



Gladys R. Hardy

May 17, 1949 - May 30, 2024

Gladys R. Hardy, a beloved member of the Forestville community, passed away at the age of 75 on May 30, 2024. Born in Alexandria, VA, on May 17, 1949, Gladys was a compassionate woman who touched the lives of many with her warmth and kindness. She leaves behind her devoted son William Hardy and her niece whom she loved and raised as her own daughter Madeline R. Waters.

Gladys pursued an education that culminated in a High School Diploma and went on to have a successful career as a Senior Editor in the Federal Government, working for the National Labor Relations Board. Her dedication and expertise shone through in all her endeavors, earning her the respect and admiration of her colleagues.

Funeral services to honor and remember Gladys will be held at the Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel on June 27, 2024. A viewing will take place at 10:00 am, followed by the Funeral Service at 11:00 am. The burial service for Gladys will take place at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Washington, DC.

Gladys will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her legacy of love and kindness will continue to live on in the hearts of those she left behind. May she rest in peace knowing that she was cherished and adored by many.

Cemetery Details

MOUNT OLIVET

1300 BLADENSBURG RD
Washington, DC 20002

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel
5538 MARLBORO PIKE
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

Funeral Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel
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FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Gladys R. Hardy*



Pope Funeral Homes - June 27, 2024 at 12:40 PM

TP

My condolences to the family may God bless and keep you in peace

Thomas Porter - June 27, 2024 at 11:57 AM

MT

*My heartfelt condolences to the family and may God be with you!
Gladys rest in peace!
Maryetta Thomas*

Maryetta Thomas - June 27, 2024 at 05:51 PM

MA

“*Ma... I shared darn near my life with you. You've raised me since I was 4. You've been to and supported every school event I've had. I was your shadow at every card party, cookout, fish fry, dates lol and even to your bowling leagues.*

You loved Greens, you made them fresh every time. You never bought can vegetables... you taught me that they either have to be Fresh or next to fresh which is Frozen.

You enjoyed your UTZ Plain potato chips with your cream cheese! That was a yummy snack for you.

You use to tear up some butter pecan ice cream which you barely bought because you'd eat it so much and said you'll get fat smh.

You loved your Heinekens, your crabs, you love crocheting and made blankets for literally I feel like everyone you knew!

You worked hard and took on raising me which became an added responsibility. You then also helped care for and raise my brother Lewis. You then did the same for his daughter Ashley and for my children Shania and Kaleb.

They knew you as grandma. I knew you as Ma. When I asked you how I started calling you mommy... you said I came home from school at 5 years old and asked if I could call you my mom and your bothering at the time (Billy Cole) my Dad. I've called you Ma ever since.

I was no perfect angel but you were always there for me. Your heart was unbelievably amazing. Your motto was "when it's gone, it's gone"

Sadly that not only applies to food but monetaryly as well. If you wasn't giving cash to help me, your sisters, neices, nephews out you was giving food I mean anything in the freezer, cabinets lol if

your sisters and nieces and nephews came to visit shoot they was leaving with a bag of something and a little money in their hand.

You've always given! That was your love language "Acts of Service". My daughter Shania loved you to death! And only her you would allow to or I will say you would give grace to if she spoke to you a little to grown. I use to be shocked because I know my butt would be in a wall! lol but that was your Boobie. That's what you called her.

Ma I honestly wish I could've given you the closure that I wanted. You I'm your green suit, glasses on, red nails and your wedding ring and emerald green jewelry because that was you!

You didn't do a lot of colors lol but I know you are not worried about that. I ache because I can't have the proper closure that I wanted with you and I'm asking God every day to help it no matter. So please if you hear my prayers help me be able to move forward.

Never in my LIFE would I imagine that you and mommy Lynette would be gone! Like what in the worllldddd... smh. This hurt beyond what I can explain. I feel numb, broken and I am angry that I have to be here and live in this new weird reality without you two.

Anyways you see me trying and struggling with the death of you tow and with my own mental health, marriage and Senior! lol Shania is a Senior!!!!!! Man you would be so proud!!! I'm trying to help her the best way I can... but this mom and wife job is no joke.

