



Mrs. Glenna Elizabeth Gibson

January 31, 1932 - September 3, 2024

In Loving Memory Of

Glenna Elizabeth Blanding Gibson was born on January 31, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan to the union of Rayford Blanding and Estelle Evans Blanding. She was the first born of three offspring.

Glenna gave her life to Christ at an early age and her family attended Brea Methodist Church (renamed to Brea St. Paul Methodist Church) in Highland Park, Michigan where she was raised. Here, she served in the Brea Youth Group and on the usher board. She attended Willard Grade School and Highland Park High School where she took up the sport archery.

In 1954, Glenna graduated with her Licensed Practical Nursing degree from St. Joseph's Hospital in Mount Clemens, Michigan. She practiced nursing at Highland Park Hospital in the pediatric unit where she created lifelong friendships with Janet Barnes and Betty Jones.

Glenna met James Henry Gibson at Lafayette Clinic in Detroit, Michigan and they were married on October 10, 1964. She was proud to become a bonus mother to Anthony Quinn Gibson.

In 1976, Glenna was awarded a certificate for her service as a school volunteer in the Metropolitan Detroit Public Schools system. Eventually, she went to work as a nurse for her brother-in-law, Dr. George W. Gibson, at his OB/GYN practice in Detroit, Michigan. In Albion, she worked at Albion Health Care Alliance.

As the wife of a pastor, Glenna was the church pianist while serving in the

Women's Missionary Society (WMS), and Young People and Children's Division (YPD). Glenna also volunteered to host events for WMS and the Ministers' Wives Club at Tanner A.M.E. Church in Windson, Ontario, Visitor's Chapel in Detroit, Michigan, St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Port Huron, Michigan, and Lewis Chapel A.M.E. in Albion, Michigan. Additionally, she donated her time to various other organizations, including Girl Scouts of the USA.

After her husband's retirement, they moved to Southfield, Michigan. Upon his passing, Glenna joined Oak Grove A.M.E. Church in Detroit, Michigan where she served in the WMS, Stewardess, and Ministers' Wives Club, and taught Sunday School in the Children's Church.

In 2021, Glenna moved to Maryland where she spent her golden years at the Atrium Village Senior Living Community where she developed special friendships with Margaret Brown and established other meaningful relationships.

Glenna passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. She leaves to cherish her memory, one son, Anthony Gibson (Sabrina); two daughters, Vanessa Gibson and Alison Jenkins (Cyril); one granddaughter, Charnice Tate (fiancée Emmanuel Sintim); one great-granddaughter, Jurnee Sintim; one sister, Joan Grayson (Randy); and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other family members, and friends. Her brother, Dr. Richard Blanding and grandson, Cyril Brian Jenkins, III both preceded her in death. Glenna will be remembered as a blessing in all of our lives.

Previous Events

Visitation

Monday, Sep. **16**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Tuesday, Sep. **17**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Oak Grove A.M.E.
19801 Cherrylawn
Detroit, MI 48221

Funeral Service

Tuesday, Sep. **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NB

“ To Joan and Randy and all of Ms. Gibson’s family, Sylvia and I along with all your Asbury Church family are saddened at the loss of your Dear Sister, Ms. Glenna. Your family is our prayers in these days. Nathaniel L. Bishop

Nathaniel L. Bishop - September 16, 2024 at 11:49 AM

YF

“ Your Friend Margaret and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Glenna Elizabeth Gibson.

Your Friend Margaret and Family - September 16, 2024 at 08:40 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Glenna Elizabeth Gibson.



September 16, 2024 at 08:40 AM

PL

“ To the family of Ms Gibson and especially Alison and Cyril Jenkins: John and I are very sad on the loss of your especially well-loved mom and in law. May you find comfort from the wonderful memories, that Ms Gibson left you gifts in the form of memories that no one can take away. Wisdom that you still can recall. Those are the things that you will cherish forever. May the family continue to look to Almighty GOD for comfort during these most stressful times. Our condolences to you. And all who knew and loved Ms Gibson.

P Land - September 15, 2024 at 06:15 PM

LZ

“ *Lynne Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Glenna Elizabeth Gibson.*

Lynne Z. - September 15, 2024 at 11:06 AM

PL

“ *My condolences go out to the family on the loss of a very special person to all of you. As you prepare to lay your loved one to rest, may you find comfort from many prayers said from all who knew and loved Mrs Gibson. Please know that GOD is a stronghold in the time of your distress Nahum 1:7.*

P Land - September 14, 2024 at 08:19 PM

AB

“ *Ms. Gibson has been an extended part of my family for over 20 years. She lived next door to my parents and visited with my mom almost everyday. And continued after my mom died with her frequent checkups with my dad. I looked at her like a second mom. My heart is heavy but I know this angel is in God's hands*

ANTHONY BROGDON - September 14, 2024 at 04:27 PM

RF

“ *Randy and Joan Grayson Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Glenna Elizabeth Gibson.*



Randy and Joan Grayson Family - September 14, 2024 at 11:50 AM

SS

“ *Shanile & Shanelle Shakoor purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Glenna Elizabeth Gibson.*



Shanile & Shanelle Shakoor - September 13, 2024 at 04:19 PM

CG

“ *Cheryl, AnneMarie, Dakota and Garrett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Glenna Elizabeth Gibson.*

Cheryl, AnneMarie, Dakota and Garrett - September 13, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Glenna Elizabeth Gibson.*



September 13, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ *Sending my deepest condolences to my sister in Christ Allison and her family during this time of bereavement. Trusting that God will bless you and your family with everything you need. May He grant you peace beyond understanding , comfort, strength & love. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord..... Remember when you are in the presence of the Lord you can embrace the warmth of Miss Glenna.* ☐ 🙏 🙏

Dedra Dedra - September 11, 2024 at 04:42 AM