



Mrs. Gladys M. Tatum

August 7, 1941 - October 13, 2021

Gladys Mae Beasley was born August 7, 1941 to Lola Williams and Jimmy Lee Beasley in Williston, TN. Gladys is the eldest of siblings Tommy, Mary Jane, Lorece and Jimmy Jr. Gladys lived with her mother, stepfather and sister Lorece in Macon,

TN until she was 12 years old. She moved to Detroit to spend time with father Jimmy, stepmother and brother Jimmy Jr. through high school. Back in her hey-day, Gladys was known for dancing, dancing and dancing. After Detroit, Gladys returned to TN where the family had settled in Memphis. Gladys was a loyal and loving daughter and sister.

Eventually Gladys moved to Milwaukee, WI where she joined her beloved Aunt Marcel who inspired, mentored and cared for her like a daughter. At the age of 26 Gladys settled down and married Albert Tatum and became an instant mother to 7-kids. While it wasn't quite the "Brady Bunch," between the mine, yours and ours,

Gladys was the proud mother of 11 children. She loved each one of her children with all of her heart. When she was younger, she played jump rope, hide-and-seek, and other games with the older kids just like she was one of them. Christmas at the Tatum house was extra special and fun. She took her kids to the Thanksgiving and Christmas parades. She taught her girls how to cook, clean and one day take care of

their husbands. Gladys loved and cherished her "Honey," Albert. After 54 years of marriage, "Honey" was the only name you would ever hear her call

her husband.

Gladys was known for gardening, cooking, baking, shopping, drinking Pepsi, eating ice cream, chocolate turtle candies; reading her Bible, working crossword puzzles, and watching her favorite preacher or game show on TV. Gladys could make you laugh either with her or sometimes, at her. She loved to host parties when she was younger and would often host her own birthday get-togethers.

Gladys accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior within a few years of marrying Albert. She would go on to become First Lady, Mother Tatum at Divine Temple Church. She served as long as she was physically able to serve. She loved her Divine Temple family and appreciated all they did for her. Gladys departed this life for glory with the Lord on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at home in the room with her "Honey." Parents, Iola Griggs and Jimmy Beasley; brother Tommy, beloved Aunt Marcel, sons Albert Jr. and Larry, grandsons Albert III and Evan preceded Gladys in death.

Gladys leaves to cherish her memories husband Albert, sisters Lorece and Mary Jane; children Cassia, Debra (Todd), Richard, Carl, Rita, Brenda (Rickey), Elizabeth, Samuel and Sonia (Nicholas); a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

DO

“ I miss you so much grandma, I will never forget the love you gave me, the memories. I will cherish the time I had with you always.

Domonique - October 25, 2021 at 11:07 AM

BN

“ I grew up in divine temple I'll never forget smelling those cheeseburgers 🍔 she will be missed

bj nash - October 24, 2021 at 07:36 PM

LB

“ Sending our love, prayers, and condolences to the Tatum family all the way from Texas. Growing up in Divine Temple, Mother Tatum was always full of spiritual guidance, love, and wisdom. She always provided advice on being: a young lady, a spiritual woman, a good wife and mother. She always greeted me and my family with a big smile and an even bigger hug!

With Sympathy & Love,

Lolita Brewer and Family

Lolita Brewer - October 24, 2021 at 10:04 AM

BC

I bunny blue the name mother tatum gave me laughs and talks I miss her love her and I thank her for all she done for me RIH

Bunny cooley - June 08, 2024 at 09:24 AM

BC

“ From BUNNYBLUE



Bunny cooley - October 24, 2021 at 04:45 AM

BC

IM GONE MISS MOTHER TATUM AND HER LOVE AND BEAUTIFUL SMILE AND GOOD ADVICE LOVE U MOTHER TATUM FROM BUNNY BLUE

Bunny cooley - October 27, 2021 at 09:51 AM

TB

“ My sincere and deepest sympathy to the Tatum's family. The Divine Temple Church members will miss her dearly. Divine Temple will never be the same without her. May the Good Lord continue to bless and lift spirit of the Tatum family. Remember God make no mistake.

Again, my deepest sympathy
Deacon Terry Bell & family

Terry Bell - October 23, 2021 at 10:16 PM

HB

We are sending our Condolences to Bishop Tatum, the Tatum Family & the entire Divine Temple Church Family. My personal memories were Mother Tatum's wonderful food during Revivals & her comforting/uplifting spirit to me in the loss of my husband, James. We loved her so much - a true woman of God. May God continue to give peace, joy, comfort & strength during these times.

Love & Hugs Always,
Sis. Helen Faye Bell-Lemons & Family-Temple of Praise
Memphis, Tennessee 🙏🏻🙌🏻💙❤️🙏🏻🙌🏻💙❤️

Helen Faye Bell-Lemons - October 24, 2021 at 12:39 AM

HB

*Our Condolences to Bishop and your Family & Church Family. We Love ❤️ y'all dearly. I posted something earlier but not sure what or where it is 🙏. ? I remember Mother Tatum's awesome food during Revivals & her comforting, supportive, loving spirit during the death of my husband, James. A woman of Faith who LOVED her Pastor/Husband, children and all of us.
Love & Hugs,
Helen Faye Bell-Lemons & Family
Temple of Praise
Memphis, Tennessee*

Helen Faye Bell-Lemons - October 24, 2021 at 12:56 AM

BC

I WANT TO SAY MOTHER TATUM IS GONNA BE TRUELY MISSED . HER SWEET KIND ENCOURAGE WORDS AND HER LOVE AND BIG HUGS AND YES HER GOOD COOKING.. THE COOLEY FAMILY SEND LOTS OF LOVE AND OUR PRAYERS TO BISHOP TATUM , SONYA AND MICHELLE AND AARON AND CASSIE AND RITA AND RICHARD AND LARRY AND DEBRA AND BRENDA AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS FROM THE COOLEY FAMILY 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️

Bunny cooley - October 24, 2021 at 04:39 AM

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Brenda Robertson - October 23, 2021 at 08:28 PM

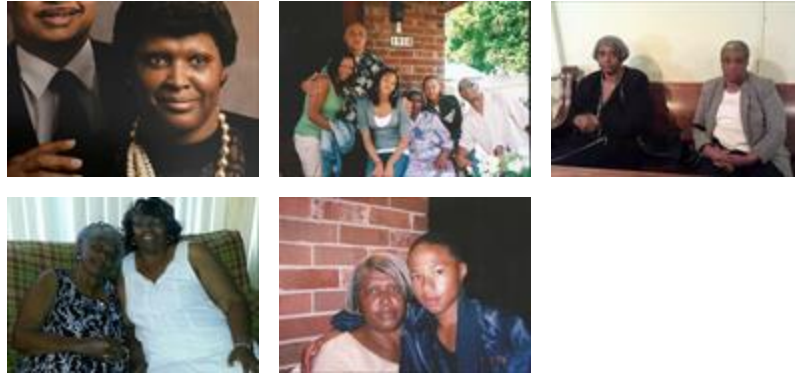
CA

“ My deepest condolences on the loss of your FirstLady. May God give you all strength to prepare for this difficult time. Sending prayers and love. Chaka Allen- Jackson & Family

Chaka Allen-Jackson - October 23, 2021 at 08:26 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Brenda Robertson - October 23, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gladys M. Tatum.



October 22, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ WE GONE MISS YOU SO MUCH YOUR SMILE AND BIG HUGS AND LOTS OF LOVE THE COOLEY FAMILY



Ressie Mccray - October 18, 2021 at 08:53 PM