



Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper

June 17, 1950 - October 8, 2024

On Tuesday, October 8, 2024, Gloria Dunston Cooper, age 74, departed this life at her home. She was born June 17, 1950, to the late Reverend James T. Dunston and Eleanor M. Dunston, in Durham, North Carolina.

Gloria leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Clinton Cooper; two daughters, Marsha Dunston and Pascha Broxton (Joseph); three sisters, Carolyn Dunston Williams (Ron), Carvia Dunston Champion (Larry), and Taneka Dunston Gaddy (Vince); three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and dear friends.

The family of Gloria will receive visitors on Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 13th, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., at the home of her sister Carvia Champion, 4009 Tyne Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27703.

The Homegoing Service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper will take place at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 2420 S Roxboro Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707, on Friday, October 18th; visitation 11:00 a.m., service 12:00 p.m.

Public viewing will be from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 North Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Cemetery Details

Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 560-4154

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 17. 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
309 N Queen St
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 682-1171
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com
<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

Viewing

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pilgrim Baptist Church
2420 S Roxboro St
Durham, NC 27707-2916
(919) 493-1026

Celebration of Life

OCT 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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2420 S Roxboro St
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Tribute Wall

LB

“Gloria was a joy from the moment I met her at Merrick-Moore High. I last saw her at a class reunion 2023 and we conversed and laughed. She is a beauty and shall be missed.

Larry Barber - February 20, 2025 at 10:49 PM

TK

“I am so sorry for your loss. Gloria was so sweet. She always had that mild, calm, and sweet personality, also every time you would see her, you would see that beautiful smile. You couldn't help from loving this beautiful lady. Rest well my sister in Christ. My Condolences and Prayers to you and the family. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏
🙏 Theresa A Kinlaw

Theresa A Kinlaw - October 19, 2024 at 10:30 PM

LS

So sorry to hear about the loss of Gloria. What a wonderful person and a blessing to all who knew her. She will be missed. Micheal and Nadine Smith, Laurinburg, NC

Lydia Nadine Smith - January 26, 2025 at 09:20 PM

BB

“To the family of Gloria my prayers and thoughts go out to all of you. She was a beautiful person and such a caring person, who always had a smile on that beautiful face. I worked with her at Durham Regional in Medical Records and we had some wonderful times together.
Brenda Barbour



Brenda Barbour - October 18, 2024 at 08:01 PM

GP

“ Condolences from George Pearson and family. Gloria was a jewel, a bright light wherever she went and a joy to be around. We love you all and are praying for you at this difficult time.

Love, George Pearson

George J Pearson - October 18, 2024 at 05:48 PM

SN

“ Sandra Battle, Durham, NC lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper



Sandra Battle, Durham, NC - October 18, 2024 at 02:43 PM

PB

“ To Pascha Broxton & Family, We are so sorry of the loss of your Mom, sending our deepest and sincere condolences to you and the family. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. God Almighty will provide comfort. With our love, the Broxton family.



Patricia Broxton - October 17, 2024 at 12:10 PM

LS

“ Lisa Roger Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper



Lisa Roger Smith - October 17, 2024 at 11:45 AM

LS

My family and I are sending prayers and hugs your way!!!

Lisa Roger Smith - October 17, 2024 at 11:47 AM

LL

“ *Linda Johnson, Tracy Forte & Sharon Lucas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper.*



Linda Johnson, Tracy Forte & Sharon Lucas - October 16, 2024 at 05:06 PM

SL

“ *Sharon Lucas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper*



Sharon Lucas - October 16, 2024 at 03:22 PM

SF

“ *Gloria was one of the sweetest friends I have ever known. We have laughed and cried together! I will never forget her big smile and the lunches we shared. Prayers for her husband and her family! I love you girl my BFF!*

