



Amanda C. Gilyard

April 15, 1936 - December 27, 2024

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Amanda Gilyard, affectionately known as “Angel” to family and friends, was born the thirteenth child of Reverend LeRoy Jefferson and Amanda Jefferson, on April 15, 1936, in Winter Park, Florida.

Amanda attended Hannibal Elementary School in Winter Park, Florida. She graduated from Hungerford High School in Eatonville, Florida. She furthered her education at Florida A&M University.

Amanda loved children. Her love for youth was the fuel that inspired her to work with children, molding many young lives for OCPS (Orange County Public Schools). Students lovingly referred to her as “Grandma” and she happily embraced that name. She provided love, guidance, education, clothes, shoes, and food, touching many young lives as a Teacher’s Aide, for many years until her retirement.

On July 16, 1955, Amanda married the love of her life, George Gilyard. The

two remained lovingly married for sixty-nine (69) years.

Amanda enjoyed spending time with her family, playing bingo, dancing, and attending church events.

On December 27, 2024, Amanda transitioned from Earth to Glory and rests peacefully in the arms of Jesus.

She was preceded in death by her firstborn Daughter, Sabring Gilyard; Father, Reverend LeRoy Jefferson; and Mother, Amanda Jefferson, Siblings: C.C. Jefferson, Namon Jefferson, Ethel Lee Jefferson, Robert Jefferson, Thelma Jefferson (Clark), Dorothy Jefferson (Benton), David Jefferson, Lennora Jefferson (Graham), Roberta Jefferson (Fayson), Leonard Jefferson, and Daisy Jefferson;

Amanda leaves to mourn her passing...her devoted Husband of more than 69 years, George Gilyard (CMsgt USAF Ret.); a loving Daughter, Angell Hicks; Bonus Daughter, Ruby Sullivan; an adorable Grandson, Tru Hicks; Granddaughter, Heaven Sullivan; Bonus Sister, Marjorie Williams; and a host of brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, other loving relatives, and many sorrowing friends.

Cemetery Details

Pineywood Cemetery

1900 Lakemont Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
927 South Central Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the family, you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Ms. Amanda and my mother (Rossie Thomas) were friends, and her daughter Sabrina and I crossed paths years ago when she worked at UCF and I worked for The Florida Dept of Education/Tallahassee. My sincere condolences to you all.

Tangela Bellamy-Brown - January 02, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Amanda C. Gilyard.

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Amanda C. Gilyard.



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Amanda C. Gilyard.*



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“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Amanda C. Gilyard*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - January 01, 2025 at 09:24 AM



My cousin Amanda was a beautiful woman both inside and out. The very essence of love for her family friends and everyone she met. Your family here in Tallahassee will always love you. Rutha Thompson

Rutha Thompson - January 02, 2025 at 10:53 PM