



## Mrs. Montrose Burks Gladman

November 25, 1937 - December 13, 2023

Montrose Burks Gladman was the fourth child of six born to Carl Albert Sr. and Carrie Cook Burks in Wytheville, VA. Montrose departed this life on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at the home of her daughter. She was the last surviving sibling.

Montrose Burks attended Wytheville Training School and graduated, with honors, from Scott Memorial High School in 1954 where she excelled as a basketball player. Montrose attended Kittrell Junior College in Kittrell, NC and graduated with an Associate Degree in Business in 1956. After graduation she worked for the President of the college.

She married George Gladman, Jr. and moved to Columbia, SC. Montrose was the mother of three extraordinary children, Charnita, Tijuana and Christopher. Montrose's career included, in 1962, working as the secretary to the principal of Burke High School in Charleston, SC and Administrative Assistant to the President of Benedict College 1964-1968; Secretary to the Principal of W. A. Perry Middle School 1968-1975. She returned to Benedict College as the Secretary to the Personnel Director 1975-1980, and she worked in the Registrar's office 1980 – 1999. Montrose retired from Benedict College in December 1999.

Montrose joined Chappelle Memorial AME Church in the late 1960s where she became a member of the Floral Club and served on the Usher Board, Trustee Board and the Pitch-Ins. Montrose was also selected as the 1994 Woman of the Year. In 1977, she volunteered to play the piano for the

Children's Choir and helped organize the first Children's Choir Concert. She later began playing piano for the Chancel Choir, the Voices of Chappelle, and the Contemporary Voices of Chappelle. Montrose continued to serve faithfully as the pianist in Chappelle Memorial AME Church until her retirement January 25, 2015.

Montrose loved music and played saxophone as a member of a local band along with several of her high school buddies in Wytheville, VA. She always said what they lacked in talent, they made up for in enthusiasm! Montrose's God-given talent was playing the piano by ear since the age of five. She enjoyed playing and being of service to the Lord. Her other hobbies included listening to music, sewing, reading, and dancing. Montrose loved to line dance and did so with the Shepherd Center of Eau Claire. The group regularly performed at the SC State Fair.

In addition to her parents, Montrose was predeceased by her five siblings: Carl Jr., George, Mary Elizabeth, Thomas, and Robert. She is survived by her three loving children, Charnita Gladman of Blythewood, SC, Tijuana Gladman of Columbia, SC and Christopher Gladman of Orangeburg, SC., her 105-year-old aunt, Clara Ruth Burks and her special cousins: Tanis Stewart, Natalie Matthews, Gordan Wheeler, Patricia Cowan-Seaton and Rosalind Lee. She will also be remembered by her sisters-in-law, Hattie M. Barclay and Cora Pugh, brother-in-law, Ervin Gladman, a host of nieces and nephews in Virginia, South Carolina, District of Columbia, Maryland, Detroit and Georgia as well as countless children she "adopted" who lovingly call her Momma G.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **19**. 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>

*Family will be receiving visitors from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.*

## Lie in State

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chappelle Memorial AME Church  
1101 Pine St  
Columbia, SC 29205-1051  
(803) 254-7911

## Homegoing Celebration

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Chappelle Memorial AME Church  
1101 Pine St  
Columbia, SC 29205-1051  
(803) 254-7911

## Interment

DEC **20**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Gardens of Columbia SC 29203  
9301 Wilson Blvd  
Columbia, SC 29203

# Tribute Wall

FR

“ *FRANCES REED sent a virtual gift in memory of Montrose Burks Gladman*



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**FRANCES M. REED** - December 24, 2023 at 01:54 AM

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“ *FRANCES REED lit a candle in memory of Montrose Burks Gladman*



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**FRANCES M. REED** - December 24, 2023 at 12:10 AM

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“ *FRANCES REED lit a candle in memory of Montrose Burks Gladman*



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**FRANCES M. REED** - December 23, 2023 at 12:58 AM

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“ *We send our heartfelt condolences to Charnita, Tijuana, and Chris and all who loved Mrs. Gladman. Her beautiful smile and sweet spirit will be greatly missed by her family and friends. From the Lewis family.*

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**Christi L. Lewis** - December 21, 2023 at 10:46 PM

PM

“ *Sending my condolences to all the Gladman family*

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**Patsy Coleman Major** - December 20, 2023 at 11:33 AM

NB

“ *Nancy & Hal E. Bracey sent a virtual gift in memory of Montrose Burks Gladman*



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**Nancy Brevard-Bracey & Hal E. Bracey** - December 20, 2023 at 07:10 AM

RC

“ *Rev. and Mrs. Timothy Cokley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Montrose Burks Gladman.*



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**Rev. and Mrs. Timothy Cokley** - December 18, 2023 at 11:23 PM

VA

“ *Victor Alvarez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Montrose Burks Gladman.*



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**Victor Alvarez** - December 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM

VA

“ Victor Alvarez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Montrose Burks Gladman.

Victor Alvarez - December 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM

CH

“ Carla Howard lit a candle in memory of Montrose Burks Gladman



Carla Burks Howard - December 17, 2023 at 09:55 PM

JF

“ Johnson Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Montrose Burks Gladman.



Johnson Family - December 17, 2023 at 02:34 PM

JF

“ Johnson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Montrose Burks Gladman.

Johnson Family - December 17, 2023 at 02:34 PM

TS

“ Our prayers are with the Gladman family at this difficult time.

Tyrone and Gayle Singleton - December 17, 2023 at 12:47 PM

TS

“ Tyrone Gayle Singleton lit a candle in memory of Montrose Burks Gladman



Tyrone and Gayle Singleton - December 17, 2023 at 12:45 PM

PM

*Sending my condolences to the Gladman family*

Patsy Coleman Major - December 20, 2023 at 10:31 PM

PM

*Sending my condolences to all the Gladman family*

Patsy Coleman Major - December 22, 2023 at 10:04 AM

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*SENDING LOVE AND PRAYERS TO THE GLADMAN FAMILY. I'LL ALWAYS LOVE AND REMEMBER MRS. GLADMAN.*

FRANCES M. REED - December 23, 2023 at 12:56 AM

PM

*I have tried to send condolences to the Gladman family and it is not posted*

Patricia Major - January 01, 2024 at 10:24 AM