

*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*Author Unknown*

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# *Service of Love and Remembrance*



*Ms. Gladys Bell Gaines*

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Saturday, November 24, 2018

11:00 AM

Clark S. Brown & Sons Chapel

727 N. Patterson Avenue

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Bishop Eugene E. Kirby, Jr., Officiant and Eulogist

## *The Obituary*

*Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long  
upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

*Exodus 20:12*

Ms. Gladys Bell Gaines was born on November 24, 1923 to the late Tommy Mitchell and Alberta Mitchell Van Landingham Mitchell in Batesburg, SC. She was educated in the local schools. Her family moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina when Ms. Gaines was a child. As a young adult, she moved to Miami, Florida to help care for her sister. She resided there for over 50 years, before returning to Winston-Salem with her daughter in 2010.

In addition to being a caregiver, she was a homemaker who loved spending time with her family, cooking and sharing the importance of eating together. She found pleasure in playing BINGO.

Bethlehem Holiness Church, her family church, is where she was a member.

On Monday, November 12, 2018, at the age of 94, she passed away at The Oaks of Forsyth, following a period of declining health.

In addition to her parents, Ms. Gaines was preceded in death by her spouse, William Gaines; her three sisters, Carrie Salley, Catherine Kirby and Helena Mitchell; great grandson, Andrew Jones; great granddaughter, Lanay McCray; and great granddaughter, Zakyle Manning; three aunts and two uncles.

Those who remain to cherish her memory are: her children, Shirley A. Mitchell and Robert J. Jacobs (Annette Allison); grandchildren, Arlene Manning Davenport, Darryl Manning, Laroï Dion Jackson, Rashida V. Dobson, Antonio Allison and Constance Jacobs; seventeen great grandchildren; nineteen great, great grandchildren and six great, great, great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Nellie Jacobs; seven nieces; five nephews; a host of other relatives and friends.

## *Order of Service*

**Opening Remarks** Bishop Eugene E. Kirby, Jr.

**The Holy Scriptures** Elder Brenda Kirby

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

**Prayer** Deacon Rickey Kirby

**Solo** "The Lord's Prayer" Sis. Carolyn Eaton

**Poem** Gone From Us Sis. Shirley Mitchell

**Resolutions / Remarks** Sis Tiana Whitley  
Sis. Beverly Salley  
Sis. Arlene Manning  
Sis. Anthanet Simmons

**Song** Choir

**Eulogy** Bishop Eugene E. Kirby, Jr.

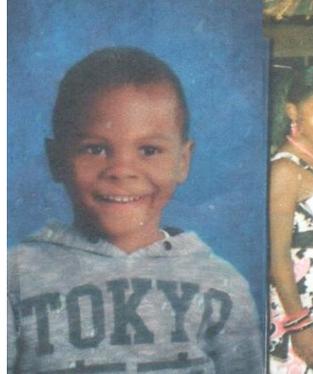
**Family Visitation**

### **Repast**

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*She's Free*

*Love is Her Legacy*



*Precious Memories*

*Family Love*

