



Gladys Lemon

August 22, 1919 - September 20, 2015

Gladys Virginia Prince Lemon was born on August 22, 1919 in Dallas, Paulding County, Georgia; the third child to the union of Autley Prince and Cindie Backers Gladys was reared at the Carrie-Steele Pitts Home as a result of the deaths of her mother, father, brother and grandmother prior to her tenth birthday.

Sister Lemon attended the W.H. Crogman Elementary School for six years; later attending the Booker T. Washington High School, Atlanta, Georgia, graduating in 1937. While at the “home” (Carrie-Steel Pitts), Gladys learned to play the piano, being self-taught, or as she said “I just picked up stuff.” Upon graduation from Washington High, Miss Gladys continued her education at Clark College, later Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. In 1938, Momma began work for the National Youth Administration (NYA) at the Butler Street YMCA and Auburn Avenue YMCA as a seamstress, walking from “Pittsburgh” during the day and attending Clark College Extension at night. In 1939, Mom began working with the NYA in Atlanta, Albany and Forsyth, Georgia. While in Forsyth, Georgia, in October 1940, Gladys met the love of her life and her lifetime companion, James Windel “J.W.” Lemon who was attending the Forsyth State Teachers College in Forsyth, Georgia. They were married on December 20, 1940 and to this union three handsome “little brown babies with sparking eyes” were born: James W., Jr., Kenneth Dwayne and Waymond Howard. “Baby” was preceded in death by her husband of almost

71 years and son Kenneth.

While in Albany, Baby learned to play the bass from January to October, 1940. Baby attended the North Carolina College for Negroes in Durham from 1942-1943. Baby was awarded many first place blue ribbons and second place red ribbons for sewing and canning in the 1940's to sponsor the Kiwanis. In 1942, Baby was baptized at the Shoal Creek Baptist Church and served faithfully for over seventy-three years. Aunt Gladys is a former Shoal Creek Church Junior and Senior Choir pianist, Mother Board, choir member, Deaconess Board and Baptismal Committee member for years. Mom truly had the midas touch; seeming all her handiworks turned to gold. Aunt Gladys was an excellent cook and baker who made all kinds of cakes and pies for friends and family especially at Christmas. Aunt Gladys could transform McCall, Butterick, Vogue or Simplicity patterns or Payday feed sacks, White Lily or Martha White flower bags into works of art. "Cuddin" Gladys could prepare the soil, plant the seed, manage the weeds, harvest the crop and return through the back door to prepare three course meals and frozen products. "Cuddin" Gladys had chickens in the chicken coop, ducks, cats and dogs and was very active aiding in the annual "hog killing times". Cuddin Gladys loved all animal, respected all and feared none and was extremely fond of wrestling and rodeo.

Some of Ms. G.P's vocations included seamstress at Dowling Textile Company, McDonough, Georgia; the egg factory at the Georgia State; and as a teacher's aide/paraprofessional at the Shoal Creek Elementary and Locust Grove Elementary and Middle Schools. Miss G.P. lived the Abraham Lincoln quote that "In the end, it's not the years in your life that counts. It's the life in your years remaining a vibrant, refreshing, encouraging breath of fresh air even through her recent illness. Gladys, always a prankster, had the jokes and funnies and had loads of fun in life. Baby Girl displayed the perseverant long suffering love for her mate James during his four years of assisted living stay, missing maybe four days during this period and at times making up to three

visits a day to show her encouraging love. Granny Slim loved a good joke or prank and had an infectious contagious laugh and smile. But her love for the Lord remained at the apex until the end singing especially old fashioned congregational hymns with a love and fervor unmatched.

Slim seemed to always end her conversations with “I love you” and she not only talked the talk about love but she walked the walk of love. Granny loved her flowers and received rave reviews regarding her yard flowers as well as house plants especially the Christmas amaryllis. Granny Slim cherished her grand, great grand and great-great grandchildren dearly and imparted her love to them freely. Baby Girl you showed us how to live and you showed us how to be born into eternal life. From your humble beginnings, you gave so much from so little. Baby Girl we will always love you. Also now, behold, “your” witness is in heaven and “your” record is on high. Baby Girl’s faith is always noticeable and tangible in the author and finisher of her faith by the many frogs scattered about her house – attesting to her Fully Relying On God. Gladys was truly the independent spirit maintaining her household as well as still driving until the last months.

God allowed the beautiful spirit of Gladys P. Lemon to walk amongst us on earth for 96 years. We thank God for her long, inspiring, Christ-centered life and know that her legacy shall live on through her family. A mother to many, Gladys will be greatly missed by those lives she touched. Her memory will forever be cherished by her sons, James W. Lemon, Jr. (Nell) of Decatur, GA and Waymond H. Lemon (Carolyn) of Detroit, MI; sister-in-law, Jewell E. Wilkins of Indianapolis, IN; eleven grandchildren, Anthony, Armond, Damon, Danielle, Kanika, Kelcey, Kelvin, Nichole, Ronald, Sherry and Waymond Kyle; twenty great grandchild-dren, two great-great grandchildren; remembering her as their mother-in-law, Dorothea C. Lemon and Margie Lemon; many devoted family members, and friends

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **24**. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - McDonough Chapel
300 Griffin Street
McDonough, GA 30253
(770) 957-4337
info@wdlemonfuneralhome.com

Service

SEP **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Shoal Creek Baptist Church
99 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Locust Grove, GA 30248

Interment

SEP **25** (ET)

Eastlawn Memorial Park
640 McGarity Rd.
McDonough, GA 30252

Tribute Wall

WN

“ To GOD be the GLORY for the LOVE, KINDNESS, JOY and COMPASSION that we shared with Mrs. Lemon for over thirty plus years. We enjoyed many banquets, church services, and most of all conversations in the home of "Mama Gladys". She always displayed TENACITY, STRENGTH and COURAGE, as well as HUMILITY. On today, let us take comfort in GOD'S presence and cling to the assurance that HE will always abide with us.

We love you,
William and Evoyne Nesbit
Griffin, GA

William and Evoyne Nesbit - September 24, 2015 at 11:30 PM

LF

“ Love, The Hobson Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gladys Lemon.



Love, The Hobson Family - September 24, 2015 at 10:21 AM

YF

“ Your Ecolab Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gladys Lemon.



Your Ecolab Family - September 23, 2015 at 03:49 PM

LR

“ *Logistics Resources and RRDonnelley purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gladys Lemon.*



Logistics Resources and RRDonnelley - September 23, 2015
at 02:36 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gladys Lemon.*



September 23, 2015 at 12:52 PM

DH

“ *May the peace of God be with the entire family. I will cherish the visits, the joy, the laughter, and the love. Such fond memories including the picnic under the big tree in the front yard the Saturday before Mothers Day this past May. Thank you for allowing me to share in the love of such a phenomenal woman.*

Praying sustaining strength and comfort!

DeMeeta Hulett

Greater New Hope Christian Assembly Church

DeMeeta Hulett - September 22, 2015 at 01:09 PM

MP

“ I will always remember that Enjoyable Day you spent with me and my sister. you treated yourself by buying yourself a Ring, When I visit you Sept. 11 you could not remember my name, but you said I have look but cannot find my Ring. To the Sons your Hearts should be Lighter because you took care of Mom through her Sickness. DEEPEST SYMPATHY. Mildred Laney Phelps.

Mildred Phelps - September 22, 2015 at 11:41 AM