



## Gloria Cleveland Yassen

August 31, 2009

Walhalla, SC—Gloria Marcia Cleveland Yassen, 64, wife of Abdulltef “Abed” Y. Yassen, of 298 Ciacres Drive, Walhalla, SC, died Monday, August 31, 2009 at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

A native of Oconee County, Mrs. Yassen was the daughter of the late Marshall Dupree and Hazel Duke Cleveland. She was co-owner of The Steak House Cafeteria in Walhalla. Mrs. Yassen was a member of Westminster United Methodist Church. She graduated from Westminster High School and Lander College, Greenwood, SC. She was a former employee of DSS as a case worker. She was also a member of the Pilot Club.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Yassen is survived by brother, Duke Cleveland of Greenville; sisters, Rolann C. Lee (Gerald), Marilyn D. Cleveland, Dorothy Gayle Cleveland and Cheryl Cleveland, all of Westminster; nieces, Tonja L. Alnajjar (Ammar) of Seneca and Marshelle L. Killian (John) of Westminster; nephews, Jay Lee (Sallie) of Piedmont, Duke Lee (Angela) of Seneca and Treva Lee (Doraine) of Greer; great nieces, Layla Yasin of France, Ashton, Katherin, Lauren and Carolin Lee of SC, and Bethany Killian of NY; great nephews, Corbin and Hank Lee of SC, John Michael and Daniel Killian of NY and Matt Fleming of NY.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Yassen was preceded in death by grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Treva Duke and Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Reeder Cleveland; and uncle, Harry Duke.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 2, 2009 from the Chapel of Davenport Funeral Home.

Interment will be private.

The family will receive friends from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service.

The family will be at The Steak House Cafeteria from 4:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to The American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 13067, Alexandria, VA 22312.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria Cleveland Yassen*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *I just wanted to send a note of thanks for all Gloria did for our prayer team when we came to pray in Oconee County during the Cherokee Prayer Initiative with Mission Carolina in 1999. She was so good to us and took care of us with food, etc. She will be missed.*

*Pastor Gene Brooks*

*Union Missionary Baptist Church*

*Rocky Mount, NC###imported-begin##Gene Brooks###imported-end##*

January 01, 2010 at 04:20 PM



“ *Danny and I are keeping you in our prayers. She looked so pretty in that picture.###imported-begin##Catherine Sewell###imported-end##*

October 05, 2009 at 01:52 AM



“ *Abed,  
My heart is sad for you and the loss we all share of such a wonderful person. You and Gloria have shared many years of friendship with me and my family. We all love you and are here for you.*

*Love,*

*Pooch###imported-begin##Cheryl Fowler###imported-end##*

October 02, 2009 at 12:44 PM



“ *We are very sorry to learn of Gloria's passing. We will be praying for All the family. Glenn###imported-begin##Glenn & Alline Long###imported-end##*

September 10, 2009 at 06:49 PM



“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers. May God wrap His arms of comfort and strength around you. God bless, and lots of love, Randy and Leesa Collins##imported-begin##Leesa Collins##imported-end##

September 09, 2009 at 03:06 PM



“ I am so sorry for your family at the loss of darling Gloria who I haven't seen in so many years. My mother Margery Keys who worked with her adored her and was so happy that her life with Abed, running the restaurant was such a fulfilling one.

I know that she will be missed. My deepest sympathies.##imported-begin##Charlotte Keys##imported-end##

September 08, 2009 at 03:35 PM



“ Dear Abed, Paul and I just learned of Gloria's passing. We are so sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Karen and Paul Giampietro##imported-begin##Karen and Paul Giampietro##imported-end##

September 07, 2009 at 08:50 PM



“ Dear Marshelle:

What a shock to learn of Gloria's graduation, which we discovered when looking for Sister Worley's guest book.

Please ask John to give you a hug for us.

Jim & Ann##imported-begin##Jim & Ann Meredith##imported-end##

September 06, 2009 at 04:38 PM



“ ##imported-begin##Jim & Ann Meredith##imported-end##

September 06, 2009 at 04:35 PM



“ *Abed & Family - We were so saddened to hear about the passing of Gloria and are so very sorry about your loss. She always had a smile on her face and always made us feel like we were eating at home when we ate at the Steak House! We pray that you will be comforted by the peace of Jesus Christ. Your friends - Tom and Opal White*###imported-begin##Opal White###imported-end##

September 06, 2009 at 03:10 PM



“ *We are so sorry to learn of Gloria's passing, and would have been there with you but we are currently in Anchorage, Alaska and just today got to check our e-mail. Our most sincere thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Gloria was such a sweet, kind, and caring lady who will be greatly missed by her family and The Steak House family.*

*God's blessings upon each of you during this time.*###imported-begin##Larry and Martha LeCroy###imported-end##