Mommy pray for me, be my angels and look out for us. I love you dearly!!!!!!!! I love you so much! I'm so sorry for anything I've done to hurt you. I pray you know that I loved you and am grateful for you. I love you so much Ma.

madeline - October 04, 2024 at 10:10 AM

BJ

“ *Peachy*

It's not going to be the same playing bid whist without you seeing your beautiful smiley face. GOD please give the Waters family strength to get through this difficult loss. I know what they are going through I been there. Christine, my beautiful sister from another mother, my heart aches for you. I will continue to keep you and your family in my prayers and will like candles in church for you all. 🥹🥹 Belinda Jackson



Belinda Jackson - June 27, 2024 at 11:58 AM

DP

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family. Rest in eternal peace Peachy.*



Donna Porter - June 27, 2024 at 09:55 AM

DP

“ *To the family of Gladys Harding whom I met through her beloved sister Christine Waters many years ago. Peachy was a kind-hearted and loving person and will be missed by her family and many friends! May you rest in eternal peace Peachy!! 🙏❤️*



Donna Porter - June 27, 2024 at 12:55 AM

VI

“ Vivian lit a candle in memory of Gladys Hardy



Vivian - June 26, 2024 at 07:16 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



JIMMIE CURTIS - June 26, 2024 at 09:15 AM

CW

“ To Family & Friends of Gladys Hardy,
Our Peachy will be missed by all who knew Her. She had a heart of gold, was a Great Bid Whist player, and most all, She loved the Lord who carried Her through all Her health challenges. On Her last day of life on Earth, She saw the other side which is Heaven and decided that She did not want go back and God took Her home to Glory.



Christine Waters - June 25, 2024 at 06:06 AM

FL

“ *Forever my friend and relative My Peachy
Gone Too Soon . Love your niece Faye*



Faye Mosby- Leonard - June 24, 2024 at 02:54 PM

JC

“ *I have known Peachy since 1976, when I met all of the Waters’
family through my wife, Barbara! In all those years, I can’t ever
remember Peachy being angry or mean to anyone! She always had
a peaceful spirit and was a dutiful Mother and Sister! We always
shared some good conversations and plenty of good family times! I
will miss her warm and kind Spirit! Uncle Jimmie*

JIMMIE CURTIS - June 24, 2024 at 12:05 PM

AW

“ *1 file added to the album Family Pictures*



Alicia Davis Waters - June 22, 2024 at 10:04 PM

AW

“ *My Aunt Peachie was always patient with her nieces and nephews. I have many memories of our family coming together not only for big events, but sometimes just to be together. I remember the all night card games, late night/after work playing pool, and football watch parties along with all of the holiday gatherings. Aunt Peachie was known for her fried chicken, potato salad, and greens. She would crochet baby blankets and always had time to talk. Now that she has moved to join our other ancestors in watching over us, I will cherish the time she invested in me more. Alicia*



Alicia Davis Waters - June 22, 2024 at 09:59 PM

BS

“ ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️ from the Steele Family!!!



Brian Steele - June 22, 2024 at 06:20 PM

BM

“ Aunty,

Thank you for your love, encouragement, support and unconditional love throughout my life. I will never forget you. May you rest peacefully!

Brandi



Brandi Miller-Carr - June 21, 2024 at 07:11 PM

TM

“ *I loved and respected Peachy. She was my good friend/sister and I will miss her. I thank God every day for Peachy caregivers while she was here especially her son BJ. Thank you. Peachy is with the Angels and God shining from above. Your family continues to be close and loving to each other. My condolences, prayers and love goes out to the family. May God's blessings be with you during this time.*

Towanna Mitchell - June 19, 2024 at 12:19 PM

CW

“ To My Dear Nephew William Hardy and My Dear Niece Madeline Waters-Magruder,
Please know that your Caregiving assistance and love to my Sister Peachy as I called her, during all of Her Health Challenges were truly a Blessing from God! I will miss my Sister-Angel so much but I take comfort in knowing She has transitioned to the Other Side to be with Christ Jesus, Her Parents and 8 Siblings. Please know that She will be the Angel Mom and Mommy Peachy flying over both of You and Her 4 surviving Siblings. Aunt Christine will continue to Love and Be there for You all.



Christine Waters - June 18, 2024 at 09:57 AM

PD

“ Praying for the family



Patricia Davis - June 16, 2024 at 05:35 PM

KS

“ *Peachy, as she was affectionately known, I am Karen next to the youngest of the siblings and she brought me so much joy, warmth and love unconditionally. I will always remember my sisters who have passed on. They added special affects to me growing into a young woman. I pray that the gates of heaven, open with angels escorting her to the resting place, selected by our Lord and Savior. REST IN PEACE-MY SWEETIE. LOVE, Karen & Nephew- Michael*



Karen Waters, Sister - June 16, 2024 at 04:28 PM