

"When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
if the sun should rise and find your eyes
are filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you would not cry the way you did today
while thinking of the many things we have done along the way.
But when tomorrow starts without me and took me by my hand,
and said my place was ready in heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love,

I thought of all the yesterdays... the good and the bad.
I thought of all the love we've shared and all the fun we've had.

If I could relive yesterday,
I thought for just a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you all, and see each of you smile.

But then I finally realized that this could never be.
I would not change where I am now,
my Savior's face I see.

So, when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me.
I'm right here in your heart.

When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me.
I'm right here in your heart.

When tomorrow starts without me,
here's what I'd have you do.
I know how much you love me... as much as I love you.

Don't lose the love I gave you, feed it with your care, grow it with devotion,
and spread it everywhere.

Author Unknown



Celebrating the Life of
Franciene Gill

Sunrise
July 4, 1940

Sunset
May 22, 2022



Monday, June 27, 2022
Visitation: 10 a.m. Service: 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Glenarden
3600 Brightseat Road
Landover, MD 20785

Pastor John K. Jenkins Sr.
Pastor Duane E. Dickens Sr., Presider
Reverend William S. Berkeley Jr., Eulogist

Interment
Private Service was held on
Sunday, June 26, 2022
Charles Town, West Virginia

Arrangements entrusted to:
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Remembering Fran

FRANCIENE MARIAN (RUSS) GILL affectionately called Fran, was the first born of two daughters to the now-deceased James and Mable Russ in Charles Town, WV. Fran, her little sister Gloria Jean & parents lived with her father's mother and grandmother for a brief period until they found their own home on East North Street. Ironically, the house they found and moved to was next door to Granddaddy Mac, her mother's father.

It was there in that small but loving home and tight-knit community that Fran embraced the fundamentals of family values and that family matters. She was taught at an early age to respect others, be kind and honest to everyone, to help those less fortunate and obtain a good education by studying and working hard. Above all, her parents believed in Christian principles and exposed Fran to Sunday School and the 3'Oclock Children's Day Programs at the local church.

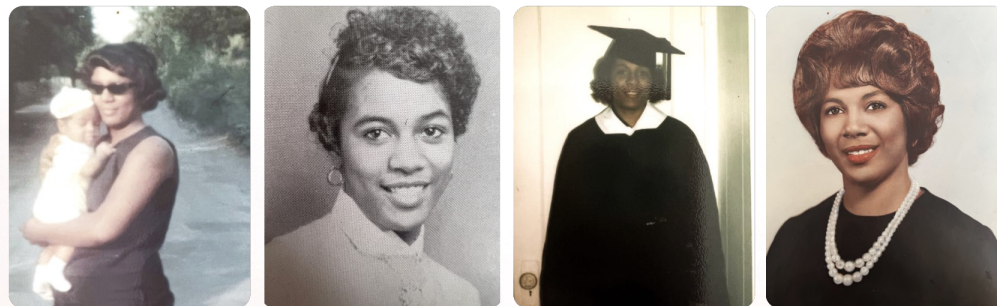
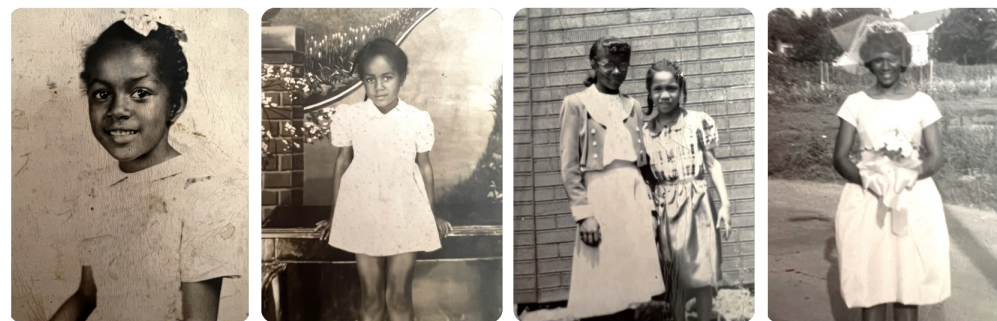
She was educated in the Town's segregated school system at Eagle Avenue Elementary School and Page Jackson High School. Upon completing high school, Fran attended Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, WV, majoring in Elementary Education. In 1960, she moved to Washington, DC, to work in the federal government, where she was employed for over 35 years. Her last 17 years of employment were spent with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In 1963, she met Woodrow (Woody) Gill Jr. After a fun year of dating where they traveled often with friends and family, they married in 1964. In April 1966, Fran and Woody gave birth to an adorable set of twin boys, Godfrey and Geoffrey. Fran loved being a mother and poured a lot of energy into raising "her boys."

Fran skillfully juggled the demands of work and home. During her working career at HUD, she received several awards and citations for outstanding performance. Somehow, while raising a family and working full-time, Fran also earned a degree in Secondary Education from D.C. Teachers University, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude and received special recognition as one of the top students in her class.

Fran, having been grounded in Christian principles from an early age, maintained a strong relationship with Christ throughout her life. As a child, she did double duty while attending both her mother's church, Mt. Zion Methodist, and her father's church St. Phillips Episcopal. As an adult, she attended many churches, but later in life, she was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Glenarden in Upper Marlboro, MD. She was an actively involved member of First Baptist Church of Glenarden, where she served on several ministries, including the card ministry (she loved cards). Fran will be remembered mostly as a *bonafide* prayer warrior.

Fran ran a very good race, impacted many, and will be hugely missed. She is survived by her loving sister Gloria Jean. Her sons Geoffrey and Godfrey, their wives Sheyda and Chloe, and her honorary children - her nephew Jarrett (his wife D'Andrea), her "daughter" Marsha, and her stepson, Woodrow (Leggett and his wife Sarah). She is also survived by her grandchildren - Christian, Gabrielle, Naomi, and Theodore (Teddy).



Celebrating the Life of Franciene Gill

Order of Service

Processional

Scriptures Reverend Gloria Miller-Perrin
 Old Testament: Jeremiah 29:11
 New Testament: 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Prayer Reverend Sheryl Smith

Ministry of Music "My Life Is In Your Hands"
 FBCG Music & Arts Department

Acknowledgements Cheryl Reid
 FBCG Funeral Coordinator

Remembering Franciene..... (Please read silently)

Please limit reflections to two minutes

Reflections Gloria Baylor
 Marsha Smith
 Godfrey Gill

Ministry of Music "Goin' Up Yonder"
 FBCG Music & Arts Department

Message..... Reverend William S. Berkeley Jr.

Benediction

Recessional

Honorary Pallbearers

Barbara Ann Smith Venus Baines Valerie Paige
 Tiombe Paige Paulette Wilson Shirley Baptiste

Floral Bearers

Friends of the family

Acknowledgement

The Family of Franciene Gill wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, prayers, and many other expressions of kindness and concerns during our time of mourning.