



## Robena Gorham

August 30, 1948 - October 3, 2020

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

Revelations 21:4

Robena Gorham was born August 30, 1948 in Washington, North Carolina to the late Johnie Sam Gorham and the late Lillie Jane Jones Gorham. Robena was the youngest of eleven Gorham children. She entered her eternal life on October 3, 2020 under the loving care of Waterbrook Assisted Living.

Robena accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her savior at an early age and was baptized at the Triumph Missionary Baptist Church of Washington, NC. For many years, she served Triumph faithfully as the secretary of the usher board and Sunday School. Robena remained very active in her church until her illness prevented her from serving.

Robena was educated in the Pitt County School System in Greenville, NC. While reading was a true passion and favorite pastime, she also had a heart for serving and supporting others. While a student at C.M. Epps High School, Robena helped fellow classmates, Annie Miller, Shelia Laughinghouse and Estella Maye Spencer, find employment in Atlantic City, NJ to save money for college. Robena was also a trailblazer. She was the first African American chosen to attend the NC Governor's Gifted Program in Winston Salem, NC and earned the distinct honor of salutatorian for the C.M. Epps High School

class of 1965.

Following in the footsteps of her older siblings, Robena attended North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro, NC, graduating with Bachelor of Science degrees in biology and chemistry in 1971. While at A & T, Robena became an active and passionate member of the Alpha Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Robena was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings, Arlester, Victor Emmanuel, DeRoy and Zelma Lee. God had a plan for Robena and her big brother DeRoy. They both were born on the same day, August 30th and they both departed their earthly life on October 3rd.

Robena leaves to cherish the fond memories of her life, her brothers, Reverend Johnie Gorham, Arnold Roosevelt (Erma) Gorham, Robert Earl (Yvonne) Gorham; sisters, Lottie Romaine, Lillie V. Gorham, and Martha Bernice Gorham; one sister-in-law, Joan Gorham (DeRoy); a dedicated cousin, Doris Cox; a host of loving nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 Corinthians 5:1

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Previous Events

## Graveside

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Greenville, NC 27858

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robena Gorham*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *When I met Robena right away I knew she had a gentle & kind spirit.  
She will be missed but fond memories of her will linger forever.  
Rest easy my friend*❤️

**Donna J. Gorham** - October 13, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *Donna J. Gorham lit a candle in memory of Robena Gorham*



**Donna J. Gorham** - October 13, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ *Ella E. Tyson Harris - Class of 1963 - C. M. Eppes High School  
Robena was indeed a scholar..*



**Ella Harris** - October 10, 2020 at 06:30 PM

MS

“ *Mrs Mary Bradley Sessoms lit a candle in memory of Robena Gorham*



**Mrs Mary Bradley Sessoms** - October 10, 2020 at 05:22 PM

KB

“ *Keith and Darla Brennan would like to extend our condolences to my godmother Lillie for the loss of her dear sister.*



**Keith Brennan** - October 10, 2020 at 11:24 AM

PT

“ *Pansy Taft-Butkowski lit a candle in memory of Robena Gorham*



**Pansy Taft-Butkowski** - October 09, 2020 at 10:00 PM

JJ

“ *JAMES HARPER JR lit a candle in memory of Robena Gorham*



**JAMES HARPER JR** - October 09, 2020 at 07:13 PM

JC

“ James Brown / Connecticut sent a virtual gift in memory of Robena Gorham



James Brown / Connecticut - October 08, 2020 at 12:39 PM

JB

“ James Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Robena Gorham



James Brown - October 08, 2020 at 12:37 PM

PV

“ Our love & prayers are with you at this time, Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted, Matthew 5:4



Price-Floyd Famiy NN VA - October 07, 2020 at 08:57 AM

KN

“ My condolenses to The Gorham Familly. May The Lord continue to keep you in his care.



Kim Price, Sayreville NJ - October 07, 2020 at 08:39 AM

EH

“ *Evangelist Gwen Hudson sent a virtual gift in memory of Robena Gorham*



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - October 06, 2020 at 07:48 AM

BN

“ *Betty Nurse lit a candle in memory of Robena Gorham*



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**Betty Nurse** - October 05, 2020 at 10:50 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - October 05, 2020 at 03:33 PM

DV

“ *With deepest and heartfelt sympathy to The Gorham Family*



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**Diane Price-Hampton, Va** - October 05, 2020 at 03:17 PM

MS

*My condolences to the family. I will always remember my classmate such a quiet spirit.*

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**Mrs Mary Bradley Sessoms** - October 08, 2020 at 10:51 PM

SY

*Cherished memories. I will always miss visiting you while on my summer vacation. Love you. Until we meet again - Rest in Peace with Jesus Christ. Shelia Laughinghouse Yappow*

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**Shelia Yappow** - October 14, 2020 at 04:01 PM