September 05, 2009 at 12:46 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Gloria's death. Our thoughts & prayers are with you, Sincerely,*

*Sandy & Max Wigington*###imported-begin##sandy wigington###imported-end##

September 04, 2009 at 02:47 PM



“ *I will always remember Gloria's sweet ways when we went to high school together. My sincere sympathy to all of her family in their great loss. God bless you all.*###imported-begin##Carolyn Meyers Maybach###imported-end##

September 03, 2009 at 08:58 PM



“ *we will surely miss Gloria at the steak house,it won't be the same without her.bless all the family.*###imported-begin##mr&mrs. robert e. lee jr.###imported-end##

September 03, 2009 at 08:45 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to you Abed and Tonya, and your whole family. I realize nothing I can say will take your pain away, but you are in my thoughts and prayers and if there is anything I can do, I'm here. I will never forget the great time I had working for you and Gloria. I will really miss that big smile and laugh of hers. Gloria will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Karen##imported-end##

September 03, 2009 at 03:10 AM



“ Abed, you have always been the 'nuts and bolts' of your marriage and partnership with Gloria. She complemented your union with 'southern grace and charm'. My children and I extend our condolences. May Gloria Rest In Peace! Grace and Peace To You, Abed. Our Lord has you in HIS hand during this trying time.##imported-begin##Kenny Johns##imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 11:00 PM



“ Abed and Family,  
The service for Gloria today was beautiful. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God continue to bless and comfort you in the days ahead.

Love,

Paul & Brenda##imported-begin##Paul and Brenda Chalmers##imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 08:28 PM



“ Having been a lifelong resident of Walhalla, I have had many occasion to be associated with Gloria. She was a wonderful lady who will be missed by all who knew her and her beautiful smile.

My sympathy is extended to the family of Gloria. Please know that life after death is wonderful for those who have accepted Jesus as Savior. I know that Gloria is enjoying Heaven so much.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##John Kelley##imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 07:41 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your loss of such a special lady.##imported-begin##Sherri Harris##imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 04:18 PM



“ *Abed,*

*I have fond memories of mama and Gloria when I was younger. Gloria was so wonderful to her and to us over the last few years. She will be deeply missed!*

*Amy Watkins, Andrew Roach, and Julie Davis (Children of Rita Roach)##imported-begin##Don and Amy Watkins##imported-end##*

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September 02, 2009 at 03:59 PM



“ *WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL, AND REMEMBER CHRISTIANS NEVER SEE EACH OTHER FOR THE LAST TIME. ROY & VIRGINIA WILSON##imported-begin##Roy & Virginia Wilson##imported-end##*

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September 02, 2009 at 01:54 PM



“ *We were sure saddened by the loss of Gloria. It was always a pleasure to see her at "The Steak House". Our prayers and thoughts are with the entire family.##imported-begin##Roy & Sandy Knight & Family##imported-end##*

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September 02, 2009 at 01:32 PM



“ *Abby, we are thinking about you and your family. Gloria was a special person, so thoughtful and caring! We loved her so! We will continue to pray for your strenght and courage in the days ahead. Love to all, The Biemann's##imported-begin##Kim Biemann##imported-end##*

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September 02, 2009 at 12:52 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear the news of Gloria's passing. She was a beautiful lady and always had a smile. It has been a pleasure to know her and all of the family for many years. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless you and comfort you during this time.*

*Love you all  
Rhonda Grant Fincannon##imported-begin##Rhonda Grant Fincannon##imported-end##*

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September 02, 2009 at 12:12 PM



“ Abby...I am deeply sadden by your loss. She was a wonderful woman. Stay strong...She will always be in your heart.

with lots of love,  
Rebekah###imported-begin###Rebekah Skags###imported-end###

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September 02, 2009 at 10:36 AM



“ Abi, Duke, Cheryl and family,  
I love you all and you will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days.###imported-begin###Mary Bryant Davis###imported-end###

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September 02, 2009 at 09:39 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Gloria was a special person and loved by all. God is always with us so just call on his wonderful name for strength!  
God Bless!###imported-begin###Tim & Elaine Carver###imported-end###

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September 02, 2009 at 09:19 AM



“ Dear Family:  
Please know that my prayers are with you during this sad time. May God's love give your peace.  
With love and prayers  
Geri Melton###imported-begin###Geraleen C. Melton###imported-end###

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September 02, 2009 at 01:33 AM



“ Rolann and Family:  
We were sorry to hear of Gloria's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time and may God's love and grace give you peace. We pray that God's mercy will give you the strength to face the coming weeks and that your many happy memories will keep her close to your heart. Love in Christ with prayers.  
Clyde & Linda Roberts###imported-begin###Clyde & Linda C. Roberts###imported-end###

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September 02, 2009 at 01:30 AM



