



Mrs. Gloria J. Watkins - Curvey

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On Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, God in his infinite wisdom and love received Gloria Watkins-Curvey to join her parents, sister, and husband who all preceded her in death. Affectionately known as “Gopa” by most of her family, she was a proud mother, aunt, sister, cousin, and friend.

Gloria was born in Crockett, Texas where she attended local schools there. In 1960, shortly after her mother moved to Houston, she and her sister reunited with their mother in the big city. Gloria transferred to Jack Yates, in the heart of 3rd Ward in Houston, Texas and fell in love with the city.

After graduating in 1962 and Texas Southern University (1967) where she majored in Home Economics, and began attending bible study with led by a campus minister named Bill Lawson. After graduating from college, she began her lifelong love of education by becoming an elementary teacher, and she became a member of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church. She taught at a number of schools including but not limited to Dodson Elementary, Frederick Douglass Elementary, and Houston Community College. During her time of teaching, she met and married Marshall Watkins. From that union, her only son, Sean, was born.

Years and many seasons later, Gloria would meet and marry John B. Curvey. The stories from these two brought laughter for everyone they came in touch with. After 12 years of marriage, John passed and Gloria continued to be matriarch, voice, and influence in her family that she loved so dearly and deeply. As her health continued to decline, her last two years were spent with her son, Sean, in Austin before her passing. Gone but never forgotten, she referenced daily her son, her family, the city of Houston, and Wheeler Avenue—all of which she held closely in her heart.

She was preceded in death by both parents, T.A. Rhoder and Betty Jean LaRue Gilmore; her younger sister, Betsy,; and her late husband John B. Curvey. She leaves to cherish her memory her son Sean, sisters Cynthia and Kay, nephew Jesse Jefferson, Jr., niece Leslie (Curtis) Iles, and a litany of close cousins and friends.




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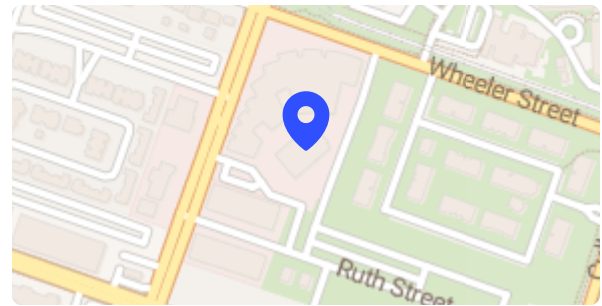
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Visitation

 **Thursday**, April 3, 2025


 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM CT


 **Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church**
3826 Wheeler Avenue, Houston TX 77004

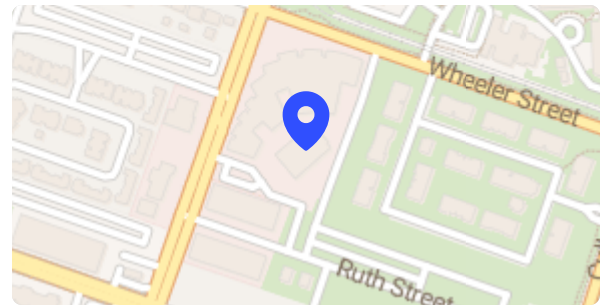


Celebration of Life Service


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Cemetery Details

 **Houston National Cemetery**
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr, Houston TX 77038



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Mabrie Memorial Mortuary shared the funeral program for Mrs. Gloria J. Watkins - Curvey.

April 3 at 7:44 AM



Meka Hunt posted:

Cousin Gopa I love you and will miss you. Thank You for you unwavering love and support. I will miss your sense of humor, your laugh, and your wisdom talks about life. Rest in Peace and thank you for teaching me about fashion, clothes, and how to cook.

March 26 at 1:33 AM



Shireen Brathwaite posted:

Mrs. Gloria will never be forgotten. She was smart, fierce, beautiful, and loved deeply. Her legacy lives on strong in you, Sean, her son! Will miss her funny comments and warm heart.

March 25 at 5:48 PM



Angelia Holmes posted:

We love you Aunt Gopa. Rest in Peace. Love, Benny and Angelia Holmes. Drake, Kali, and Trae. 🙏

March 25 at 3:39 PM



Jesselyn Reese April 2 at 4:35 AM

Condolences to the Rhoder-Watkins-Curvey Family, and special blessings to Sean, Gopa's earthly joy. Beautiful Gopa, rest in Peace. 🙏 Jesselyn Box-Reese



Angelia posted:

My sweet auntie. The memories we have will carry us through these grieving times. Her laugh was infectious, especially when she laughed at her own jokes! She loved me so much and always reminded me of how special I am. Our last conversation was the best! Rest easy Aunt Gopa. Love you beyond the moon and the stars. 😊🙏🙏🙏

March 25 at 3:32 PM



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Sean Watkins posted:

Love you, mom. Always.

March 24 at 7:56 AM



Orlesher Bell May 2 at 5:56 AM

Rest in peace Mrs. Curvey. I knew you as Mrs. Watkins my third grade teacher at Frost Elementary. To Sean, please stay strong. Hold your head up high! You are in my prayers.



Melba Martell March 25 at 4:05 PM

Gloria my Derest sister-friend...you will always be a part of my cherished memories. My heart is truly heavy with grief. We will meet again in glory with God. Rest peacefully in heaven. I love you. Melba Martell



Leslie Iles March 25 at 2:40 PM

I love ❤️ you to the moon and beyond Aunt Gopa. Kiss my mom for me.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gloria by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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