



Gloria Ringgold

August 25, 1929 - April 29, 2026

Gloria's Journey

Gloria Arbutis Ringgold, also known as 'Bootie', daughter of the late Lloyd and Pearl White, was born August 25, 1929.

Gloria departed this life on April 29, 2026, in the Chestertown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Chestertown, Maryland.

She received her education in the Kent County public school system. She was employed by the Chester River Yacht and Country Club and the Chester River Hospital Center, formerly known as the Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital, as a nurse's aide until retirement.

Gloria was a faithful member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, now known as New Christian Chapel of Love in Worton (Big Woods), Maryland.

She served on numerous organizations: Charge Commission of Education, Charge Age Level, United Methodist Women's Membership committee, Worship committee, and the Mt. Zion choir. She had a servant heart; willing to help whomever she could.

In addition to her parents, Gloria was preceded in death by: her daughter,

Thyedochia 'Dosie' Jeff; brother, George White, Sr., sisters, Vivian Righter and Eunice Walley, and grandson Robert Wright, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her son, Robert Wright, Sr., and daughter, Melva Winchester; eleven (11) grandchildren; thirty (30) great-grandchildren, and ten (10) great-great-grandchildren; other beloved family members and her devoted church family.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Baptist Church
1422 Barclay Rd
Barclay, MD 21607

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - May 20 at 05:27 PM



“ *Prayers and Condolences go out to the family*



Doreen Walker-Harris - May 22 at 11:09 PM



Prayers for the family

Ursula merkerison - 2 hours ago



Blessing

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“ *LORI BUTLER PERRY lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ringgold*



LORI BUTLER PERRY - May 22 at 06:27 PM

MG

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I had a close relationship with Bootie and she'll always be in my heart.*
Prayfully, Darnell Simmons- Green

Ms. Darnell Y. Green - May 22 at 10:18 AM

VJ

“ *Vern Jeff Jr. lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ringgold*



Vern Jeff Jr. - May 22 at 12:50 AM

SP

“ *Sorry for loss. You all are in my prayers.*



Sharon Perkins - May 21 at 11:43 PM

MF

“ *Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ringgold*



Marilyn Ford - May 21 at 09:56 PM

SR

“ *Sandra Rust lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ringgold*



Sandra Rust - May 19 at 10:19 AM

CB

“ *Cheryl Butler lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ringgold*



Cheryl Butler - May 16 at 01:15 PM

BJ

“ *My condolences to you and family Miss Gloria was such a loving and caring person. She always had beautiful smile and kind words she will be missed*



Brenda Jeff - May 13 at 02:39 PM

VE

“ *Melva and family, may your memories comfort you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Jean, Tricia and Valerie*



Valerie Elliott - May 10 at 10:55 AM

VP

“ *Prayer and Condolences to the Family.*



Voncille Phillips - May 08 at 05:29 PM

TF

“ *The Wilson Family lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ringgold*



The Wilson Family - May 08 at 03:20 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - May 08 at 06:33 AM



“ *Gloria and I use to work at hospital very nice person surely will miss her*



Sharon McClinton - May 07 at 11:27 PM



Thank you

Vern Jeff Jr. - May 22 at 12:52 AM