Shelby Filyaw - October 16, 2024 at 10:37 AM

MC

“ *The disciples of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Wake Forest, NC extend our deepest condolences to the Cooper and Dunston families. Gloria had such a sweet spirit. The family has lost a jewel but God has gained an angel. Please let us know if we can be of assistance.*

*Rev. Charles Dent, Pastor
Deacon Lindell Perry, Deacon Board Chairman
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church*

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church - October 16, 2024 at 09:34 AM

TW

“ *Sending our sincere condolences and prayers of comfort to the Dunston family during this difficult season of bereavement.*

*The Hazel & Luther Watkins Family
Friendship Chapel Baptist Church
Wake Forest, NC*



Theresa Watkins - October 14, 2024 at 09:57 PM

RO

“ *Robyn purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper.*



Robyn - October 14, 2024 at 07:39 AM

RO

“ *Robyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper.*

Robyn - October 14, 2024 at 07:39 AM

TK

“ *My Glo as I would call her was a very special person to me. I was her hair stylist for many years, and she and her sisters became family to me and my family. They are my big sisters 🤍🤍🤍. My heart is so heavy from her loss, but I know My Glo is singing in that choir above. Rest well my sweet!! Love ya girl!!*



Toya Kerr - October 14, 2024 at 05:42 AM

TH

“ *I am so blessed to have known and worked with Mrs. Gloria, with her sweet and caring spirit. My condolences are extended to her family. She will definitely be missed.*

Tamara Hart - October 13, 2024 at 07:38 PM

WD

“ *Wanda S Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper*



Wanda S Dawson - October 13, 2024 at 03:57 PM

JP

“ Joyce Dean Prince planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper.

Joyce Dean Prince - October 13, 2024 at 02:01 PM

JP

“ Joyce Dean Prince purchased the Simply Elegant *Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper.



Joyce Dean Prince - October 13, 2024 at 02:01 PM

JP

“ Gloria was a dear friend. I will always remember her smile, kindness, and beautiful alto voice. My heartfelt condolences to the family.
Joyce Dean Prince
MM Class '68



Joyce Prince - October 13, 2024 at 01:56 PM

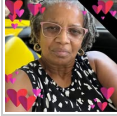
MH

“ My sister and myself had a privilege to work with Gloria at the hospitals and we was church member too. She was always nice and kind and sweet. So we are sending our condolence to the family.

Virgie and Marie Hunter



Marie Hunter - October 13, 2024 at 10:19 AM



Linda Mills Johnson and Family you are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm truly sorry for your loss. Cherish all the memories and hold on God's Unchanging Hand

*With ❤️
Cindy Wilder*

Cindy Wilder - October 14, 2024 at 08:15 PM

RG

“ *Rebecca G.Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper*



Rebecca G.Hall - October 13, 2024 at 10:17 AM

MH

“ *The Ladies at Creative Ladies Salon send our Condolences to the family of Gloria Dustan Cooper. We will truly miss her. We are praying for the family.*

Marie Hunter and Phyllis Jones



Marie Hunter - October 13, 2024 at 06:07 AM

JF

“Gloria and I worked together at Durham Regional Hospital a good many years. During that time I found her heart and love for all people pretty over whelming. She understood people just by looking at them. Her warmth and her smile would hug everyone. I respected her for her spirit that I felt was never ending with her caring. We became "Sistahs" and my children knew her as "Auntie Glo" and still do! They were grief stricken with the news of her passing. The world had an earth angel and now Gloria has her wings and probably is busier than ever with looking after all of her loved one's. I loved her.



Joanne Kirkpatrick Family - October 12, 2024 at 05:42 PM

LD

“Lynora Dunston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper



Lynora Dunston - October 12, 2024 at 11:11 AM

LT

“Linda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper



Linda Taylor - October 11, 2024 at 12:44 PM

BJ

Gloria and I have enjoyed a friendship since meeting at Chick-fil-A. We became good friends and talked on the phone weekly. I am saddened by her sudden passing and will miss my friend!

