

– *Pallbearers* –
Nephews

– *When Tomorrow Starts* –

When tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand.
The angel said my place was ready,
In Heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.
But when I walked through Heaven's Gates,
I felt so much at home,
For God looked down, smiled at me
And told me "Welcome Home."
So, when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart.

– *Flower Bearers* –
Nieces

– *Acknowledgment* –

The family of the late Mrs. Gloria Jean Finley acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless you all.

– *In Memoriam* –

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Gloria Jean Finley

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 15, 1960
SUNSET: FEBRUARY 13, 2021



"Jean"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021
1:00 P.M.

**MOUNT MORIAH MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY**
2255 Wrights Mill Road
Auburn, AL 36830

BISHOP KENNETH CARTER, OFFICIATING

- The Obituary -

Mrs. Gloria Jean Finley, daughter of the late Mr. Roosevelt and Mrs. Ethel Lee Boyd Finley, Sr., was born October 15, 1960 in Lee County, Alabama.

At an early age, she accepted Christ and united with Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Auburn, Alabama. She later united with Christ Temple Holiness Church in Opelika, Alabama under the leadership of Bishop Kenneth Carter.

"Jean" as she was affectionately known, graduated from Loachapoka High School Class of 1978. She was student coordinator for many, many years at Auburn University where she was currently employed. She was an avid Auburn "War Eagle" Sports Fan.

She was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend. Jean had a beautiful, loving spirit, someone who was easy to talk to. She truly believed in celebrating life, through her love of traveling, shopping and doing things she enjoyed.

On Saturday, February 13, 2021, she departed this life in Opelika, Alabama. She was preceded in death by a sister, Sarah Lee Finley.

She leaves to cherish and carry her legacy of love: her son, Ladectric (Michele) Finley of Panama, City, FL; three grandchildren, Ladazah Finley, Daleah Finley and Christian Finley; a devoted and dedicated sister and brother-in-law, Patricia (Edgar) Woody of Opelika, AL; her eldest sister, Mattie Wright of Auburn, AL; three brothers, Roosevelt (Lilly) Finley, Anthony (Patrice) Finley, both of Opelika, AL and Jerry Finley of Loachapoka, AL; seven aunts, Viola (Isaiah) Dowdell, Ciola Pitts, both of Loachapoka, AL, Rosia Lee Finley, Julia Frazier, Mary (Cecil) Edwards, all of Auburn, AL, Alice Hunter Finley of Atlanta, GA and Annie Finley Hatley of Dekalb, IL; two uncles, John Henry Finley of Auburn, AL and Johnny Boyd of Loachapoka, AL; nine nephews, Tyrone (Felicia) Finley, Marismekko (Phyllis) Finley, Adrian Finley, Steven Finley, Montavious Finley, Altoni Finley, Johnathan Finley, Justin Sanford and Akeem Lockhart; four nieces, Marimekko Allen, Shakara Finley, Rachel Finley and Whitney Finley; devoted cousins, Cassandra Finley of Newnan, GA and Margaret Bozeman of Auburn, AL; special and devoted friends, Alfreda Cosby, Jonathan McConnell and Maisha Jefferson all of Auburn, AL; her devoted and loving co-workers and staff of Auburn University and a host of cousins and friends.

- I Am Always with You -

I am always with you, even when
You are not able to feel me in your heart.
I love you always,
I surround you with my protecting love,
Even when you occasionally forget me.
I listen to your problems,
If you are sincere and receptive,
And I give you solutions.
I hear your prayers and answer those that
Are in the best interest of everyone in your life
Including, but not limited to, you.
I am the light and the thoughts in your mind,
I am the sight in your eyes,
I am the life in your body,
I am the feelings you feel in your heart.
I am always at work in your life for your greater good,
Although you may not always believe this;
Hopefully, your faith in me will grow constant.
You must realize: "my will is whatever
Is happening in the present moment."
Within this moment you must think and act
With integrity, humility and courage,
You must trust in me, and surrender
Your will to mine through acceptance.
If you continue to demonstrate acceptance,
Integrity, humility, courage and trust,
You will discover the secret of
Opening your heart to my love.
The greater your faith in me
The more I am able fill your heart with my love.
It is I, who grants you the serenity to accept
The things you cannot change,
The courage to change the things you can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.
Eventually you will realize the samplings of love
I bestow on you through others
Are purposefully designed to draw you closer to me.
It is only I, who loves you unconditionally,
I am an ever-flowing fountain of love, peace and joy,
I will never disappoint you,
I will always be with you.
I mete out to you the exact amount of pain
You cause others, because I want you to be compassionate.
I want you to be able to give love and equally as important,
I want you to be able to receive love.
How else will you learn to love me?
How will you learn to accept my love?
The moment you realize the error of your ways,
The moment you sincerely regret the pain you cause others,
I forgive you; I nourish you with my tender mercies.
Remember, I never stop loving you for you are my precious child.

- The Order of Service -

SCRIPTURE READING

PRAYER OF COMFORT

MUSICAL SELECTION

EULOGY
Bishop Kenneth Carter

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