



Gloria H. May

June 11, 1938 - May 21, 2024

Gloria (Hunter) May, age 85, died in the glorious peace of her deep faith on May 21, 2024. Cherished mother of Gary S. May (LeShelle R.), Davis, CA, and Angela May, St. Louis. She was the beloved grandmother of Simone May, Houston TX (fiancé Adam Williams), and Jordan May, Atlanta GA; sister to Harrison G. Hunter III (Annette), University City MO, and brother-in-law, Richard Watkins, St. Louis; and aunt to two nieces, three nephews; six great-nieces and one great-nephew. Preceded in death by her former husband, Warren May Jr.; her sister, Marlene Watkins; her parents, Harrison George Hunter Jr. and Alice Wilford Hunter; and her grandparents, including Lena Wilford Butler.

Born in St. Louis on June 11, 1938, she graduated from Sumner High School and in 1955, was among the first five Black women from St. Louis to integrate the University of Missouri-Columbia. She earned her B.S. in elementary education and a B.A. in early education. She married on Nov. 5, 1960. She joined the St. Louis City Public Schools in 1960 and taught first and second grades primarily at Clark Elementary, 1020 N. Union, in a 40-year career. She was known as a remarkable catalyst on the journey toward success for thousands of students.

Her many honors included the 1986 Apple for the Teacher award from Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., Alpha Zeta Chapter. She was a devoted daughter,

sister, wife, grandmother, friend and role model. She was a lifelong member of Union Memorial United Methodist Church. She lived her life in service to others and to God. Although officially recognized as Mother of the Year by Phi Delta Kappa in 1985, she was mother of the year to Gary and Angela every year from 1964 until her passing.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road
St Louis, MO 63133

Tribute Wall



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Gloria H. May.*



June 01, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ *The Edwards Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria H. May.*

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“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gloria H. May.*



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