



Acknowledgements

The family of Gladys F. King wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to Gladys during her illness and passing.



*May God give you...
For every storm a rainbow,
For every tear a smile,
For every care a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh a sweet song
And an answer for each prayer.*

Irish Blessing.

Pallbearers

(Active)

Marlin Freeman • Lorenzo Freeman • George Wells
Lorenzo Freeman, Jr. • Howard Holley • Gregory Hyche

*Commit whatever grieves thee
into the gracious hands of Him
Who never leaves thee,
Who heaven and earth commands.
Who points the clouds their courses
Whom winds and waves obey,
He will direct thy footsteps
and find for thee a way.*

*Casting all your care upon Him; For He careth for you.
(I Peter 5:7)*

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A Service of Memory Celebrating the Life of *Gladys F. King*



Sunrise
October 5, 1932

Sunset
May 17, 2021

Saturday, May 22, 2021
Visitation – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Preston Charles Funeral Home
400 N. Wayne Avenue • Lockland, OH 45215

Monday, May 24, 2021
Visitation – 12:00 p.m. • Funeral – 1:00 p.m.

Eric Williams Funeral Home
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Momma

Gladys Freeman King was born in Newell, Alabama on October 5, 1932 to William and Helen (Traylor) Freeman. She was the youngest girl of 17 siblings. She attended Mt. Gilead Elementary School and graduated from Cobb High School located in Aniston, Alabama in 1950. She had a penchant for learning and desired to become a librarian, but deferred her dream to take care of her mother, never losing her thirst for knowledge and learning. In 1952, she attended Nursing School at Grady Memorial School of Nursing in Atlanta, Georgia, graduating with a degree in nursing. She worked at the Aniston Memorial Hospital for three years before marrying Charlie (Charles) J. King on September 7, 1957. The couple resided in Cincinnati and Gladys attended the University of Cincinnati for further study, later moving to Cleveland in 1961. In 1964, Charles and Gladys joined Lee Heights Community Church and were members for over 30 years. After arriving in Cleveland, Gladys began her career as a registered nurse at the Brecksville, VA Hospital from 1961 until her retirement in 1998. Taking care of America’s wounded warriors was her greatest honor and joy. After raising her children, Gladys went back to college to obtain a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Ursuline College in 1998.

Gladys and Charles raised their children, Chuck (First Sergeant Charles M. King), born in 1958 and daughter, Gail (Gail King Gibson, Esq.), born in 1964 to be God-fearing. She made sure that her children had every opportunity to succeed in life. She believed in the power of education to change one’s circumstances, but she relied upon God’s unchanging hand to guide her through this life. Her faith was strong and unwavering. Her bedrocks were God and family.

She was curious, adventurous and fearless – all with a quiet and compassionate spirit. She was an avid reader, a classical music enthusiast, a lover of antiques, fine jewelry, china and art. She believed that art could teach humanity. She was a gifted storyteller and loved to tell her family

stories about growing up in the South, singing for Marian Anderson and Dr. Martin Luther King. In retirement, she enjoyed spending time with all of her many nieces and nephews, but especially her niece, Barbara and nephew, Lorenzo, and traveling the globe with family and friends.

Gladys and Charles lost their son in 2006 during the Iraq War. Her husband of 55 years passed in 2012. She knew heartache and sorrow, but she moved beyond it with grace and dignity.

She was preceded in death by all of her siblings. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Gail King Gibson, Esq. and husband, Tarrice Gibson; granddaughter, Christina King; grandson, Jordan Canedy, Lorenzo (nephew) and Jackie Freeman, Barbara (niece) and Howard Holley; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.



I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

Order of Service

Piano Prelude	Lorenzo Freeman
Parting View	The Family
Prayer	Pastor William O'Neal
Scripture – Psalms 23	Robin Cephas-Hunter
Selection	
Remarks	Lorenzo Freeman Janice Lowe Barbara and Howard Holley
Scripture – John 14:1-4, 6	Gregory Hyche
Obituary	Read Silently
Selection	
Eulogy	Pastor William O'Neal
Benediction	
Recessional	



Interment

Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery
5505 Northfield Road
Bedford Heights, OH 44146

*A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still.
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.*