



Gloria Byrd

February 5, 1937 - December 10, 2024

Gloria Byrd was born February 5, 1937 in Thomasville, AL to L. J. and Susie (Adams) Johnson. She graduated from Alabama State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She taught at Krug Elementary and Beaupre Elementary, as well as St. Charles Boy's Home.

Gloria was baptized at a young age at Williams Temple CME Church in Thomasville, AL and was currently a member of Main Baptist Church in Aurora, IL.

She was united in holy matrimony to Marvin C. Byrd and they were the parents of five children. Her memberships included, the Aurora Actionaires, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

Gloria is fondly remembered for her sweet and caring spirit and for her graciousness. She was the exemplification of Christ likeness-a true vessel. She often filled the air with her singing and humming as she walked around the house singing "Precious Lord" and "Beyond the Sunset." She loved the Lord JESUS above all.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her devoted husband, Marvin C. Byrd of Aurora, IL; her children, Shaunilia Byrd of Aurora, IL, Ivan Byrd of Elgin, IL, Marva Swanigan and Darryl Anthony Byrd, both of Michigan; her sister, Sallye

Howard of Thomasville, AL; two sisters-in-law, Gloria (Morris) Seltzer of Macon, GA and Irene Byrd of Bermuda Dunes, CA, and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by a son, Dwayne Byrd and two sisters, Betty Johnson and Arenjia Knight.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

414 N. River Street
Montgomery, IL 60535

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Main Baptist Church
814 East Galena Blvd.
Aurora, IL 60505

Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Mr Marvin Byrd & family:
My sincere prayers and condolences are with you all. I am saddened to hear of the passing of a sweet, caring, & gentle woman such as Mrs Byrd. She & Mr Byrd were former longtime members of our Broadview Missionary Baptist Church. May God's comfort, strength, and peace be with you always R.I.P. Mrs Byrd!

Annie Prince

Annie Prince - March 08, 2025 at 02:51 PM

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“ To the Byrd Family (Mr Byrd, Shaunailia, etc): I relocated from Illinois back in 2008. I just found out today about the passing of much-beloved Mrs Byrd. What a VERY sweet and soft-spoken lady whom I met at Broadview Baptist Church and visited her home (and as well as yours, Shaunailia, back in 2007). I send condolences to you all.

Her spirit lives on for as long as the many hearts that loved her live.



Angela Youree

Angela Mashallah - March 07, 2025 at 05:03 PM

JF

“ JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Gloria Byrd



JOANN FORD-BOX - December 19, 2024 at 05:01 PM

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“ I am so saddened to hear this. Mrs Byrd was my Kindergarten teacher in the 70s at Krug. She was such a special person. When my father passed away in 2011 she came to the wake. She remembered my families name and came to see us. My sincere condolences to her family and friends. The world has lost a good one. Rest in peace with Jesus, Mrs Byrd.

Sue Denell Zyla - December 18, 2024 at 01:08 PM

RC

“ Soror Byrd was an awesome woman. The wisdom she shared was simply beautiful. My heartfelt sympathy to her family. Soror Ruby Chapman.



RUBY M CHAPMAN - December 17, 2024 at 07:58 AM

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“ From the Family of W. Olin Byrd Sr. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Gloria Byrd.



From the Family of W. Olin Byrd Sr. - December 17, 2024 at 01:05 AM

