



## Ms. Gloria Dean Hodges

June 23, 1945 - January 16, 2026

Ms. Gloria Dean Willis Hodges, of Madison, Arkansas, transitioned from this life on January 16, 2026, in Wynne, Arkansas, peacefully after a good fight, holding firmly to God's faith.

She was born in Forrest City, Arkansas, on June 23, 1945, to James Willis and Odessa Shurn Willis, both of whom preceded her in death.

On November 28, 1971, Gloria was united in holy matrimony to Alton Hodges, Jr., who also preceded her in death.

Gloria was further preceded in death by her daughters, Angela Faye Allen and Jeannette Latrice Allen; and her siblings, Roosevelt Willis, Leonard Calvin "L.C." Willis, and Theodis Willis.

Gloria was a loving mother, grandmother, and cherished family matriarch whose legacy lives on through the generations she nurtured and loved. She worked at GI for many years and was also a true entrepreneur. She had a special love for keeping children and maintained an open door for her family and anyone in the community. Gloria loved feeding people and absolutely enjoyed fishing. She lived her life to the fullest, stood her ground, and never spoke ill of others behind their back.

At an early age, she accepted Christ at Willis Temple Church of God in Christ. She later joined Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church and was lastly a member of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church. She had a very big and giving heart.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Belinda Faye Willis of Forrest City, Arkansas; her grandchildren, Landy Willis of Columbus, Georgia, Taaliyah Gardner of Houston, Texas, Taurean Demon Morrow of Arlington, Virginia, Keiontae Jamal Bushell of Memphis, Tennessee, and Noelle Shante Burge of Santa Cruz, California; six great-grandchildren; her siblings, Robert Willis of Memphis, Tennessee, Elvin Willis of Pontiac, Michigan, Odessa Willis of Pontiac, Michigan, Winfried Jean Willis Shaffer of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Darlene Willis of Memphis, Tennessee; her cousin, Leodis Wiley, whom she loved like a brother; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends who will forever treasure her life and love.

# Cemetery Details

## Scott Bond Cemetery

3254 Highway 70 East  
Madison , AR 72359

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation  
1900 South Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-1914  
mjkimble@yahoo.com  
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

## Service

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*The family will line up at 815 Rice Street, Apt. #175, Forrest City, AR 72335 on the day of the service.  
Everyone is expected to be ready to leave by 10:30AM.*

# Tribute Wall



*“ L.A lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gloria Dean Hodges*

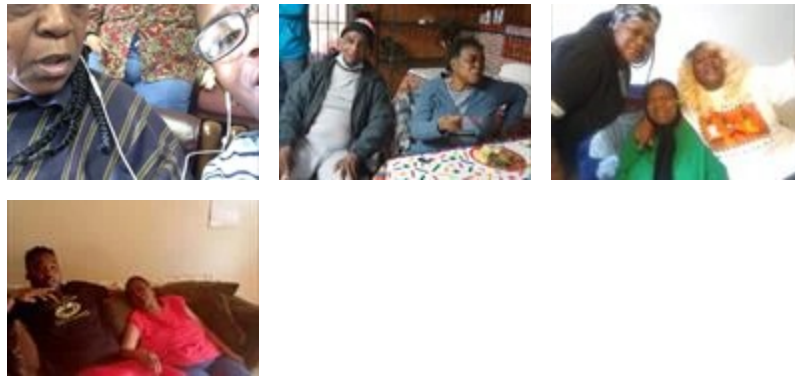


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**L.A** - January 31 at 05:27 AM



*“ 4 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Taurean Morrow** - January 30 at 03:59 PM



*“ I have known Gloria all my life she was my dance partner back in the day she never changed she was always a beautiful person to be around she will be missed by all who knew her I look forward to seeing her again in the resurrection praying for her family*

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**Annie Humphrey Wade** - January 28 at 07:06 PM

BB

“ Sincere condolences to the entire Willis family.



Brenda Brown - January 25 at 09:01 AM

AC

“ Angela Crippen lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gloria Dean Hodges



Angela Crippen - January 24 at 09:41 AM

KL

“ Katherine Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Gloria Dean Hodges



Katherine Lyons - January 23 at 01:25 PM

RW

“ Rene' Ward lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gloria Dean Hodges



Rene' Ward - January 22 at 12:43 PM

GL

“ Gloria Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gloria Dean Hodges



Gloria Lewis - January 22 at 09:24 AM

MM

“ Mary Williford Mason lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gloria Dean Hodges



Mary Williford Mason - January 22 at 08:29 AM



“ Tracey Browneyes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gloria Dean Hodges



Tracey Browneyes - January 22 at 02:07 AM

IM

“ Irene Moore lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gloria Dean Hodges



Irene moore - January 21 at 02:58 PM

BM

“ My condolences to the Willis. The Willis were long time family friends of ours. They grew up in Madison with my cousin. I went to school with Darlene and Winfred Jean. She will be missed, Mrs. Odessa will be waiting at the gate to welcome her home.

Betty Maxey and family  
Rochester, NY

Betty Maxey - January 21 at 01:17 PM

PN

Love her as a friend and will miss her very much my condolences to her daughter wish is my best friend 🤍

Patricia Newborn - January 22 at 07:44 PM

DF

Rest in peace classmate 🙏🙏

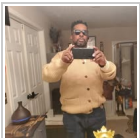
Dorothy Faulkner - January 29 at 10:57 AM

AW

“ In Love Memory's 🙏🙏



Angrnette Wright-SPRUELL - January 21 at 11:00 AM



“ Eddie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gloria Dean Hodges



Eddie Hodges - January 20 at 09:56 PM

DM

“ A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.



*Sending condolences to the family of Gloria Dean Willis Hodges on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Gloria was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1964.”*

*Delores Farr Morelon  
President, MGNAAI*

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**Delores Farr Morelon, MGNAAI** - January 20 at 05:37 PM

ST

“ Hodges family and friends, Sincere Heartfelt Condolences to you at this time of bereavements. My thoughts and prayers are with you today and the days ahead 🙏



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**Shirley Williams Thorn** - January 20 at 04:46 PM