



## Gilda Beatrice Franklin

May 4, 1953 - April 22, 2020

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Sunrise: May 4, 1953

Sunset: April 22, 2020

Gilda Beatrice Franklin of Ogden, Utah made her transition on April 22, 2020 at 6:40 AM, from complications of Covid-19. On May 14, 1953 Gilda was born to Joe Woodard and Callie Jean Holston.

She was raised by her paternal grandparents Eudy (Peaches) and Melisse Franklin. She attended Pingree Elementary School; Washington Jr. High School; and graduated from Ogden High School in 1971. While attending OHS, she was the first black cheerleader, and black Senior class secretary. After high school, she attended Weber State College. Gilda was a woman of exceptional gifts and talents.

Gilda was preceded in death by her parents, aunts, uncles, as well as her brother Howard Perkins and sister Brenda L. Turner. Gilda is survived by Melvin C Hampton Sr. and James Woodard (CA); Terrell Perkins. (OR); Joseph (Joe E) Woodard III, Ronald Woodward, Nicholas Woodward (UT);

sister Janice Perkins (OR); nieces and nephews: Cerie Foster, (UT) Jessica Millward, PhD (Ca), Ja Cal Perkins (OR); Ronnel Woodward (UT) Melvin C Hampton Jr., PhD (NYC), Randolph Perkins (TX); grandnieces Mikaili Steward, Kiarra, Lailah and A'maya Redar (UT); grandnephews Alton Lews IV and Samuel E. Perkins III, (OR); as well as her beloved cousin, Richetta Alexander; and a multitude of friends and family who will remember her.

One of her greatest accomplishments was surviving breast Cancer and working on overcoming her debilitating health issues. She loved fresh French fries and ice cold Coca Cola. We will always remember her saying, "Hug and tell those close to you how much you love them."

A Virtual Memorial Service will be held online May 24th 1:00 pm pacific and 2:00 pm mountain. For Zoom link or dial in number, please email Dr. Millward at [millward@uci.edu](mailto:millward@uci.edu).

In lieu of flowers please, the family is asking that donations be made in Gilda Franklin's name to Project Success Coalition. Donations can be made via Paypal or Venmo at [projectsuccessinc1@gmail.com](mailto:projectsuccessinc1@gmail.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 24. 2:00 PM (MT)

ZOOM

# Tribute Wall



“ *This makes me so sad that I'm just now seeing this. Gilda is my sister and the one I never got to know. I hope she continues to rest in peace.* ”

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**Jamie Woodward** - June 09, 2024 at 07:08 AM



“ *Gilda Beatrice Franklin* ”

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October 22, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ *Gilda Beatrice Franklin* ”

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October 05, 2023 at 07:13 AM



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**Joel Hardy** - June 09, 2020 at 01:27 PM

DH

“ It is times like this that make us really think of how precious life is... Gilda was my first love and will always have a piece of my heart. Sometimes we think that we know what life has in store for us but God has other plans, and in his perfect plan Gilda Franklin has effected my life and so many others. As I have spoken with others that grew up with us and have heard how some say Gilda has changed, I look at her and see the same freckle face twinkling eye sweet heart of a girl I knew. One of the lyrics of a popular song sung by Boys to Men says "I thought we'd get to see forever But forever's gone away" so I say one day we will see each other again in eternity and we will have "forever" to praise and worship Jesus...

David Harper

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David Harper - May 21, 2020 at 07:57 AM

GJ

“ I remember Gilda. I was a year older, but she was such a tremendous and outstanding person that she really mixed with all classes at our high school. She was beautiful, smart, funny, and, best of all, kind. The world could benefit from more people like her. God speed you on your new adventures, Gilda, and thanks for sharing your gifts.

\_\_Gloria Jensen-Sutton

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Gloria A Jensen-Sutton - May 19, 2020 at 11:37 PM

LW

She Still Loved French Fries We Would Sneak those French fries Because Her Grandparents insist She Eat Healthy Thanks For The Cheers Thanks For The Beautiful Smiles Our Fun Together Will Be Rejoiced God Rest Your Soul My Childhood Friend .We Pray In Jesus Name  
Amen So Long But Not Goodbye❤️

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Lola Kersey Walton - May 20, 2020 at 11:59 AM

MR

*I don't know just where to start! I know that we grew up together an long with her other sister Brenda.. They live next door to each other.. We would run from one house to the other.. As we grew up We stay friends.We love each other.. We would keep a eye on each other.. Will we finish school. Went our way for a couple of years.. She came back to Ogden. She was Living on Grant Ave.. I had a family now! I had 2 children.. She would play with them. There is a lot more I could say about us. But it would take up the whole pages.. Gilda! We Hold each other heart, I took care of you & you took care of me No matter what.. Now it time for you to go rest. You deserve it! May God be with you.. I love you Always Gilda Bye-Bye! Sleep with the Angles!*

**Myrtle Lewis Robb** - May 20, 2020 at 08:23 PM

DJ

*Fletcher David Cottrell Jr.  
I remember pushing Guilda around in a Radio Flyer wagon along with many other cousins. I was at least 5 to 6 years older than Gilda and was known as cousin June Bug. Even in those years she had an infectious brilliant smile along with being smart as a whip. After I left Ogden at age 9, I often would keep up on how she was doing. My family would come back to Ogden to visit. Guilda and family on our get togethers would have homemade ice cream. I loved my cousin through the years with tears and cheers. Enjoy your new life my sweet angel. Until we meet again.*

**David Cottrell Jr.** - May 23, 2020 at 01:06 AM

WM

*Dear family and friends of Gilda B. Franklin: My wife, Louise and I were privileged to visit with Gilda at her rest home in Ogden. To me, she was still Gilda, only with a few health issues. Her mother and her mother's sister, Sister Geogia Turner were outstanding, Christian ladies in the Ogden community. Their daughters, likewise. Gilda represented our community so well at OHS. As I recall, she was a member at Embry Chapel AME church here in Ogden. To overcome breast cancer, showed she blessed of God and a fighter in her faith. Besides overcoming the cancer, Gilda overcame the world by putting her faith in Christ. Family and friends although she is absent from her body, she is present with the Lord. She has overcome death and the grave. This is our assurance: when his friend Lazarus was dead, Christ assured Lazarus' sister, Martha "Thy brother shall rise again. In John 11:24-27; Martha said unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God. Which should come into the world. Family and friends, because of unbelief, Israel, 20 years and older did not enter into the promised land. The only way we will see Gilda again is to believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God who died on the cross for your sins and ours, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world and Jesus promised that if we believe in him, at the last day, he will raise us from the dead, there will be no more pain, no more death, and no more sorrow, God will wipe all tears from our eyes, all these old things will be passed away, behold all things will become new. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, because the former things will be passed away, and Gilda and we shall be in our new glorified bodies, thanking God for how we made it over through the blood of Jesus Christ. Family and friends, it will be a great reunion over there. We will see Gilda, over there, and we want to see you too, over there ... in Christ Jesus' name. Amen. Thank God for his Son, Jesus Christ, who made it all possible. Amen. Peace!*

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**willie and Louise Martin** - May 23, 2020 at 06:19 PM