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We sincerely appreciate the prayers and other expressions of sympathy extended to us in the loss of our loved one. We shall always remember with grateful appreciation all that you have done to help us through this most difficult time.

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*Celebrating the Life of*



*Gloria Whitley*

SUNRISE: DECEMBER 24, 1945 - SUNSET: DECEMBER 13, 2020



*Memorial Service*

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## *I'll Be There*

*When you're feeling down and out and  
It seems like no one cares*

*Or you have so much love to give and  
you don't know with whom to share;  
I'll be there*

*When no one seems to recognize the  
hard work that you do*

*Yet when the walls start tumbling  
down everyone's heading for you;  
I'll be there*

*When you encounter the realms of prejudice merely because you're black*

*And you need someone to help you so  
that the pieces stay intact;  
I'll be there*

*When your problems runneth over and  
You don't have a master plan*

*And you can use an ear to listen and a  
heart that understands;  
I'll be there*

*There's no need for you to worry when  
there's a heavy burden for you to bear*

*Because you have someone to help you  
And you can bet that  
I'LL BE THERE*

## *Obituary*

**GLORIA WHITLEY**, was born on December 24th, 1945 in Santurce, Puerto Rico to loving parents Anibal and Felicia Felix. Gloria enjoyed a childhood with four siblings Felix, Maria, Anibal and Marisa (her best friend). Her early years shaped the tenets that guided her always: a love for others, a love of travel, a love of music, and an appreciation for the richness of life.

In 1966, George and Gloria Whitley gave birth to a baby boy, Daniel Whitley. After the birth of her pride and joy she attended Lehman College, which ultimately led to her eighteen year career in Human Resources for the Columbia Affiliation at the Harlem Hospital Center, ten of which she held the title of Director. While her profession was important to her, Gloria was much, much, more.

In her early 20's Gloria co-founded and joined "the Organization" with a group of women that shared a love of music, trips and parties. This group of women would go on to be lifelong friends. Gloria loved attending concerts, Broadway plays, hosting parties, traveling—especially to her home away from home Aruba, and most importantly she loved being surrounded by her friends and family.

Gloria is survived by her son, Daniel Whitley; her grandchildren, Daniel Whitley Jr., Leiha Robinson, Janai Whitley, Charlie Whitley, and Talia Whitley; great-grandchildren, Lily Scott, Brooke Goodman, and Karma Spradley; her siblings Marisa Vargas, Felix Plaza, and Maria King; her nieces Felicia Felix and Jessica Vargas; a host of cousins, the "organization" and a multitude of friends.

—" I have just been blessed with a very full life, have good friends and really a wonderful family, and I think since we have had so many wonderful memories –you think about those and you won't forget me."  
-Love, Titi Gloria