



George Eddie Gladman, Jr

October 12, 1933 - February 22, 2020

On Saturday, February 22, 2020, the Lord called another soul from earthly labor to heavenly reward. George Eddie Gladman, Jr. quietly took his last breath at Agape Hospice House. Born October 12, 1933, in Columbia, South Carolina, he was the third of six children born to the late George Sr. and Sarah Feggins Gladman.

Educated in Richland County Public Schools, he was a 1954 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. George went on to Allen University and in 1958 earned a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education. After graduation, he worked in several Columbia area schools before leaving to become the Athletics Director at Kittrell Junior College in Kittrell, North Carolina, where he also coached the football and basketball teams.

While at Kittrell, George met and married the former Montrose Burks. To this union, three children were born: Charnita, Tijuana, and Christopher.

George worked as a teacher in both the Charleston and Beaufort County school districts. In 1968, he broke color barriers when he began working as a driver for Greyhound Bus Lines, which allowed him to visit many new locations across the country. One of the first three Black drivers hired by Greyhound nationally, George not only drove the regularly scheduled passenger routes, but he also drove charter routes for teams, bands, and

church groups (this was prior to independent charter bus companies). George continued working for Greyhound and Southeastern Stages (who purchased Greyhound) until his retirement in the 1990s; additionally, he drove charter buses all over the country. George also worked in Richland County School District Two.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by two siblings: a sister, W. Pearl Gladman, and a brother, William D. Gladman.

He leaves to cherish precious memories his three children: Charnita (Clarke) Patterson of Blythewood, South Carolina, Tijuana Gladman of Columbia, and Christopher Gladman of Orangeburg, South Carolina; two sisters: Hattie Mae Barclay of Washington, DC, and Cora G. Pugh of Columbia; one brother Ervin L. (Daisy) Gladman of Columbia; loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and other relatives and friends who will miss him.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens of Columbia

Columbia, SC

Previous Events

Family Visitation

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
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Public Viewing

FEB 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *George Eddie Gladman, Jr*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *I remember George Jr. well from our first family reunion in Columbia in 1994, he had great sence of humor. As one of the first Black drivers at Greyhound Bus Lines, and overcoming the obstacle of that journey, his contributions to our history are appreciated. Our deepest condolences to the Gladman family, you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Rest in peace George Jr.

Karl Brown



Kip - February 27, 2020 at 01:34 PM



Yvonne
Johnson

“ *Yvonne Johnson lit a candle in memory of
George Eddie Gladman, Jr*



Yvonne Johnson - February 27, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Eddie Gladman, Jr.*



February 26, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ *Sorry o hear about the passing of Mr. Gladman i knew his brother William and i know his daughters i went to school with them. The family is in my prayers take your rest Mr. Gladman.*

Lincoln Lawton - February 26, 2020 at 07:13 AM



“ *the Columbia DO Wage Hour family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George Eddie Gladman, Jr.*



the Columbia DO Wage Hour family - February 25, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ *The Johnson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George Eddie Gladman, Jr.*



The Johnson Family - February 25, 2020 at 11:41 AM

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“ *Alvarez Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue
for the family of George Eddie Gladman, Jr.*



Alvarez Family - February 24, 2020 at 07:34 PM