



The Rev Gladys R. McCurtain

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The Reverend Gladys “Glad” Robinson McCurtain, 76, beloved wife of James “Jim” Hume McCurtain, Jr., passed away Sunday, January 21, 2024 in Clearwater, FL.

Born on August 5, 1947 in Pensacola, FL, Glad was the daughter of the late Honorable Grover Cleveland Robinson, Jr. and Isabella Fauntleroy Robinson. A graduate of Pensacola High School, Glad later attended Florida State University where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Glad graduated with her Bachelors of Arts from the University of West Florida in 1969. Over the next 25 years Glad took on many roles including City Planner, Junior League member, wife, and mother to her four children.

During these years, Glad was an avid tennis player and enjoyed playing mixed doubles with her husband, Jim, and teaching all of her children to play. She could also be found many Sundays singing and playing her guitar, leading worship music at her church, which is where she found her next calling.

In 1995, Glad was ordained as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church, serving at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Clearwater, Florida, then at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter in St. Petersburg, FL. Glad went on to attend Seabury Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, where she received her Masters of Divinity. She was ordained as an Episcopal Priest in 2003 and served as the Rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Clearwater, FL for 10 years. Glad also served at St. Anne of Grace in Seminole, FL and Good Samaritan Episcopal Church in Clearwater, FL.

After her retirement, she enjoyed traveling with Jim, especially to the mountains of North Carolina, where she would sit for hours in a rocking chair enjoying a good view and her woodcarving. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her friends, family, and four treasured grandchildren, for whom she had boundless love.



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Glad was a faithful servant of God until her final moments. She never met a stranger and welcomed everyone into her church and into her heart with her radiant smile and joyful spirit. She touched too many lives to count, and her legacy will live on in so many who were forever changed for the better by knowing Glad.

In addition to her husband, Jim, Glad is survived by her son James “Jim” (Rhonda) McCurtain, III of Atlanta, GA; her daughter Avery (Karl) Zercoe and grandson Lucas Zercoe of Clearwater, FL; her son Thomas “Tom” (Rachel) McCurtain and granddaughter Rebekah McCurtain of Clearwater, FL; her daughter Elizabeth “Liz” (Taylor Horton) McCurtain and granddaughters Emma Horton and Zoe Horton of Atlanta, GA; and her brother Thomas “Tom” Robinson of Franklin, TN. In addition to her parents, Glad was preceded in death by her brother Grover Robinson, III.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 10, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Clearwater, FL with a reception to follow at Countryside Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, prior to her death, Glad made a request: “Please consider participating in a ministry, program, or personal act of goodness through your time, talent and, where possible, treasure that will help others experience God’s loving presence through your bringing new hope and new possibilities.”




Events


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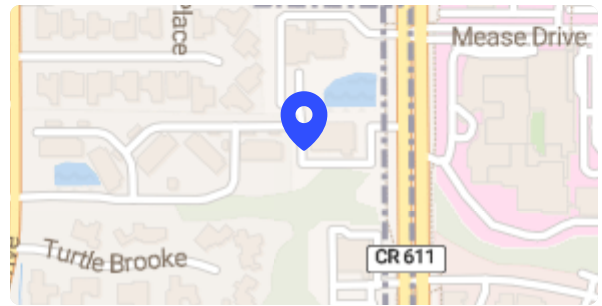
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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, February 10, 2024

 1:00 PM ET

 **Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**
3200 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater FL 33761





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BT

Briony Tomalesky posted:

Glad - a unique, special person with insight, wisdom, caring, compassion. A wonderful wife, mother, grandmother. We knew you before you were an ordained priest, but you were always a minister of God. My condolences to Jim and your family. Much love, Briony and Mike

February 10 at 7:02 AM

MI

Marie D'imperio shared a photo to the **Memories** album.



February 6 at 4:34 PM

JD

Joe Diaz posted:

Glad I am sure you are "Gladdening" the precincts of Heaven just as you Gladdened my heart. To have served with you has been such a delight even to this day. Our loss is Heaven's gain. If you can see from Heaven please see the picture your loving family put on your obit. I and we (the Diaz family) believe it captures your joy and zest for life you always shared with we who needed it. Joe, Jan, Bob and Cindy

February 6 at 6:28 AM

LH

Leddy Hammock posted:

We are deeply moved by this news and we are with you and Glad and all your dear ones in prayer, here at Unity. Glad is forever dear to us. Her bright spirit cheered us on through many a shadowy season. You and I had met and spoken for the first time in the lab room at Florida Cancer Specialists on Highland and the last time I got to speak with Glad was in the chemo room there a few months back. As always, her smile lifted my heart in that moment and, it truly seemed, it touched with light all hearts around her, even folks who didn't know her. In the strength of her steadfast faith, we see her safe in the Infinite Presence, joyous and free and somehow also near to your heart forever. She shall forever be the sweet smile in our own hearts, always with a word of encouragement and forever bringing SON-Light. We will speak a prayer of blessing and release in her honor this Sunday at our service at Temple B'nai Israel and we plan to be with you by livestream for the service, dear Friend. Let your heart be comforted, Your friends in Christ Love, Leddy and Russ Hammock PS I treasure the letter opener Glad carved for me by hand. What a presence!

February 2 at 9:27 AM



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Carol Chesler posted:

Glad you were always there, you got me through my husbands illness and death in July. I know you two are now together in heaven. Thank you for so many years of friendship at St.John's and St Anne of Grace. Carol Chesler

January 28 at 9:10 AM



Katherine Hodge lit a candle in honor of Gladys.

Katherine Hodge lit a candle in memory of Gladys McCurtain

January 27 at 2:01 PM



Veronica (Your Neighbor) lit a candle in honor of Gladys.

It was a pleasure to meet you, Glad! You always brought a smile to our faces and heart. Keep on smiling and cheering us on from heaven! You will be missed. ✨

January 26 at 3:03 PM



Ute Glassner-Mortham lit a candle in honor of Gladys.

With my deepest Sympathy to your family. Glad was a wonderful spirit, and taught us so much.

January 24 at 9:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McCurtain family.

January 24 at 8:34 AM



With Love, The Robert C.Caldwell Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gladys.

January 24 at 8:34 AM





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Barbara Quinton posted:

You were an inspiration to all. You wonderful smile, inspiring words to all of us at Good Samaritan. But most of all, for always the beautiful test messages to me when I send you a Bright Moments card. Love Barbara Quinton

January 23 at 2:18 PM



Kathy Ford February 4 at 1:41 PM

I will always remember your Cursillo weekend. I was your prayer partner, and you always teased me that I prayed so hard it sent you into the ministry. I will always remember you with love my sister.Kathy Ford



The Rev'D Kate Guistolise, Scp, Cmc February 1 at 6:21 PM

Glad, from the moment I met you at Seabury, you were a friend ~ thank you for the example you were to all of us. I will never forget your infectious smile and example of Christ's love in the world (in a totally UNsappy way!



Marie D'imperio sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the McCurtain family.



January 23 at 1:52 PM



Marie D'imperio posted:

Glad was gathering souls for Jesus until her dying breath. May you RIP dear Soldier of Christ. I will carry so many precious memories in my heart forever. Much love my dear friend. Marie D'Imperio

January 23 at 1:32 PM



Marie D'imperio shared a photo to the **Memories** album.

February 6 at 4:34 PM

"We are the Clay"... was the theme for the Women's Retreat, facilitated by Rev. Glad McCurtain on May 1, 1998, at the DaySpring Episcopal Center in Parrish, Florida. <https://dayspringfla.org/>





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gladys by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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