



Gladys Rankins Chamblee

February 25, 1919 - September 22, 2015

Gladys Rankins Chamblee of Ahoskie, NC departed this earthly life on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at Creekside Nursing Home in Ahoskie, NC. She was born on February 25, 1919 to the late William Rankins and Adaline Watford Rankins in Bertie County, NC.

She leaves to cherish her memories: (1) daughter, Clara Mae Howard (Linwood) of Aulander, NC; (2) sons, James Chamblee (Janie) and Clarence Chamblee (Mary) both of Ahoskie, NC; (4) daughters-in-law, Doris Chamblee, Alice Chamblee, Delois Chamblee, Margaret Chamblee all of Ahoskie, NC; special nephew she raised as her own, Willie Sessoms (Lola) of Baltimore, MD; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hunter's Funeral Home - Ahoskie
123 Dr. MLK Jr. Drive
Ahoskie, NC 27910
howard@huntersfuneralhome.com
<http://www.huntersfuneralhome.com>

Service

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Hill Baptist Church
2321 NC Highway 45 North
Colerain, NC 27924

Tribute Wall

WB

“ You can always here her say as you enter and exit the building: May God bless you and Heaven smile upon you and don't forget to pray

Wanda Bazemore - December 18, 2015 at 12:16 PM

EW

“ James and Clarence, I was so sorry to hear that your Mother passed. I pray that God bless and comfort your entire family.
Earl & Milton White.



Earl White - September 29, 2015 at 12:44 AM



“ Jordin Gray lit a candle in memory of Gladys Rankins Chamblee



Jordin Gray - September 28, 2015 at 07:56 PM

CG

“ Cindy Chamblee Gray lit a candle in memory of Gladys Rankins Chamblee



Cindy Chamblee Gray - September 28, 2015 at 04:52 PM

JH

“ *Jessyca Harvey lit a candle in memory of Gladys Rankins Chamblee*



Jessyca Harvey - September 28, 2015 at 04:52 PM

TR

“ *Theressa Chamblee Roberson lit a candle in memory of Gladys Rankins Chamblee*



Theressa Chamblee Roberson - September 28, 2015 at 06:36 AM

JH

“ *Jessyca Harvey lit a candle in memory of Gladys Rankins Chamblee*



Jessyca Harvey - September 26, 2015 at 08:56 AM

ET

“ *We will always remember the infectious smile of Aunt Gladys and her saying that "Ninety nine and a half won't do." May the God of all comfort keep you and give you Peace!
The family of the Late John and Doris Bazemore*

Elsie B. Thompson - September 25, 2015 at 06:04 PM



“ 28 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hunter's Funeral Home - September 25, 2015 at 02:57 PM

TR

My beautiful grandma. I will always LOVE YOU.

Theresa Chamblee Roberson - September 28, 2015 at 06:38 AM

BB

“ *I will always remember her as a kind , gentle and compassionate person. Her warm smile and spiritual wisdom will be sorely missed.*

Bishop Melvin Bellamy

Bishop Melvin L. Bellamy - September 25, 2015 at 11:31 AM

“ TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

9/24/15

Cousin Gladys was more than a cousin to my mother and her children. Often, she was a godsend; and we loved her and cherished her for being there for us. My mother and she were like sisters--getting married as teenagers around the same time; having their children in the same years, sometimes only weeks or months apart; and even giving them the same names. Both cousins had a James and a Clarence. My mom would have had a Ronald; but to honor the request of her mother-in-law, she changed the name to Reynolds. However, Cousin Gladys went on to have a Ronald--not the same as Reynolds, but close enough. Both my mom and Cousin Gladys had only one daughter, but several sons at the same time. My mom eventually had another daughter, and two more sons, giving her a total on seven sons and two daughters, while Cousin Gladys had six sons and only one daughter. There were other such striking parallels between Cousin Gladys and my mom, making them lifetime friends. They dearly loved each other, as did their children, who too grew up like siblings, maintaining contact over the years.

Cousin Gladys was precious, and the likes of her will be sorely missed. To express my condolences to the family and my love for a relative who loved me back for so many years, I have written a poem to memorialize her life and memory. The title of the poem is "Let There Be No Sadness Today." I will share the poem at her eulogy.

*In Loving Memory of Cousin Gladys,
Dr. Joyce Watford (aka "Sister")*

Dr. Joyce Watford - September 24, 2015 at 09:41 AM

DW

Cousin Gladys was more than a cousin to my mother and her children. Often, she was a godsend; and we loved her and cherished her for being there for us. My mother and she were like sisters--getting married as teenagers around the same time; having their children in the same years, sometimes only weeks or months apart; and even giving them the same names. Both cousins had a James and a Clarence. My mom would have had a Ronald; but to honor the request of her mother-in-law, she changed the name to Reynolds. However, Cousin Gladys went on to have a Ronald--not the same as Reynolds, but close enough. Both my mom and Cousin Gladys had only one daughter, but several sons at the same time. My mom eventually had another daughter, and two more sons, giving her a total of seven sons and two daughters, while Cousin Gladys had six sons and only one daughter. There were other such striking parallels between Cousin Gladys and my mom, making them lifetime friends. They dearly loved each other, as did their children, who too grew up like siblings, maintaining contact over the years.

Cousin Gladys was precious, and the likes of her will be sorely missed. To express my condolences to the family and my love for a relative who loved me back for so many years, I have written a poem to memorialize her life and memory. The title of the poem is "Let There Be No Sadness Today." I will share the poem at her eulogy.

*In Loving Memory of Cousin Gladys,
Dr. Joyce Watford (aka "Sister")
Dr. Joyce Watford - Yesterday at 10:41 AM*

Dr. Joyce Watford - September 25, 2015 at 10:22 AM

CW

My Beloved Cousin Gladys Rankin Watford Chamblee, the youngest of two beloved daughters of her Mother and Father, respectively, Adline Watford Rankin, and William Rankin. She is the maternal granddaughter of Mary White Watford, and Drawer Watford of Colerain, North Carolina.

Prayer warrior, Queen Mother, Beloved Cousin-- I thank you for the priceless pearls of(female rites of passage) wisdom you imparted to me over the years. You are the last of my parents and your children's generation of Strong, Assertive, God-loving, Speak your mind, type woman! You were a part of a generation of women that helped define womanhood, and it was you, and your beloved sister, Codelia, my beloved mother, and the beloved foremothers of our families that demanded a place of respect and honor in the community. You never minced your words--you mean what you say and you said what you meant --- and It is this type of womanhood that is to be emulated and treasured.

And in your own words..." I'm standing on holy ground, God bless you and may the Angels surround you all day in laughtr,peace and joy!"

Cousin Carolyn O.F.Watford

Carol O.F. Watford - September 25, 2015 at 09:15 PM

JH

Can you post the poem here for those that can't be there today?

Jessyca Harvey - September 26, 2015 at 09:06 AM