



## Mrs. Mary Virginia King Gist

July 15, 1924 - August 16, 2016

Mrs. Mary Virginia King Gist was born in Columbia, South Carolina, on July 15, 1924, to the late Ralph King Sr. and Victoria Roberts and departed this earthly life on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at Providence Hospital. She attended Waverly Elementary School and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1942.

Mrs. Gist was a member of Chappelle Memorial A.M.E. Church for over sixty (60) years, serving as a faithful Chancellor Choir member, class leader, and Trustee Emeritus. Mrs. Gist was also instrumental in starting the church's Floral Club. In 1979 she was chosen Woman of the Year at Chappelle Memorial A.M.E. Church, and she was also recognized by the Columbia District Lay Organization as a 2014 Unsung Hero.

Mrs. Gist retired from McKesson Pharmaceutical Company in 1979 after more than thirty (30) years of service in a variety of capacities. She was also a dedicated Fairwold Precinct Poll Worker for over twenty-five (25) years. Mrs. Gist was also involved in several community clubs within her neighborhood. Her favorite pastime activities were gardening, cooking and traveling.

Mrs. Gist was a member of several Prince Hall Affiliated Masonic organizations, to include the Queen Esther Chapter Number One: Order of the Eastern Star, The Cairo Court Number 125, and the C.C. Johnson Assembly Number One: Order of the Golden Circle (Charter Member) ( Past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler).

Mrs. Gist was married to Mr. Lomas Gist Sr., who preceded her in death in

2012; they were married for seventy-one (71) years. She was also preceded in death by her brother Ralph King Jr., and sisters Cecilia King, and Vermell King Hazzard.

Mrs. Gist leaves to cherish her precious memories her two children: Lomas (Walla) Gist, Jr. of Elgin, SC, and Patricia Gist Coleman of Columbia, SC; five grandchildren: Ronald (Natalia) Coleman, Anthony (Shineka) Gist, Lomas Gist III, Anita James, and Donna Coleman-Barr; nine great-grandchildren: Bryan, Anthony Jamal, Alexander, Christopher, Amanda, Summer (Kevin), Taylor, and Breelyn; and one great-great-grandson Ethan. She also leaves to mourn her death two nieces: Sandra (Paul) Hill of Tuskegee, Alabama, and Jeanette (Alton) Tucker of Manassas, Virginia; five brothers-in-law; and seven sisters-in-law.

# Cemetery Details

**Gates of Heaven**

## Previous Events

### **Masonic Rites**

AUG **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

### **Public Viewing**

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chappelle Memorial AME Church

### **Celebration of Life**

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chappelle Memorial AME Church

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Virginia King Gist*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *We share your loss as we remember a beautiful lady. To God be the Glory for a life well lived!*  
*Mrs. Carrie R. Nelson and Family*

**YVonne Means** - August 23, 2016 at 10:41 PM



“ *Ira Keels Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Virginia King Gist*



**Ira Keels Scott** - August 22, 2016 at 10:20 AM



“ *Thernell, Ira, Gail And Khari Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Virginia King Gist*



**Thernell, Ira, Gail and Khari Scott** - August 22, 2016 at 10:19 AM

GS

“Precious in the sight of The Lord is the death of His saints.” (Psalm 116:15. kjv).

*Gardenia S. Sligh*



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**Gardenia sligh** - August 22, 2016 at 07:17 AM

FF

“Free-Washington-Fanning Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Virginia King Gist



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**Free-Washington-Fanning Family** - August 21, 2016 at 08:53 PM

CP

“Catherine Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Virginia King Gist



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**Catherine Palmer** - August 21, 2016 at 08:45 PM

SF

*With love and sympathy!*

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**Sister Catherine A. Palmer & Family** - August 21, 2016 at 08:55 PM

TH

“ Hi Pat  
Sorry to hear about your loss. I will always have sweet memories of  
your mom. May God  
bless you and your family. Tenna

Tenna Hayes - August 20, 2016 at 07:54 PM

JN

“ Pat, we are so sorry to learn of the passing of  
your Mom. May she rest in peace!

Jerome & Pat Noble



Jerome & Pat Noble - August 20, 2016 at 06:15 AM

EK

Pat, our prayers are with you and your family, We are only a phone call  
away. Evelyn Taylor Kershaw

Evelyn Taylor Kershaw - August 21, 2016 at 02:40 PM

CC

“ Catherine A. Catherine lit a candle in memory  
of Mrs. Mary Virginia King Gist



Catherine A. Catherine - August 19, 2016 at 02:34 PM

LR

“ I MET MRS. GIST IN 1973 AT THE PRINCE  
HALL GRAND LODGE:  
SHE WAS THEN, AND CONTINUED TO BE,  
A LADY OF SINCERITY, ELEGANCE  
AND GENUINE COMPASSION FOR  
EVERYONE SHE CAME IN CONTACT WITH:  
THE LAST TIME WE SPOKE WAS AT THE FUNERAL OF MRS.  
RIVERS AT CHAPELLE:  
DR.GIST WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL PER MY APPOINTMENT  
AS A GRAND LODGE  
OFFICER ASSISTING BROTHER OTIS RIVERS:  
WE PRAY THEY BOTH REST IN PEACE :  
LEON N.& VIRGINIA RICHBURG,SR  
SUMMERTON,SOUTH CAROLINA



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**LEON N. RICHBURG,SR** - August 19, 2016 at 09:57 AM