



Gloria Jean Wise

July 6, 1947 - February 1, 2024

Gloria Jean Wise, daughter of Oneita Collick Wise and Mace Gumby, was born July 6, 1947 in Stockton, Maryland. She departed this earthly life and gained her heavenly wings on February 1, 2024 in Wilmington, Delaware.

Jean, as she was affectionately known, always had a smile on her face and love in her heart. You wouldn't know anything was wrong if she didn't tell you. If you saw her, you saw her sister Marlene, they were inseparable, like two peas in a pod. She loved God & Jesus Christ with all her heart and soul. She loved music and enjoyed a good party too. She loved her nieces and nephews and her friends' children as if they were her own. Dana was an only child with a bunch of sisters and brothers.

Jean began her early education in the public schools in Stockton, MD and later moved to Wilmington, DE and in 1965 graduated from Wilmington High School. After which she attended Del Tech Community College Nursing Program where she earned her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate.

She worked as a CNA at Wilmington Hospital, a home health aide, an attendant at Brandywine Racetrack, and worked in retail at Almart, Jefferson Ward and Kmart. She retired from Bank of New York/JP Morgan Chase where she was a customer services representative.

She joined Mt. Joy UMC at an early age where she sang on the Gospel choir, mass choir and senior choir. She served as the treasurer, trustee, and on the Staff Pastor Parish Relationship Committee. She was also a Sunday School teacher and enjoyed going to the senior center. When she could no longer attend church in person, she watched every service on live stream. Mt. Joy clergy and congregation was always a great source of joy for her! When Rev. Powell became pastor at Mt. Joy, First Lady Joyce was reunited with her long-time friend "Jean-Jean" who used to babysit her. They often sat and laughed about old times.

Jean (aka. Queen Jean), along with her sister Marlene, joined the Reindeer Lodge Gordon Chapter where she rose to be the Queen in 1994 and belonged to the Traveling Ladies Club. She really loved being with family and friends. Liked doing puzzles, word searches, crosswords, playing Skip'bo, solitaire, Chinese checkers, Mancala and she loved to crochet. If your baby didn't have a blanket from Ant Jean, it's because you didn't ask.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, sister Odessa Purnell & brother-in-law Fred Purnell, brothers William, John, Willard, Vernon "Bootsie" and Larry "Tweed" Wise, niece Sonya Wright, nephews William Jr., Jay Smith, Tony Blake, Zyaire Jackson and De'Twine Young, two of her closest & dearest friends Joyce Smith and Joyce Roles "Joybell".

She leaves to cherish her memory daughter Dana Wise (Kimwana Dorsey), sister Marlene Wright, sister-in-law Mary Wise, grandchildren Deymar Wise (Malaika Abdullah), Kavahn Wise and Anzsane Williams, great-grandchildren Amani, Jahmi, Deytwine and Oshun; Goddaughter Ahja Young, sister-nieces Vanessa Harvey, Oneita Marshall, nieces Monique Wright, Yolanda, Felicia and Angie Wise, Bridgette Blake, Fontella Jones, nephews John Jr., Bernard and Anthony Wise, James Jr. (Squeaky) and Daryl (Mike) Wright and Lance Ford, sisters-in-love Vera Jones & Doretha Blake a whole bunch of cousins,

grand/great nieces and nephews and friends' kids. And Dana's closest friends.

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Memorial Cemetery

2220 North Dupont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt Joy United Methodist Church
455 Townsend St
Wilmington, DE 19801

Celebration of Life

FEB 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

FEB 16 (ET)

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2220 North Dupont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720

Tribute Wall

AY

“ *Arlene Young-Taylor*



Arlene Young-Taylor - February 16, 2024 at 11:34 AM

CS

“ *To my church family, Praying GOD continues to comfort and keep you.
Love, Caren Sudler-Wilson*



Caren Sudler-Wilson - February 16, 2024 at 08:03 AM

VD

“ *Vicki Dobson-Shoffner lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Wise*



Vicki Dobson-Shoffner - February 15, 2024 at 10:56 AM

DB

bless the Wise family from the beard family

Demetrius Mark Beard - February 15, 2024 at 05:35 PM

NO

“ *Nancy L Owens lit a candle in memory of
Gloria Jean Wise*



Nancy L Owens - February 14, 2024 at 10:08 PM

VR

“ *Vanessa Rider lit a candle in memory of
Gloria Jean Wise*



Vanessa Rider - February 14, 2024 at 08:06 PM

MW

“ *May she rest well in her fathers loving arms.
Sincerely Marcial Wiggins*



Marcial Wiggins - February 14, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ *My Pebbles, always smiling with a kind and loving word for all. So many precious memories were made with you, I will forever cherish the bond that we shared and all the times I had my "Pebbles" to make me smile. Love and miss you Queen. 🥰*



Fontella Hamilton - February 13, 2024 at 08:34 PM

EY

“ *Jean, you are my best friend forever. We were two crazy, fun loving girls for a very long long time. I love you and I miss you, but I have so many good memories, I'll never forget you.*



Eunice Young-Booker - February 13, 2024 at 07:22 PM

JJ

“ *Jane A Hoy Aka Jann lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Wise*



Jane A Hoy aka Jann - February 13, 2024 at 04:07 PM

TW

“ Tina Wi lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Wise



Tina Wi - February 13, 2024 at 02:53 PM

DB

Jean I will miss you. you just like a sister to me. I have a lots of remembers. I miss you so much.

Doretha Blake - February 15, 2024 at 06:40 AM

SP

“ South Wilmington Senior Adult Program purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gloria Jean Wise.



South Wilmington Senior Adult Program - February 13, 2024 at 09:30 AM

SP

“ South Wilmington Senior Adult Program planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Jean Wise.

South Wilmington Senior Adult Program - February 13, 2024 at 09:30 AM

SS

“ Skip Sudler lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Wise



Skip Sudler - February 12, 2024 at 08:34 PM

JJ

“ James & Mary Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Wise



James & Mary Johnson - February 12, 2024 at 02:45 PM

JH

“ Jimmy Howard lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Wise



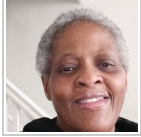
jimmy howard - February 12, 2024 at 11:43 AM

KW

“ Kenneth Winfield lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Wise



Kenneth Winfield - February 11, 2024 at 04:13 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jean was my first employer at Mt Joy senior center.I have never met a more joyful..understanding person. I really loved her she made me feel like family. I pray the peace that passes all understanding for this family.. My thoughts and prayers be with you

Carolyn Markland - February 10, 2024 at 04:51 PM

RG

“ Jean, will miss all the fun we have had through the years.



Renee Gaines - February 10, 2024 at 10:55 AM

BF

“ Bruce Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Wise



Bruce Fitzgerald - February 10, 2024 at 09:02 AM

BM

“ Belinda Macklin lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Wise



Belinda Macklin - February 09, 2024 at 03:22 PM

MC

“ *Maureta Collins lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Wise*



Maureta Collins - February 09, 2024 at 12:35 PM

MS

“ *Marsha Sudler lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Wise*



Marsha Sudler - February 08, 2024 at 06:39 PM

DW

“ *I haven't seen Jean in Years, we went to School together, she was one of the nicest, jovial, fun loving persons you ever want to meet, always the same, always met you with a smile, I don't, think she knew a stranger. R.I.P. old friend. Condolences to the Family.*



Dale white - February 08, 2024 at 12:09 PM

SF

To God be the glory for the life of Gloria Jean Wise. She was a loving person who will be missed

Sandra Hawkes and family - February 16, 2024 at 12:47 PM