

Obituary

MAMIE LOU PEARSON GIBSON, daughter of the late James and Walcie Pearson, and wife of the late John Henry Gibson, was born on May 21, 1935 in Winnsboro, South Carolina. She returned to glory on June 11, 1997 after a lengthy illness.

Mamie grew up in a Christian home. She attended St. John Baptist Church in Fairfield County, Winnsboro, South Carolina. After leaving home, she joined Morning Star Baptist Church here in Baltimore.

She received her education at Camp Liberty High School in Jenkinsville, South Carolina. In 1959, she moved to Baltimore, Maryland. During her life she was educated at various training institutions, some of which include the State of Maryland Insurance Commission and the FDA. Some of her many achievements include naming the McCoresy-Liston High School after two famous Negroes in South Carolina, and becoming Deputy of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. She also enjoyed years of employment at the Baltimore Urban League and Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Mama, as she was affectionately called by her family, was truly a wonderful person who added a special blessing to the life of everyone she encountered. Her honesty and spiciness was unsurpassed and will be greatly missed by all.

She is preceded in death by her son, Larry D. Gibson.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Linda Ann Carter and Jacqueline O. Uzzell; one son, Christopher A. Gibson; nine grandsons, Bruce, Jerrell, Dominick, Brandon, Lil' Larry, Robert, Gary, Corey and Devin; three granddaughters, Brooke, Angel and Paris; three great granddaughters, Jasmine, Brittney and Bria Evans; one devoted great granddaughter, Jemia Murphy, who was the nurse, doctor and friend; one son-in-law, John Carter; two brothers, William Pearson of South Carolina and Theodore Pearson of Maryland; two sisters, Willette Pigford of Maryland and Inez Glover of South Carolina; two eternally devoted friends, Roger and Audrey Johnson; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Mama,

*You said you had to go, you said you loved the Father
He closed your eyes and laid you to rest
He left us behind for now, He made us a promise for the best
Saying, we will meet again.*

*You were happy and oh so peaceful
He swept you up and gave you your wings
You then were sure you had the best of things
He made you calm and took you to His steeple
He then allowed you to look down on your people
One by one you touched them all,*

*Grieving and crying it all was stalled
For each one you whispered a quiet voice
"Be humble dear child, be humble dear child,"*

*For my Father made me a promise that may take a while
But never will He dissappoint me so don't rush to see me
And whenever you need me, close your eyes*

*Say Mama Mama please appear, and with that thought slowly in spirit
I shall present you with motherly charm*

*And push away all your thoughtless fear and keep away harm
Nothing else will matter in our moments alone
And nothing else will be more of a blessing.*

Lovingly, The Gibson Family

Homegoing Service

for



Mamie Lou
Pearson Gibson

1935 - 1997

Johnnie Mae
Pearson Williams

1937 - 1997

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Wake: 11:00 a.m. Funeral: 11:30 a.m.

Cookleys Community Baptist Church

1208 Walnut Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

Dr. Mackie J. Cookley, Pastor

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JOHNNIE MAE PEARSON WILLIAMS, daughter of the late James and Walcie Pearson, was born in Winnsboro, South Carolina on January 8, 1937. She passed into eternal rest on June 12, 1997 at University of Maryland Hospital. After a lengthy illness, Johnnie Mae showed a courageous battle.

Johnnie Mae was brought up in a Christian home. She attended St. John Baptist Church in Fairfield County, Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Johnnie Mae later moved to Baltimore and visited several churches here.

Johnnie Mae was educated in the public school system of Winnsboro, South Carolina. She graduated from McCOREY-Liston High School on May 29, 1956.

Johnnie Mae, better known as Tént to her family, met and married Eugene Williams in 1957.

Johnnie Mae was a loving mother to all of her children, Vanessa, Paul, Trent, Eric and Michael.

Johnnie Mae was employed for some time at the Gallant Tie Factory as a seamstress.

Johnnie Mae had a kind heart and always cared for people. She went out of her way to help others whenever she could, always lending an ear and giving emotional support and advice to all she came in contact with. Whether a person was hungry in body or spirit, she would feed you.

She leaves to cherish her memory: five children, Vanessa, Paul and Trent Williams, Eric and Michael Nelson, all of Baltimore; four grandchildren, Kapricia, Brian, Breona and Trent Jr.; two sisters, Willette Pigford of Baltimore and Inez Glover of Winnsboro, South Carolina; two brothers, William Pearson of Winnsboro, South Carolina and Theodore Pearson of Baltimore; three aunts, one uncle, three sisters-in-law; one devoted godson, Tyrone Boone; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

*God watched you as you suffered,
He knew you had your share,
He tenderly closed your eyes
And took you in His care.
A broken circle, a vacant chair
It seems we miss you everywhere:
Deep in our hearts your memories are kept
We loved you too much to forget.*

Lovingly submitted,
THE FAMILY



Interment

Mt. Zion Cemetery
Lansdowne, Maryland
(Immediately following Service)

Pallbearers

For Mamie Lou Pearson Gibson

Roger Johnson	Greg Wilson
Kenneth Bailey	John Gross
Eric Gooden	Darryl Hosley

For Johnnie Mae Pearson Williams

Eric Nelson	Melvin Towns
James Poole	Gregory Laws
Jermaine Ruff	Allen Honeyblue

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown and expressions of comfort extended during these hours of bereavement.

Professional Services Entrusted to:

Joseph H. Brown Jr. Funeral Home, P.A.
2140 North Fulton Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

Order of Service

Dr. Mackie J. Cookley, *Officiating*

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" #211*

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Rev. Lloyd Hopkins

New Testament Rev. Willie Holmes

PRAYER Bishop Edna Butler

SELECTION Mass Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

and CONDOLENCES Dr. Lucille Cookley

TRIBUTES Claudette Smith

SOLO Rev. Lionel Pearson

REMARKS and WORDS OF COMFORT Ministers

SOLO Roxanne Strickland

OBITUARY Marlene Smith (Mamie Gibson)
Michelle Striplett (Johnnie Mae Williams)

SELECTION Mass Choir

HOMEGOING SERMON Dr. Mackie J. Cookley
Pastor, Cookleys Community Baptist Church

SELECTION Mass Choir

BENEDICTION

TO MOTHER
YOU MEAN SO MUCH TO US



I believe that God brings certain people into our lives for a reason. Sometimes it's to help us see something new and wonderful.

Sometime's it's to encourage us and strengthen our purpose and sometimes it's just to remind us that we are never truly alone, and that it is important to share our smiles and dreams and even our tears.

Whatever reason, He had in bringing us together. I'm very glad that He did. You have been a real source of understanding and happiness in our lives.

*You meant so much to us, more than any words could really say.
These pleasant memories we will cherish for the rest of our lives.*

*We'll always miss you,
Sons, Paul, Trent, Eric & Michael*



Mama, You've Always Been There For Me

*What do you say to someone
Who was there when you were small,
To give you care and comfort and loving most of all
What do you say to someone
Who helped you learn and grow
By knowing when to hold your hand
And when to let you go ...
What do you tell a woman like that
Who means so much to you
Except perhaps, "I love you Mama"
And trust you know it's true.
I'll always miss you,
Daughter, Vanessa*



Grandmother,
*Although we may not have mentioned it,
We thank you everyday,
For you taught us what we had to learn
In such a loving way.
You did your best to make our home
A happy place to be,
And now the Lord has sent for you
So that you could be at peace and free.
Love you, Grandma,
Your grandchildren,
Kapricia, Brian, Breona & Trent, Jr.*