



## Gloria J. Craig

June 17, 1952 - February 29, 2020

Gloria J. Craig was born on June 17, 1952 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Odelle and George Craig. Gloria was the second eldest of four children. In 1960, her family returned to her mother's hometown of Montgomery, Alabama where they lived until they relocated to Detroit, Michigan in 1967. Gloria became a long-term resident of Detroit where she attended Fews Elementary, Booker T. Washington Elementary and Middle Schools, and graduated from Northwestern High School.

Pursuant to graduating high school, Gloria attended Michigan State University where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. A lifelong learner, Gloria continued to pursue her education and obtained a Master's Degree in Social Work from Eastern Michigan University in 2001. Early in her career as a Social Worker for the State of Michigan, Gloria was a passionate advocate for children and youth and a member of the National Association for Social Workers. Later in her career and until her retirement, Gloria worked as a Department Analyst in the Contracts Management Unit and in 2012 received a Service Recognition Award from the Department of Human Services for 35 years of "Dedicated Public Service to the People of the State of Michigan".

In her leisure time, Gloria (Cookie) enjoyed sewing, crocheting, journaling and spending time with her family and friends. She was an avid traveler and continually educated herself about health and wellness. Known for her

infectious smile and laugh, Gloria was a sweetheart that could easily lift your spirits. She positively impacted hundreds of lives and will be missed immensely.

Gloria J. Craig passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at SKLD Nursing Facility in West Bloomfield, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her loving sisters, Georgia P. Howard and Sharon Craig-Calles and her cousin, Napoleon Howard III.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her brother, Willie D. Craig and his wife Carolyn (Cookie's sister-in-law); her brother-in-law Hector Calles; her nephews, Eian Calles, Ashan Noble and his wife Tamica Cooks; her nieces, Bianca Glenn and Briana Craig; her great-nieces LaShawn and Shaela Cooks, Heaven McGrew Brown and her husband Aaron; her great-great niece Nevaeh Brown; her cousins, Napoleon Howard IV, Ross Howard, L'Tisha Mackey, Cheryl Lynn Howard, Crystal Solomon-Wright and her husband Damon, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 11:00 am until the time of the service 1:00 pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak.

# Cemetery Details

## Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue  
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)  
Berkley, MI 48072

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
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## Funeral Service

MAR 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DJ

“Gloria crossed my mind today. Although I heard she passed away, I never knew when. We were Social Workers together at DHS and were also Departmental Analysts on the same team. She was always pleasant and kept a smile on face. She was perhaps the calmest person I knew. May she rest in peace.

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**Darrylyn Jackson** - October 22, 2024 at 04:58 PM

DG

“I was lucky to have Gloria in my life for over 30 years. I met Gloria when I started working at the Department of Social Services. The job was overwhelming me and Gloria took me to lunch. We ended up at a cider mill. She always called me Kid. She said Kid of you don't find a way to handle the stress, the job will kill you. I called her go with flow Glo because she could keep calm no matter what was going on around us. Parents on drugs and children beaten to near death, Glo kept her cool and tried to help me find mine. Lunches turned into a drink at the bar and dinners on the weekend, James Bond movies, concerts at Pine Knob and the annual Jazz Festival at Hart Plaza. We both left Children's Services at D.S.S., waved goodbye to 801 W. Baltimore and went in different directions. We'd go out and always end up talking until sunrise. These last few years were so difficult and she worked so hard to get her strength back. Losing both of her sisters so close and having to fight illness again, Glo still kept upbeat, had a plan and a course of treatment to go through. I NEVER once heard her say why me. I can only think Sharon and Georgia were watching her struggle and wanted her home with them. Glo, I love you and thank you for Everything.

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**David Greenwald** - April 14, 2020 at 11:27 PM



“ Gloria was a beautiful person who was smart, courageous, funny, and caring. Everyone who had long time contact with her was better off for it. That certainly includes me. We stayed in touch for nearly 50 years. I will miss her as will many, many others.

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**Rich Gibson** - March 08, 2020 at 08:46 PM

BN

“ I met Gloria when we both worked for Social Services some 30 years ago. When you think of Gloria, you think of her sparkly eyes and gentle manner. She was smart and gracious, funny and kind. Gloria made everyone around her feel valued and important. It was a real honor to know her.  
Bonnie Nowakowski, one of the Tireman Girls.

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**Bonnie Nowakowski** - March 07, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gloria J. Craig.



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March 07, 2020 at 03:22 PM

CB

“ I didn't spend as much time as I wanted to with Gloria (Cookie) but when I did I found her to be very friendly and easy to approach. She was in my opinion, the embodiment of warmth and compassion. Cookie will be greatly missed but fondly remembered.

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**Cassandra (Casey) Brown** - March 07, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria J. Craig.*



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March 06, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria J. Craig.*



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March 04, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria J. Craig.*



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March 03, 2020 at 02:58 PM