



Gloria Iolyn Moo Young

July 19, 1942 - February 2, 2025

Gloria Iolyn Moo Young, age 82 of Port Antonio, Jamaica died on February 2, 2025.

Gloria was born on July 19, 1942 in Port Antonio, Jamaica, daughter of the late Young Tenn and Baghwandi Gandhi. She was the 4th of 2 boys and 2 girls.

She is pre-deceased by her husband Erle, and survived by her three children, Gary Moo Young, Denise Mercer (Richard), and Warren Moo Young (Tina), and her loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gloria was a successful business woman in both Jamaica and in the US. With her husband Erle, she owned and operated Moo Young's Garage, Family Foods Supermarket, Family Circle Supermarket, and The Shutter Factory.

Gloria was a loyal, devoted wife and life partner to her husband, Erle for nearly 66 years. She was a devoted grandmother, and a proud great grandmother. She enjoyed fashion, floral arrangement and gardens, entertaining and keeping in touch with relatives, friends, and family. She was an active participant in social and church-based communities, fundraisers, and charities. She ensured that her children and grandchildren were afforded the best education, and lifestyle growing up.

She has always had a strong personality which served her well with the adversities she faced in life. She never wavered in her convictions.

We will all cherish the happy memories we had together.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *A beautiful soul has gone to her rest. She was kind, loving and caring. To know her was to love her. I was honored and privileged to be her cousin-in-law and I will miss our telephone chats texts and emails. Rest in Peace, dear Gloria.*

Patsy Lee Sue - February 20, 2025 at 09:20 PM

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“ *Joan Moo Young purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gloria Iolyn Moo Young.*



Joan Moo Young - February 18, 2025 at 10:44 PM

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“ I was deeply saddened by Gloria’s sudden passing. Less than two weeks before, we had exchanged words of support and encouragement, checking in with one another during the last week of January. I had promised to reach out again soon. She was uplifted by Gary’s return home from rehab—stronger and healthier than he had been in a long time—which filled her with happiness. The household seemed to be on a better trajectory, moving into the new year with renewed strength and confidence. Her last exchange with to me was a joyful one; and friends had just dropped off ackee and salt fish with fried dumplings—sharing a taste of Jamaica in Virginia.

That was Gloria’s way—always at the heart of meaningful friendships, always sharing with delight, generosity, and warmth. Over the years, I came to know this as one of Gloria’s most genuine and endearing traits.

Life has a way of weaving lasting connections across time and distance. I was seventeen when Gloria first prominently entered my life as my chaperone during the Miss Jamaica beauty contest in 1967. Back then, she exuded elegance, beauty, kindness, and a quiet strength that made a lasting impression on me. Years later, in the early 2000s, we reconnected, and she and Erlie welcomed me into their beautiful home in Ocho Rios with the same open-hearted warmth and happiness. More recently, after she and Erlie relocated to Virginia, our bond renewed yet again, as if no time had passed. Through all the years, one thing never changed—Gloria’s grace, intelligence, beauty, warmth and the deep well of caring she expressed for those she loved. As a wife and mother, she was unwavering; as a friend and cousin, she inspired me. Her presence was a reminder of the kind of person I strive to be in this world. The world feels a little less bright without her, but Gloria leaves behind a legacy of love, warmth, generosity and caring that will forever bring a smile to my face and gladness to my heart. She will always reside there, interwoven with my sense of self, my heritage as an Asian-Black Jamaican woman, as a Moo Young, and most of all, as her cousin.

Rest in peace, sweet Gloria, you are gone but never forgotten.

Joan Moo Young - February 18, 2025 at 10:22 PM