

Obituary

Gloria B. Waters, 95 Years of age, entered into eternal life on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Also known as Gee Gee, Gloria was born and raised in Harlem, NY and resided most of her adult life in upper Manhattan and The Bronx. Over the last 20 years she lived with her daughter, April, in White Plains, NY until she moved to Sunrise Senior Living in Mount Vernon, NY.

Gloria Banda was born in New York City on December 6, 1922 to Beatrice Demby and Kalu Banda. She attended local elementary and junior high schools and graduated from Julia Richman High School. After high school, Gloria worked for the United States Post Office where she met the love of her life, Lorie Waters. She and Lorie married at St. Charles Borromeo Church and were together for 51 years. They had three children, Gloriana (Ginger), Lonnie and April.

While raising her children, Gloria was a home maker. She managed the household finances and became quite adept at stretching the budget to provide all that the family needed. She eventually took a part time job at Alexander's distribution center where she also honed her excellent shopping skills. Soon after, she began working full time for the New York City department of Human Services, from which she retired in 1985. After retiring, Gloria held a part time job in the Nursing department at Lehman College.

Gee Gee was a social, fun-loving soul – the consummate diva. She enjoyed traveling, especially on cruises with her closest friends. She loved parties (or “affairs,” as she called them) and was never happier than when listening to the Gospelites at St. Charles 9:30 Mass. Gee Gee always sat left of the altar with her friend of over 60, years Doris Wilson.

Gloria was pre-deceased by her husband Lorie and her son, Lonnie. She is survived by her daughters, Ginger and April, her son-in-law Michael, her grand-daughters, Tahra, Jacci and Shannon, her nephew Marlon, grand-nephew Marlon, grand-niece April, and grandson-in-law, Alex. She also leaves behind a cadre of lifelong friends and acquaintances. She will be truly missed by all.

Order of Service

Gathering Hymn	Stronghold
Greeting	
Processional Hymn	Every Praise
Opening Prayer	Reverend Gregory C. Chisholm, SJ

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading	Isaiah 40: 28-3 Shannon Jeffries
Responsorial	Shepherd Me Oh Lord
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1 Jacci Jeffries

Gospel Acclamation

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Homily	Reverend Gregory C. Chisholm, SJ
General Intercessions	Tahra Grant-Gale

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn	Safe in His Arms
Communion Hymn	Delivered
Communion Meditation	Hold to His Hand
Remembrances	Ginger Waters/April Jeffries

Commendation

Recessional Hymn	After This
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God's Call

God looked around his garden
And found an empty space
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful
For he only takes the best
He knew that you were suffering
He knew that you were in pain
He knew you would never get well
Upon this earth again
He saw the roads were getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb
So he closed your weary eyes
And whispered "peace be thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home

Author: Unknown

The Waters, Jeffries and Banda families wish to express their appreciation for your kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. We'd especially like to thank St. Charles Borromeo Church, the Gospelites and the Mark Howell Singers.

We Celebrate the Life of

Gloria Waters

"Gee Gee"

Birth December 6, 1922

Transition May 8, 2018



Service: May 18, 2018
7:00pm

St. Charles Borromeo Church
211 West 141st Street, New York, New York 10030

Reverend Gregory C. Chisholm, SJ