



## Gloria F. Gaines

March 12, 1940 - February 11, 2025

Gloria F. Gaines, 84, of Pryor, passed away on February 11, 2025. She was born on March 12, 1940, in Huntsville, Arkansas, and dedicated much of her life to caring for others as a medical assistant. In November 1961, Gloria married the love of her life, William Junior Gaines, and they shared a wonderful marriage until his passing in 2008. Together, they served as ministers for 38 years, passionately spreading God's word and touching many lives along the way. Gloria worked for St. Francis for a few years in Tulsa before moving to Arkansas, where she spent two decades working at Northwest Medical Center. Beyond her profession, she embraced life with a quick wit and a love for simple joys—fishing, quilting, and finding treasures at garage sales, always negotiating for the best deal. After the passing of William, she married Otis Griffith, and together they spent countless hours at the senior center in Springdale, Arkansas, playing bingo and making cherished memories. For the past five years, Gloria found great joy and community at Extreme Church. She loved unconditionally, with her whole heart, and was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her love and faith were unwavering, and her legacy of kindness, laughter, and devotion will forever be cherished by those who knew her.

Gloria is survived by her sons, Donny Gaines and Cindy of Cleora, OK, and Ronnie Gaines and Mylisa of Pryor, OK; her daughter, Twila Gaines and Macklyn Gaines of Pryor, OK; her brothers, Winford Phillips and Linda of

Springdale, AR, and Tommy Phillips and Ann of Springdale, AR. She was a proud grandmother to Will Gaines and Carli, Chris Gaines and Madison, Cassandra Moore and Aaron, Bo Gaines and Bailey, Kimberlyn Herndon and Daniel, Corbin Stephens, Madison Stephens, Kolbie Stephens and Lacy Eads. She was also blessed with nine great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Sherwood and Velma Phillips, and husbands, William Junior Gaines, and Otis Griffith.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 15, 2025, at Extreme Church in Pryor. A private family burial will follow the service in Arkansas with her grandsons serving as casket bearers. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 14, 2025, at Shipman's Funeral Home. To leave her family a message, please visit her Tribute Wall at [www.shipmansfuneralhome.com](http://www.shipmansfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Shipman's Funeral & Cremation Service

# Tribute Wall

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“ Winford Earl and Tommy, I am so sorry to hear of your sister's passing. Wishing you comfort in the days to come.

Pattie Shinn - February 14, 2025 at 01:59 PM

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“ I will always remember Gloria as a lovely lady who shared her talents and her love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. A wonderful example for all of us to follow.

Danelle Carpenter

Danelle Carpenteer - February 14, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with the family.

Dorothy Dyer - February 14, 2025 at 10:19 AM

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“ Gloria was a good friend of John and me when she went to Faith Baptist church in Elm Springs. we loved to hear her sing . prayers for the family. Ollie Hollowell

OLLIE HOLLOWELL - February 14, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ To each of the family, children and spouses and brothers and wives, May the Lord wrap His arms of love around each of you, Gloria know me my whole life as our mothers were close friends. I enjoyed knowing her and counted her as a friend. May each of you allow the Lord to wrap His arms of love around you during this difficult time.

Alvin L Herrington - February 13, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ *Alvin L Herrington lit a candle in memory of Gloria Gaines* ”



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**Alvin L Herrington** - February 13, 2025 at 06:04 PM