



Ms. Geneva Holloway Woods

September 16, 1926 - February 17, 2022

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Fri. Feb. 25, 2022

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GENEVA HOLLOWAY WOODS

SEPTEMBER 16, 1926 – FEBRUARY 17, 2022

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when she is old, she will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Geneva Holloway Woods was born on September 16, 1926, in Saluda, South Carolina, to the Late Zonnie Holloway, Sr. and Late Mattie Dozier Holloway. “Gennie” was the middle child of eleven siblings. She was raised on a farm which instilled in her a passion for caring for animals, harvesting and cooking fresh food. Raised in a Christian home, her family belonged to Rock Hill Baptist Church, founded in 1873 by her uncle, Deacon BF Dozier. A “Daddy’s Girl,” she loved sitting next to her Dad in the choir stand as he sang her favorite hymn, “Lily in The Valley,” and stomped his feet to the rhythm on the hard-wood floor. A natural athlete, although petite, always - Gennie played basketball, walked several miles to & from school every day, and was notorious for fighting anyone who bullied her younger cousins and siblings. She attended Saluda Public Schools and graduated from Saluda Rosenwald High School.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

Gennie was the first one in her immediate family to go away to college. She attended Grady Nursing School in Atlanta, Georgia, becoming a Registered Nurse, in 1950. In 1956, she graduated from Dillard University in New Orleans, LA, and became a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist – one of

the first Black CRNAs in the country. In addition to mastering her craft in Nursing, Geneva, also, studied Parliamentary Procedures and was a certified Parliamentarian - expert in understanding and interpreting Robert's Rules of Order, for managing meetings.

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.
Proverbs 18:22

Sylvania Webb Woods, Sr. met Geneva Holloway in the summer of 1948 on a "Moonlight Cruise." Because it was dark, neither could really see what the other looked like. However, they had similar goals, hopes and dreams which ignited a desire to know one another better. The following day, "Woods," as she would come to call him, came to court her at the Nursing School. They were both pleasantly surprised by their physical attraction to one another. Woods was a student at Morris Brown College. After graduating from their respective schools, they were married on Gennie's birthday, in 1950. A power couple, they worked together and helped one another excel in their careers, community and families. They were married 47 years when Judge Sylvania W. Woods, Sr., passed.

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. Psalm 127:3

Gennie and Woods were the proud parents of Sylvania W. Woods, Jr. and Sebrena W. Woods. They worked hard to send their children to the best schools and kept them busy in sports, church, Boy/Girl Scouts, and other activities. They instilled in them knowledge of their roots, Civil Rights, and politics. They traveled, together, most summers "down South," to see relatives and experience church revival.

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. II Thessalonians 3:10

Gennie enjoyed her work as a Nurse. She began her career in 1950, at Grady

Hospital in Atlanta; worked at Brooklyn Army Terminal in New York; DC General, Providence, and St. Elizabeth Hospitals in Washington, DC. She retired in 1984, after almost 35 years of Nursing. Afterwards, she worked at Seton House, a drug and treatment center, administering medicine to those in detox. She stopped working, altogether, in 1997, to be on stand-by to babysit her Granddaughter, Sydney E. Woods.

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. Ecclesiastes 11:6

In addition to working, Gennie enjoyed cooking, traveling, skiing, exercising, gardening, and, of course, shopping. She was known for her rum balls and fruitcake, especially at Christmastime. Her lawn was always beautiful and she cut the grass, herself, as long as she was able. She could be seen pulling weeds and dead flowers during the springtime, even while using her cane. A very fashionable dresser, she especially loved hats, shoes, and mink coats. Very rarely would she attend church, without wearing a hat.

She belonged to many community organizations: Order of the Eastern Star, The Links, Jack and Jill of America, American Legion Wives Club, National Association of Parliamentarians, American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology, Saluda Rosenwald Alumni Association, Grady School of Nursing Alumni Association, and Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.

She served on the Town of Glenarden's Housing Authority Board and the Prince George's County Drug Task Force.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105
Geneva loved the Lord and accepted Him as her Savior, as a child. No matter where she was, she always attended church. She joined Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, while living there, under the leadership of Martin Luther King, Sr.

She became a member of her beloved Upper Room Baptist Church, in 1961.

In addition to being ordained as one of the first female Deacons, she also sang on the Early Morning Choir.

For many years, she attended Bible College at Jericho City of Praise, in Landover, MD, under the tutelage of Dr. Betty Peebles. She graduated in 1995 with a Diploma of Christian Discipleship and helped Woods do the same, the following year.

Gennie loved gospel music, especially, Mahalia Jackson, Rev. James Cleveland, and Aretha Franklin's "Amazing Grace."

Diagnosed with dementia at 92 years of age, Deacon Woods never forgot the Lord's Prayer or the 23rd Psalm, reciting them nightly, before sleeping.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. I Thessalonians 4:14

Deacon Geneva Holloway Woods departed this earthly realm, on February 17, 2022, peacefully, at home, at approximately 1am, after receiving Communion and the hearing of the 23rd Psalm. She unexpectedly and expeditiously transitioned, holding her daughter's hand. She was taken to University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center in Largo, MD, for her final declaration, at 2am.

And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. John 16:22

Geneva Holloway Woods was preceded in death by: her husband, Judge Sylvania W. Woods, Sr.; her parents, Zonnie and Mattie Holloway; siblings: Annie Mae (Ed) Minnick, Robert Otis (Bell) Holloway, Zonnie (Frances) Holloway, Mamie (Willie) Washington, John (Emily) Holloway, Mattie Bell and Clarence Holloway; Franklin (Gladys) Delano Holloway, Sr.; and, lifelong best friend, Mercie (Carlton)Culbreath Abney.

She leaves to mourn her passing: son, Sylvania Woods, Jr.; daughter, Sebrena (Theophilus) Woods-Ofei; granddaughter, Sydney E. Woods; sister, Vera (Henry) M. Satterwhite; brother, Tommie (Martha) Lee Holloway, Sr.;

Sister-in-laws: Gladys G. Holloway (Frank) and Louise Woods (King);
Godchildren: Gennie Ruth Martin, Bakary Diarra, Karla Jean Abney, Karen
Abney Pennington, Anthony Crawford, and Dr. Latonya Hickson; God-
Grandchildren: Toni E. Diarra, Cheyante Smith, Talahatou Diallo, Jebri, Darius
& Micah Darden. Great God-Grandchildren: Fatimah & Umar Bah and
Cassidee Smalls; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, “adopted” children, and
friends.

Johnson & Jenkins observes CDC regulations for COVID-19 pandemic.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Highway
Cheltenham, MD 20623
(301) 372-6398

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Upper Room Baptist Church
60 Burns St NE
Washington, DC 20019
(202) 396-4375

Funeral service

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAR 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

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