

If flowers grow in heaven,  
Lord, then pick a bunch for me.  
Then place them in  
my mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me.

Tell her that I love and miss her  
and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for awhile.

### *His Arms* By: Yahs

I stepped into my Savior Arms  
— as I sang a sweet song

I knew that no weapon could  
do me any harm, so

I went gently into his arms

On this side — many are the  
afflictions of the righteous

But in his arms — there is  
safety from all harm

Just to let you know — I am talking  
about my Savior, Jesus Christ

Because I am leaned  
on the Everlasting Arm

He Promised to Provide,  
Comfort, Love, Protect

What arms do you know that  
are better suited than these?

That's why I stepped into his arms  
and now I am safe from all harm

Some may say that Sickness took me away

But I know that I stepped into my  
Savior's Arm, at the end of my song

So Rejoice for me — because now I am free  
and no weapon can do me any harm

I just stepped into my savior's arm  
and now I am safe from all harm

### *Don't Cry for Me* By: Yahs

Don't Cry for Me  
For my redemption is here

For I will always be near —  
in your heart, thoughts and memories

So never fear — Let my  
teachings guide you —  
let my laughs comfort you,  
and tears instruct you

And we will always be Dear —  
So, Don't Cry for Me

On that great and glorious day —  
We will meet again — some day

So wipe your tears,  
because you are still dear

And I will always be near in  
your thoughts and dreams

Because I am Mother Dear

Why should you worry,  
why should you fear

You will always see me in  
your thoughts and your dreams

Don't ever Fear —  
Jesus will always be near

Just remember that on  
that Great and Glorious Day

We will meet again—  
someday — So wipe your tears

Look Up — your Redemption is Near

### *Active Pallbearers*

Dominic Sullivan

Greg Pittman

Johnnie Jackson

Rohan Wright

### *Flower Bearers*

Latoya Degraffred

Stacy Degraffred

Monique Hill

Larhonda Maiten

### *Interment*

Restlawn North

### *Repast*

Bonos Community Center

5903 Norwood Ave.

Jacksonville, Florida 32208

### *Services Entrusted To*

TS Warden Funeral Home

4315 Main Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32206

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# *Homegoing Celebration* FOR *Gloria Jean Dear*



*Sunrise*  
DECEMBER 19, 1953



*Sunset*  
JUNE 15, 2019

Saturday, June 22, 2019 | 11:00am  
The Church 320 | 8601 Youngerman Ct  
Jacksonville, Florida 32244  
Apostle A.D. Meeks, Officiating Pastor  
The Awakening Power of God's Word Ministries



# Reflections OF LIFE

Gloria Jean Dear was born on December 19, 1953, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Earnest Dear, Sr. and Myra B. Dear. Gloria confessed Christ at an early age and was baptized at Greater Sweet Home Baptist Church in Chicago, IL (Rev. Andrew Kelly). Gloria served in the renowned Greater Sweet Home Mass Choir under the vocal tutelage of Mary Westbrook and the late Cutis Kelly. During her tenure in Chicago, IL, Gloria attended Dusable Leadership Academy and later graduated from Three Rivers High School; where she met and united in matrimony to BJ Vaughn of Three Rivers, Michigan. To this union was born a son, SirEarnest Dear. Gloria later furthered her studies at Malcolm X College in Chicago, IL and as her life progressed - she raised her family: Misako, Earnest, Lamar, and Glovita; served in ministry; while working until retirement.

Gloria's love for Christ led her to relocate her family to Atlanta, Georgia. She joined Disciples of Christ Ministry under the leadership of Apostle A.D. Meeks. Gloria continued to grow in the faith and flourished in her walk with Christ; she received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and strived to live a life pleasing unto the Lord. A little thereafter - Gloria moved to Jacksonville, Florida and continued with the Awakening Power of God's Word's Ministry. Gloria was an active participant/leader in various functions of ministry: choir, Praise Team Leader, Intercessory Prayer, the Prophetic, Single's Ministry, and was later ordained as a Minister of the Gospel until she was called home to be with the Lord. Gloria loved the lord and will be missed by her loved ones. Most will never forget her beautiful smile, her singing, vivacious, infectious laugh, and her love for family. In all these things - we declare, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8.

Gloria is preceded in death by her father, Earnest Dear Sr. and her mother, Myra B. Dear, two brothers Nathaniel Smith, and Earnest Dear Jr., two sisters Pastor Bessie Weddington, Pastor Bertha Colbert, and one son Lamar Dear.

She leaves to cherish her memories, three children: Misako Dear-Bloomfield (Wayne) of Gainesville, Ga, Sir Earnest Dear of Jacksonville, Florida, and Glovita Dear of Jacksonville, Florida. Six sisters: Co-Pastor L.B. Meeks (Apostle A.D.) of Jacksonville, Florida; Dorothy Dear of Atlanta, Ga; Dora Campbell of North Las Vegas, NV; Maria Dear-Rumph (Lamarila) of Atlanta, Ga; Dianna Jennings (Pastor Rickey) of Allegan, MI; and one brother, Jesse Dear (Emma). Nine Grandchildren: Dewayne Bloomfield, Briana Bloomfield, Patrick Brown, Daquan Bloomfield, India Gibson, Iyanna Brown, Kylen Wiliams, Zanayla Dear, and Justin Lavant; four great-grandchildren. Three Life Long Friends: Diann Holmes- Rufus (William), Sandra Hooper, and Shirley Hill-Hall (Larry). Three-extended children: She'lia Cooks-Cody (Ervin), Gregory Pittman, Dominic Sullivan, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.



## Order of Service

Processional of Songs. . . . . The Church 320

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament . . . . . Elder Raymond Williams  
New Testament. . . . . Elder Reginald Goodman

Prayer. . . . . Pastor Rickey Jennings

Musical Selection. . . . . She'lia Cooks- Cody  
The Church 320 Choir

Who is Minister Gloria Jean Dear?. . . . . SirEarnest Dear

Acknowledgements of Cards and Condolences. . . . .

Eulogy. . . . . Apostle A.D. Meeks  
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Recessional

