



Mrs. Gladys Marie Woods

January 16, 1938 - August 12, 2024

Obituary

It is with great joy that we celebrate, not mourn, the “Home Going” of Gladys Marie Henry Woods. She brought love and joy into our lives and is so deserving of a celebration as we envision her resting in the arms of JESUS. We, her children, siblings, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, neighbors and friends, have a lifetime of memories and stories embedded in our hearts and minds. Let’s live our lives so that we may be rewarded everlasting life. The ultimate reward of living with Christ is the opportunity to see her again.

Gladys was born on January 16, 1938, to the late Walter Henry Sr and Amy Jean Henry. She was the fifth of twelve and lived 86 years. She departed this life on August 12, 2024, at 3:50 AM. Gladys married her best friend, Malcolm Andrew Woods on July 20, 1963. From this union, two children were born: Stephen and Carlene.

During her dash (-) between 1938 and 2024, Gladys was not only a wife, mother, grandmother, and sister figure, but a profound source where she provided a listening ear to so many. She often reminded us that she was proud of her twelfth-grade education, which at that time was not easy to achieve. The stories she told were as clear as if she was painting a picture with her words; telling us about the miles walked in bad weather which

included rain and sleet as she went to school.

Gladys was the Historian of many families. If someone needed the dots to be connected on the family tree, she was the one with the answers. She knew a lot and shared the history and a multitude of wisdom with anyone who asked. The one thing she was consistent and steadfast about was prayer. She prayed and called out names. She asked our Lord and Savior to allow her to see her children grow up and live on their own. Her prayers were indeed answered.

Between 1938 – 2024, Gladys was affectionately known as Mom, My Momma, Grammy, Aunt Gladys, Nanny, Mrs. Woody, Cousin Gladys, Mrs. Woods, Boss Lady, Sista and Mrs. Gladys. Her all-time favorite name was “My Road Dog”, use by Amy. The words we will always remember coming from Our Queen’s mouth is: “Always stick together”, “I love you more”, and “Hey my baby”.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one son, Stephen Woods of Opelousas, LA; one daughter, Carlene Dartz of Cankton, LA; an honorary son; Kent Olivier of Lafayette, LA,; one daughter-in-law, Stephanie Woods; and one son-in-law, Ronnie Dartz; three sisters; Sister Rose Fatima Henry of New Orleans, LA; Helen Francis (Curtis) of Houston, TX; Shirley Gross (Dave) of Hattiesburg, MS; one brother, Jimmy Henry (Aliene) of Elsberry, MO; one granddaughter; Amy Dartz; two grandsons, Shawn and Seth Woods; two godchildren; Edith Guidry and Bridget Briscoe, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents Walter Henry Sr and Amy Jean Henry; her husband, Malcolm Andrew Woods; her seven siblings; Gloria Brown, Clement Henry, Clayton Henry, Walter Henry Jr., Janell Henry, William Henry and Theresa Sue Henry; one godchild; James Kevin Brown.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, August 17, 2024 at St. John Berchmans Catholic Church in Cankton, LA. Visiting hours will be observed from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. A Rosary will be recited at 9:00 AM. Interment will be in St. John Berchmans Catholic Church Cemetery.

Share words of comfort with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net
Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ So very sorry to hear of Gladys’ passing. She was very caring, had a heart of gold and enjoyed helping everyone. She will be greatly missed. “Rest in Peace”.

Margaret James Baker - August 16, 2024 at 07:43 PM

MB

“ Deepest sympathy to the family



MARY BOXIE - August 16, 2024 at 03:52 PM

SG

“ May peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time.

Sheriff Bobby J Guidroz - August 16, 2024 at 09:54 AM

MF

“ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Joseph & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Gladys Marie Woods.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Joseph & Family - August 16, 2024 at 08:31 AM

LF

“ Love Always Sonya Dorsey & Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Gladys Marie Woods.



Love Always Sonya Dorsey & Family. - August 15, 2024 at 09:12 PM

SP

“ Words will not wipe away your tears and hugs may not ease the pain, but hold on to your memories because forever they will remain. The Payton Family (Hattiesburg) wants you to know that we are thinking of you all during your time of bereavement. We love you all!❤️🙏

Sheila Payton - August 15, 2024 at 06:55 PM

BF

“ Bernadette Henry-Dominique & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Gladys Marie Woods.



Bernadette Henry-Dominique & Family - August 15, 2024 at 05:30 PM

BF

“ Bernadette Henry-Dominique & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Gladys Marie Woods.

Bernadette Henry-Dominique & Family - August 15, 2024 at 05:30 PM

SP

“ *Shala Rene Pickney lit a candle in memory of Gladys Woods*



Shala Rene Pickney - August 15, 2024 at 02:23 PM

WR

“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences for the family*

Willie Mae Rix and Family

Willie Mae Rix - August 15, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ *Joshua Richard lit a candle in memory of Gladys Woods*



Joshua Richard - August 14, 2024 at 11:45 PM

PJ

“ *My deepest condolences go out to the Woods family.*

Patricia Jean - August 14, 2024 at 09:25 PM

NF

“ *Next Level Lafayette & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Gladys Marie Woods.*

Next Level Lafayette & Family - August 14, 2024 at 08:49 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gladys Marie Woods.*



August 14, 2024 at 08:49 PM



“ *I am so Sorry for Yall Loss, My Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the Family. My Prayers are with you all. Rest in Heavenly Peace Gladys.*

Viola Brown Meullion - August 14, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ *We at LHC offer our prayers and deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Gladys M. Woods. We thank you for the opportunity to serve and care for your loved one, and pray for your strength during this time of need. God bless you and if you need us reach out anytime and we will do our best to accommodate.*

*Delilah J. Elmore, Bereavement Coordinator/Grief Counselor
Louisiana Hospice and Palliative Care
Opelousas, Louisiana*

Delilah Elmore - August 14, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ *I am going to miss you tremendously my dear friend.. You will forever have a place in my heart..My friend who made everything with love I am grateful and thankful for the times I was able to spend with you and make memories..My new angel in the sky I Love You Forever!!*

Tiffany S. - August 14, 2024 at 03:32 PM