace Coleman, Elizabeth Henry, Hilda Wright, and Olivia Green; a host of devoted **nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.**

Psalms 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.