“ I send my sincere sympathy to the family and friends. My dad loved The Steak House and we used to go there regularly for Sunday lunch. Everyone was so nice and friendly. Our love and prayers are with the family during this time.##imported-begin##Joan Pickle (Bruce)##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 11:53 PM



“ Abed, Tonja and Ammar...so saddened to hear about Gloria. What a sweet lady that we'll never forget. She and Mary Alice Palmer (my Mom) are now in heaven singing praises to Jesus! May God give you peace and comfort, and may you have many precious memories that will live in your hearts forever.##imported-begin##David & Gay Englebert##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 11:47 PM



“ Abby, I'm so sorry to hear of Gloria's passing, she was a very special lady. I know she will be missed by many people but none more than you. May God be with you and the rest of the family at this time, trust in Him and He'll help you through this.##imported-begin##Pat Sanders Bennett##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 09:53 PM



“ Rolann and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. God bless you. Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Holcomb Willis##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 09:22 PM



“ To The Family Of Gloria Cleveland Yassen

We were sorry to hear about the passing of Gloria. We are praying for you all and know God will be with you.

You have our deepest sympathy.

Keith and Pam Lumkin##imported-begin##Keith and Pam Lumkin##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 09:14 PM



“ We were so sorry to learn of Gloria's passing. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family during these days and in the weeks ahead. Gloria was a lovely lady and she will be missed by many!

Gene and Jane Turbeville

Seneca, SC###imported-begin##Gene & Jane Turbeville###imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 09:02 PM



“ Abed,  
Gloria was a wonderful, spiritual person. She always had a smile for everyone. Both of you were always good to me and my family. I will never forget the love that you shared with us. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Please know that you, Cheryl and Tonya are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Denise Barker Dykes###imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 08:35 PM



“ Abed  
Rande and I are so sorry to hear about Gloria. She was a wonderful women and will be missed by many people. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.###imported-begin##Lisa Barker Thompson###imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 08:09 PM



“ Abed and family: We are so sorry for your loss. Gloria was such a beautiful person. Please know that you are all in our prayers during this difficult time.###imported-begin##Tony, Lynn, Ashley and Jake Black###imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 07:00 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Gloria. She was always so nice and a real ray of sunshine in this world. The Cleveland family has always been such a big part of Westminster, and it's sad to know that one of you is gone. She is with her mom and dad now, though, and free of earthly cares and pain. Please know my and all the Singleton "clan"'s thoughts are with you all.###imported-begin##Mary (Singleton) Harvey###imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 06:31 PM



“ *Abed & family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Remembering you in our prayers and trusting you will know the special love and comfort that God can give. Henry & Irene Chapman##imported-begin##Henry & Irene Chapman##imported-end##*

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September 01, 2009 at 05:14 PM



“ *Abed and Family, My love and prayers are with you. I know your hearts are heavy and it seems like you can't breathe, but God CAN and WILL bring each of you through this. He will give you peace beyond your understanding. As always when we would see each other we never left without saying "I love you" and I'm so glad we did. I will miss Gloria dearly.##imported-begin##Ginger Reid##imported-end##*

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September 01, 2009 at 04:41 PM



“ *We are so sad to learn of Gloria's death. She was a beloved wife, sister and friend to all who knew her. Please know that the Singleton family are thinking of all of you, and I will be praying for solace from above. I know your mother and father are so glad to see her and joyously welcome her home##imported-begin##Cary Singleton Caines##imported-end##*

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September 01, 2009 at 04:02 PM



“ *We extend our love and sympathy to each of Gloria's family, extended family and employees...we will all miss her. She greeted with a huge hug, a warm smile, and always shared about her love for Jesus in her own special way.##imported-begin##Edd & Gail Stovall##imported-end##*

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September 01, 2009 at 03:45 PM



“ Rolann and Family Members,

*Each of you are in our prayers. We know that God will give you the extra strength that you need for this time of sadness.*

*May God Bless each of you.*

*Your Friends in Christ and Love,*

*Ralph and Debbie Styles*

*Greer, SC##imported-begin##Debbie Styles##imported-end##*

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September 01, 2009 at 03:19 PM



“ Duke,

*Our dear precious friend from so many years back. We are so deeply grieved by the passing of your sister, Gloria. Loosing a sibling is heart breaking and I know how close your family is to each other.*

*May God give you the peace in your heart you need at this time.*

*To all your sisters and other family members, we offer our deepest sympathy.*

*We love you Duke. Think about you often. God will bless you.*

*Love, LC and Mary Jo Alexander##imported-begin##LC/Mary Jo Alexander##imported-end##*

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September 01, 2009 at 02:56 PM



“ Please accept our heartfelt loss at Mrs Gloria's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Grahm and Erin Sluder##imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 02:48 PM