Barbara Johnson - October 11, 2024 at 01:08 PM

CS

“ Ms Gloria was the sweetest person to me I will never forget her my prayers are with you all Cynthia Smith



Cynthia Smith - October 10, 2024 at 08:44 PM

VT

“ Ms. Gloria was a beautiful soul. I remember when her and her husband attended Stovall First Baptist Church. Her spirit was so loving. She will definitely be missed! Rest in the arms of JESUS Ms. Gloria 💕



Victor and Regina Taylor - October 10, 2024 at 01:06 PM

EA

“ Gloria with that contagious smile will live on in my Heart even though I will miss her Beautiful Spirit here in the natural. I thank God for the opportunity to call her a Friend and Love her and the entire Dunston Family. My Condolences. RIP my Dear Friend.



Edna Alston - October 10, 2024 at 12:51 PM

LD

“ Lewis Ligon, Jr and Cheryl Ligon Drew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper.

Lewis Ligon, Jr and Cheryl Ligon Drew - October 10, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper.



October 10, 2024 at 08:59 AM

OD

“ Gloria was affectionately known as G Baby to me. Her love life for will keep me inspired to live each day to the fullest. remembering that The LORD is our strength and we must trust in him at all times. R.I.P.



Owen & Chestina Dunston - October 09, 2024 at 08:40 PM

CB

“ To the family of Gloria I enjoyed working with her at DRH Hospital . She was truly an inspiration to be around. She will truly be missed by all her family and friends. 🕊️🕊️🕊️
Carolyn B.Brodie



Carolyn Brodie - October 09, 2024 at 05:07 PM

RB

“ *Rev. Gwendolyn Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper*



Rev. Gwendolyn Brooks - October 09, 2024 at 02:54 PM

TD

“ *Thaddeus Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dunston Cooper*



Thaddeus Daniels - October 09, 2024 at 12:06 PM

CH

“ *Mama G as me and my late nephew called her was such a beautiful person inside and out. I'm gonna miss texting her or her calling me just to talk. I knew she was a blessing the day she walked into Chick-Fil-A. She always made sure I knew that she loved me and was there for me if I needed anything. Really gonna miss her. You can finally rest now and know that I will be ok. Love you Mama G until we meet again.*

Conti Harris - October 09, 2024 at 09:46 AM

RB

*To the Cooper and Dunston family's,
You have my sincere condolences at such a time as this. Gloria was a former choir member at First Baptist Church in Stovall NC, she had such a beautiful voice. I send prayers of comfort to all. Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted! Matt.5 vs 4 🕊️*
Rev. Gwendolyn Brooks

Rev. Gwendolyn Brooks - October 09, 2024 at 10:19 AM

KS

My sympathies to you. My prayers for our Lord's peace and comfort during your grief.

Ken Shires, chaplain

Kenneth Shires - October 09, 2024 at 11:29 AM

CB

Today and always, may the loving memories bring you peace, comfort and strength.

*Claudette V. Battle
Class of '68*

Claudette Battle - October 09, 2024 at 02:10 PM

LH

Ms Gloria had a wonderful soul and kind heart. Sending my condolences to the family.

Linda Harris - October 11, 2024 at 08:59 AM

VW

Sending my condolences to the family. Marsha I am so sorry to hear about your mom passing. Your in my prayers today and days to come



Vickie Weaver - October 12, 2024 at 12:06 AM

RH

Ms. Gloria was the sweetest person inside and out. I truly Loved her spirit and her kind heart. She will surely be missed. Marsha I am so sorry to hear this but know you and your family are in my prayers. Your mother was a beautiful person with an affectionate smile.

Robin Hicks - October 13, 2024 at 06:11 PM

NH

Gloria will certainly be missed because her smile would light up the room. From middle school she has always been the same person. My prayers are with the family.

Nathaniel Bruce Holloway

Nathaniel B Holloway - October 16, 2024 at 10:25 AM