



## Ms Gloria Jean Rich

February 4, 1962 - July 27, 2023

Gloria Jean Rich was born February 4, 1962 in Fayetteville, North Carolina from the union of the late Deacon Lonnie Douglas Rich, Jr and Overseer Christine Rich. She entered her eternal rest on July 27, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia. Although she has physically departed, her legacy of love and compassion continues to live on in Jesus Christ through her family and friends. Her vibrant smile was the product of her faith-walk in God. She had a deep passion for prayer, praise, and worship. She had joy in sharing with others the blessings of her grandchildren, children, and family. Gloria was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend.

Her dedication within the medical field was always seen with dignity, laughter, and grace. She loved working with children and adults as a Registered Respiratory Therapist. She began her career at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and Highsmith Rainey Memorial Hospital in Fayetteville, NC for eight years. In addition, she worked at Southern Regional Hospital in Lumberton, NC and at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford, NC. After leaving North Carolina, she moved to Atlanta, Georgia where she continued her career at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and at Atlanta Medical Center for 22 years. She retired and enjoyed spending quality time with her grandchildren, children, and family. Gloria had over 30 years of experience in providing respiratory healthcare service to the general public.

Her educational accomplishments are as follows: an Associate degree in Respiratory Technology at Fayetteville Technical Community College in N.C.,

a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology/Biology from the University of North Carolina at Winston-Salem, WSSU. While at WSSU, she became a member of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., whose vision is “for all women and their families to reach their full potential in all aspects of life globally through community service, civil service, and social action.” After college, she started her journey in the United States Army and received an Honorable Discharge. Gloria accomplished many things, but the ones she highly esteemed were her children and grandchildren accomplishments, singing, and praising God. She was always willing to listen and provide sound advice to others. She will be missed and will continuously be remembered as the Woman of God who loved the Lord with all of her heart.

Gloria was preceded in death by her grandparents Timon (Ella Mae) Melvin, Lonnie Douglas Sr (Clida Bell) Rich, her father Lonnie Douglas Rich Jr, and her sister in-love Jerniece Stocks. She leaves to cherish her son Pastor Michael Ray Fulton Jr (Felicia), her daughter Christina LaRay Fulton, her three grandchildren: Jeremiah Isaiah Douglas Fulton, Noah Malachi-Ray Fulton, and Emani Faith Fulton.

In addition, she leaves to cherish her mother Overseer Christine Rich, 4 sisters: Elderess Janice McBryde (Donald); Minister Crista Ann Melvin, Connie Jackson (Allen), and Yolanda Mechelle Davis. Also, five brothers: Overseer Elder Sidney Leroy Melvin (Delphine), Roosevelt Edward Stocks, Lonnie D. Rich III, Kenneth Rich, and Kayron Quentin Demetrius Rich (Yaddie). Lastly, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Funeral

AUG 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Burial

AUG 13 (ET)

Freewill Holy Mission Cemetery  
10268 Turnbull Rd  
Fayetteville, NC 28312

## Livestreaming

AUG 13.

Facebook: Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory-Fayetteville & Lumberton  
<https://www.facebook.com/ColvinFuneralHomeCORP/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms Gloria Jean Rich*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - August 08, 2023 at 03:11 PM



*I'll always remember loving you*

Geraldine Fulton - August 15, 2023 at 11:07 AM

CJ

“ *Carita Joyner lit a candle in memory of Ms Gloria Jean Rich*



Carita Joyner - October 11, 2023 at 08:30 PM

AR

“ *Overseer Christine, Minister Janice, Michelle and family we extend our prayers to you. My last memory of Gloria is a service we attended in South Carolina and Overseer Rich delivered. Powerful message. love you all Apostle Shirley Robinson and family*

Apostle Shirley Robinson - August 13, 2023 at 01:05 PM

CM

“ Cynthia Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Ms Gloria Jean Rich



Cynthia Mitchell - August 13, 2023 at 10:55 AM

CM

“ Gloria's dear family,thank you for sharing this most precious jewel with us.Beautiful memories are leaned upon as we remember the songs of Zion,Words of Inspiration and true friendship we received from you.....

Cynthia Mitchell - August 13, 2023 at 10:55 AM

CS

“ Chavis S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Ms Gloria Jean Rich.



Chavis S. - August 13, 2023 at 10:36 AM

DB

“ DR. Logan Brown lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rich



DR. Jennifer Logan Brown - August 12, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms Gloria Jean Rich.*



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August 11, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“ *Sending Condolences to the Rich family.  
Sincerely,  
Ms.J.Mcdoe*

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**Ms.J.Mcdoe** - August 11, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *Board Members of Upward Thrive Academy purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ms Gloria Jean Rich.*



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**Board Members of Upward Thrive Academy** - August 11, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Uncle Nathan Rich and family pray for comfort.*



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**Beverly Grayman-Rich** - August 10, 2023 at 08:52 PM

CA

“ *CarolGuillory lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rich*



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**CarolGuillory** - August 10, 2023 at 02:33 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Ms Gloria Jean Rich.*



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August 10, 2023 at 08:32 AM

AB

“ *I'm so sorry for your list. Actually I just found by looking at obituary but God is able to see you through. My prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Alice Barnes** - August 08, 2023 at 03:25 PM

GM

“ *Glenn McKeithan lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rich*



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**Glenn McKeithan** - August 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM

LW

“ *Well done woman of God. The graceful way that you lived and loved will impact all that knew you forever. Though I know that you are with the Lord, this world is a little less bright without you.*

lillian williams - August 08, 2023 at 10:29 AM

PD

“ *Pastor Dumas-Cook lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rich*



Pastor Cynthia Dumas-Cook - August 08, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Soror Gloria Jean Rich: Thank you for being a beacon of light in the community thru your dedication in the medical field. Your legacy of Sigma Gamma Rho sisterhood will continue to shine thru your niece, Soror LaSonja Nicole Melvin Hawkins. We thank you for being her introduction of the ladies of the blue & gold, and we are forever grateful. Respectfully, Soror Stacey Hargrove.*

Stacey Hargrove - August 07, 2023 at 06:18 PM

OF

“ *Odessa Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rich*



Odessa Ferguson - August 07, 2023 at 05:51 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Melvin-Dupree lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rich*



Deborah Melvin-Dupree - August 07, 2023 at 05:13 PM

DM

“ *Although she was younger than I; I remember her as a lovely young girl with a smile for everyone...we grew up in the same loving community. Condolences to the family.*

Deborah Melvin-Dupree - August 07, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ *Robert Melvin lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rich*



Robert Melvin - August 06, 2023 at 12:11 PM

KS

“ *Karen Spells lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rich*



Karen Spells - August 05, 2023 at 02:20 PM

MA

“ To: Danielle, Lanetta and Jennifer we are so sorry for the loss of your Auntie. We send our deepest condolences and prayers. Love Y'all  
♥ Rest In Peace Ms. Rich 🌹 From: Pam Alford-McDowell



Mary Alford-McDowell - August 04, 2023 at 12:34 AM

TS

“ Tracy Scott lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rich



Tracy Johnson Scott - August 03, 2023 at 05:41 PM

LM

“ Laura Avery Mitchener lit a candle in memory of Ms Gloria Jean Rich



Laura Avery Mitchener - August 03, 2023 at 01:01 PM