



Ms. Gloria Jean Perkins Cabrera

April 28, 1955 - November 16, 2025

Gloria Jean Perkins was born April 28, 1955 to Roberta Ward and Walter Lee Perkins in Brandon, MS. She was baptized at Truevine M.B. Church at the age of six by Rev. Louis Gardner in Brandon, MS. She was a member of the Sunbeam Choir, the Truevine Junior Choir, and the Palace of Children, She attended Carter High School until the seventh grade. She was one of the first to attend Brandon High School during the freedom of choice era. After enduring many hardships during this transitional period of the Civil Rights Movement, she still managed to adjust and flourish. She was an honor student, junior class secretary, and vice president of her senior class of 1973.

She received her business certification from Draighn's Business College in Jackson, MS, and then she worked for the Mississippi State Board of Nursing. She moved to Washington, DC several years later and attended the University of Washington D.C. Within a few months, she was offered a job with the person who was then the City Councilman, Marion Berry. Once he became mayor, she served in several positions under two administrations, ultimately as the Special Assistant to the Mayor. Then she met Lionel Cabrera, and they were married in 1979. She then attended the International Institute of Interior Design. In 1984, she received an offer to move back home and join the staff of Le'Chic. She was one of the first stylists to bring sew-in weaves to black salons.

She was a pioneer in nail design in 1984, creating styles that resemble what

you see today.

She owned and opened her own salon soon after, called Secrets, where she worked until her disease prevented her from working. She and Stewart Thomas welcomed three children, Edrika Thomas, Aaron Thomas and Amber Thomas. Her love for her children drove her work ethic throughout her life. She worked for Nissan North America for eight years. She married Johnny Megowen in 2005. She loved to garden and landscaped for many. She was an artist and a faux finisher, utilizing her talents in many million-dollar homes throughout the state. She spent most of her travels near water. She was known for being a diligent worker, often holding down multiple jobs at a time. She always had the prettiest yard in her neighborhood, and she never met a stranger.

She leaves to cherish her in memory, her three children, Edrika T. Thomas of Jackson, Aaron (Shoshanna) Thomas of Fort Lauderdale, FL, and Amber Z. Thomas of Jackson, MS, three grandchildren, Nora Bella Thomas, Elle Jae Johnson, and Mariah Topp Thomas, one sister Josephine (Rickey) Proctor, brothers William (Virginia) Ward, Eric (Donna) Ward, Jerome Ward, Philip (Angela) Ward, John Kennerson of Texas, Joe Perkins of Texas, and brother-in-law, Elijah Walker, Sr.

Gloria dedicated her life to serving and giving back. She loved Jesus and shared his love with all who would listen. She cared for herself as an example of what all we should strive to be.

She is preceded in death by her father, Walter Lee Perkins; one sister, Edna Ruth Walker; two brothers, Jessie Ray Ward and Raphael Winsley; and one grandchild, Elijah Josepn Johnson.

Cemetery Details

TrueVine M. B. Church Cemetery

124 Vine Drive
Brandon, MS 39042

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Homegoing Service

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

TrueVine M. B. Church
124 Vine Drive
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Gloria Jean Perkins Cabrera*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - November 21, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ *Vergie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera*



Vergie Jackson - November 25, 2025 at 12:03 AM



“ *Nathaniel and Dorene Anderson lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera*



Nathaniel and Dorene Anderson - November 23, 2025 at 11:13 AM

DA

“ Dorene Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera



Dorene Anderson - November 23, 2025 at 11:00 AM

GS

“ Thoughts of love, prayers for comfort and strength.



Gwendolyn & Dallas Sutton - November 22, 2025 at 01:41 PM

CA

“ Carolyn Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera



Carolyn Anderson - November 21, 2025 at 12:43 PM

JS

ALL OF OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALWAYS 🙏🙏🙏 JUSTIN SPEARS AND FAMILY

Justin Spears - November 21, 2025 at 06:17 PM

DF

“ *Dillon D and family. purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Ms. Gloria Jean Perkins Cabrera.*



Dillon D and family. - November 21, 2025 at 09:00 AM

GJ

“ *I met Gloria many years ago,first she was my hairstylist& then became my friend..We reunited when she started coming to the Hederman Ctr. Gloria was a strong trooper,she didn't give up! Gloria not going to say good bye ,see yu on the other side!*



Gloria Jackson - November 21, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Gloria Jean Perkins Cabrera.*



November 21, 2025 at 08:08 AM

TF

“ *The Green Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Gloria Jean Perkins Cabrera.*

The Green Family - November 21, 2025 at 08:08 AM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera



Eddie Ainsworth - November 20, 2025 at 11:00 PM

SH

“ Sharon Hoard lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera



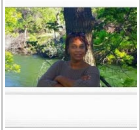
Sharon Hoard - November 20, 2025 at 10:42 PM

TS

“ Thelma myers Scott lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera



Thelma myers Scott - November 20, 2025 at 10:20 PM



“ God bless the Ward and Perkins family in their time of bereavement 🙏🙏🙏



Sarah McIntyre Smith - November 20, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ *Robbie Buckhalter-Singleton lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera*



Robbie Buckhalter-Singleton - November 20, 2025 at 12:05 AM



“ *Virginia Thompson lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera*



Virginia Thompson - November 19, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ *Praying for comfort to the families! God is able! Trust Him! Bro. & Sis. Johnny Winsley*

Edna Winsley - November 19, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ *Ms. Gloria, a Woman of God with such a sweet soul and spirit. You were such a caring person and made sure your family was well taken care of. A wonderful Mother and Grandmother. You will be truly missed. Now you can rest with God. Amen!!*

Kimberly Lewis - November 19, 2025 at 12:29 PM

MM

“ *Mary McCoy lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera*



Mary McCoy - November 19, 2025 at 10:56 AM

MM

“ *Mary McCoy sent a virtual gift in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera*



Mary McCoy - November 19, 2025 at 10:55 AM

AT

“ *Alexander Taylor lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera*



Alexander Taylor - November 19, 2025 at 12:14 AM

VJ

“ *Vergie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera*



Vergie Jackson - November 18, 2025 at 11:02 PM

ME

“ *Melvin Ervin lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera*



Melvin Ervin - November 18, 2025 at 09:15 PM

AB

“ *Alexis Bilbro lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera*



Alexis Bilbro - November 18, 2025 at 08:56 PM

CP

“ *Carolyn Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera*



Carolyn Palmer - November 18, 2025 at 08:19 PM

BT

“ *Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Gloria Perkins Cabrera*



Bessie Taylor - November 18, 2025 at 05:21 PM

TS

My prayer to the family of Gloria my classmate so beautiful

Thelma myers Scott - November 20, 2025 at 10:17 PM

TS

My prayer to the family of Gloria my classmate such a beautiful soul

Thelma myers Scott - November 20, 2025 at 10:19 PM