



## Willie May Gibbs

April 11, 1932 - October 22, 2022

Mrs. Willie May Gibbs, Was born in Brooklyn, NY on April 11. 1932; to William Saitch and Sarah Reevese. She had a loving husband Mr. Willie Lee Gibbs of 25 years. Willie was deceased on January 31, 1984. Willie May was widowed for approx. 35 years.

She is survived by her two daughters; Wilma C. Gibbs- Lawrence and Mrs. Willa M. Gibbs- Gray. She also has two son-in-laws: Mr. Raymond Alvin Lawrence, and Mr. Andre M. Gray; Three grandsons; Mr. Maurice V. Gray, Mr. Brenden M. Gray and Mr. Raymond C. Lawrence.

Willie May was a loving and caring mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. She lived in New York for approx. 60 years then moved to New Jersey for two years. Then she relocated to Orlando, Florida to retire.

During her younger years she worked as a switchboard operator, at Chock Full A Nuts , medical facilities as an LPN and lastly as a Hospice LPN.

God blessed her to live a long life and see many exciting, harsh and wonderful times; some of them are as followed:

- 1.The Great Depression
- 2.World War II

3. Civil Rights Era
4. The Cold War
5. The Apollo Missions
6. The Great Recession
7. The Assassination of John F. Kennedy
8. The Assassination of Malcolm X
9. The Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.
10. The Watergate Scandal
11. The Death of Bob Marley
12. The Death of Michael Jackson and several major artists of the 70's, 80's & 90's.
13. The Vietnam War
14. The New York City Blackout
15. The Bombing of the World Trade
16. The Falling of Towers
17. The First Supreme Court African American Judge: Thurgood Marshall
18. The Winning of President Barack Obama (First African American President)
19. Several Major Hurricanes: Charlie, Irene, Andrew, Francis, Wilma, Katrina, Ian
20. The Covid-19 Virus & Strands.

These are just a few major events that our world has experienced; Willie M. Gibbs, survived to see them. Even though she survived a lot, she weathered these trying time with the grace of God. Some of her favorite pass times were spending time at the beach, particularly Coney Island, Prospect Park and Far Rockaway Beach. She loved New York City where she was born and grew up as a young girl.

Her favorite hobbies were singing, sewing, watching old western flicks and she was certainly an action movie junkie.

God truly blessed her with the ability to see her family blossom and grow. She will be greatly missed but NEVER forgotten. May God keep her in his hands until we meet again.

Love you Mom / Grams

The family of Willie May Gibbs invites you to leave a message of condolence on the tribute wall created in her memory.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV 5. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory  
9001 N. Orlando Avenue  
Maitland, FL 32751  
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

## Reception

NOV 5. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Willie May Gibbs.



November 05, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia* was purchased for the family of Willie May Gibbs.



November 04, 2022 at 06:36 PM



“ *Love, Nancy & Tom Chirichella (Minghini)* purchased the *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* for the family of Willie May Gibbs.



**Love, Nancy & Tom Chirichella (Minghini)** - November 02, 2022 at 02:46 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Willie May Gibbs.



November 01, 2022 at 09:36 AM

SL

“ I met Mrs Gibbs recently. My sister and I had the privilege of staying at Wilma and Raymond's house for several days. My sister and I both came away with the same impressions. First of all she reminded us of our grandmother and second of all she has a sweet Spirit. You can sense her love and kindness when in her presence.

Sidone Lawrence - October 30, 2022 at 12:29 PM

NM

“ I know Mrs. Gibbs mostly as Wilma's mother. Wilma and I have been friends for over 40 years and taught in elementary school together. All I can say is that Mrs. Gibbs had to be an extraordinary woman based on the character of her daughter and my friend Wilma. As the adage goes, “the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.”Mrs. Gibbs faced much adversity in her life including the passing of her husband at a young age and raising two daughters on her own in Brooklyn, NY.

Your struggling days are over Mrs. Gibbs and you can Rest In Peace knowing your earthly job is done. You have left a beautiful legacy behind-two wonderful daughters, son-in-laws and grand children you can be very proud of. When those pearly gates open and you are greeted by the Lord, I know he will say, “Good job my faithful servant.”

Sincerely, Nancy Chirichella a/k/a Minghini and husband Tom

Nancy Minghini - October 27, 2022 at 09:50 AM

WI

That was so precious Nancy! Love you 🥹 your Sis Wilma

Wilmaclawrence - October 29, 2022 at 05:04 PM

SC

“ To My Darling Great Aunt Willie May, You will definitely be missed. You were always such a beautiful person inside and out. Always humble, soft spoken and a delight. May God rest your soul in Heaven! Love You ❤️🙏 Your Niece, Sherri Canady-Clayton

Sherri Canady Clayton - October 25, 2022 at 06:51 PM

WI

Thanks Sherri I know she loved you and your sister ....hope to see you soon Wilma❤

Wilmaclawrence - October 29, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ Mom I love you.....❤️ you will always be in my heart and on my Mind.... You are the Best! Rest In Peace... I Will See You Again:” Great is thy Faithfulness “



Wilma Lawrence - October 25, 2022 at 02:45 PM