“ Please know you are in our thoughts and have our deepest condolences in the loss of one so dear.##imported-begin##Patricia and Richard Learnard##imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 02:40 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Gloria’s passing. Please accept my deepest sympathies. My memories of Gloria from our high school days are very special and my prayer is that your happy memories bring you peace and comfort. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Janice Carroll Davis##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 02:07 PM



“ WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.##imported-begin##DENNIS & DIXIE JAMES##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 01:57 PM



“ IM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL . SHE WAS A WONDER FUL PERSON . SHE HAD A PRETTY SMILE THAT MADE ME GLAD TO HAVE KNOWN HER . MY PRAYERS WILL BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY .  
CHERYL H. FRICKS##imported-begin##CHERYL , HOPKINS ,  
FRICKS##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 01:50 PM



“ My sincerest sympathies are with all of the family.  
May you sense the Lord's loving presence today....keeping you close to His heart, assuring you of His tender care, and covering you with His grace.  
With thoughts and prayers,  
Frankie##imported-begin##Frankie Childress##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 11:27 AM



“ Dear Abed and family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.

Roy and Mildred Dodd##imported-begin##Roy and Mildred Dodd##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 11:15 AM



“ Abby you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Gloria was always such a pleasant person to be around. She will be missed dearly. I'll be praying for you.##imported-begin##Lisa Mills##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 09:53 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. A thought that was of great comfort to us, was: Remember our loved ones are never truly gone, they live forever in our thoughts, in our hearts, in our memories and in our prayers.  
May God minister to each of you as needed during this time is our prayer.  
Judi and Homer Price##imported-begin##Judi and Homer Price##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 09:43 AM



“ Please accept our sincerest sympathy and prayers for your comfort and peace at Gloria's passing. We were college friends many years ago, but even thinking of her makes me smile today. May you find your comfort in the Prince of Peace.##imported-begin##Linda Everett##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 09:32 AM



“ Gloria was such a sweet southern lady. Her charm and wits warmed the hearts of many people. She was such a bright lite. May God Bless you and your family in the coming days and may you find peace that can only come from above.  
Tracy Beers (Ed & Gail Stovalls daughter)##imported-begin##Tracy Stovall Beers##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 09:11 AM



“ You know me as Chasidy's Mom. We are sorry to hear about Gloria's passing. We ask that God lifts you up and carries you through this difficult time. Chasidy told her grandparents last night that you were so very dear to her heart. We think of you as family and send lots of love to heal you.  
The Roach Family  
Jeff, Alisa and Chasidy##imported-begin##Alisa Roach##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 08:41 AM



“ To Gloria's entire family, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray all your wonderful memories will give you much comfort and peace. To Abed and Tonya, I love you both and I'm thinking of you two especially. You two, along with Gloria, hold a special place in my family's hearts.##imported-begin##Karen (Young) Kilpatrick##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 08:28 AM



“ Dear Family - I would like to express my condolences to all of you - Gloria was a wonderful lady who helped me along my way and I am forever grateful. Warmly,  
Hamid##imported-begin##Hamid Salim##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 08:24 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Gloria's passing--I grew up in Westminster and knew her all her life.  
My deepest sympathy,  
Dan Cobb(friend of Rolann)##imported-begin##Dan Cobb##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 07:15 AM



“ So Sorry to hear about Gloria's passing. She was a fine person and friend.  
  
Jerry##imported-begin##Jerry Rogers##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 07:03 AM



“ Abed and Family, We love you and are so sorry to hear of your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Keith, Donna, Jesse, and Isaac Cobb and Emma Watkins##imported-begin##Keith and Donna Cobb##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 01:07 AM



“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you.  
Sincerely,  
Ricky, Beverly, Symon & Lacey Watkins##imported-begin##Beverly Watkins##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 09:35 PM



“ We are very sorry to know of your loss. Gloria will always be dear to our hearts. All that is on the other side of this life has been made special for our friend, Gloria.##imported-begin##John, Kim, Erica and Emily Herndon##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 08:40 PM



“ I remember Gloria and her family so fondly from our school days in Westminster. She was always such a friendly, happy classmate. She was a leader, and so smart!

I am so sorry to hear of her death and send my sympathy to her husband and to Roland, Duke, Marilyn, Cheryl and Gail -- all friends from my years in Westminster. Jane Holcombe Harvey##imported-begin##Jane Holcombe Harvey##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 08:21 PM



“ May this sorrowful time allow us all to reflect upon the joy we once shared with Gloria. She was a special friend when we were in school together and I'll miss her terribly.

With deepest sympathy.

Janice Cobb Setzler##imported-begin##Janice Cobb Setzler##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 06:41 PM



“ Sorry for your loss and my god bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Riad Leilo##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 05:52 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Gloria's passing. She was a wonderful lady and she will be missed. I have many fond memories of Gloria that I will cherish. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say. God Bless each of you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Tony Moss##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 05:06 PM