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In Loving Memory Gloria Jackson

A funeral for Gloria Jean Jackson was held April 9 at Life Change Christian Center.

She was born July 19, 1955 in Portland to Marie Jackson and James Steele; she was raised by her stepfather Cecil Jackson Sr.

Gloria attended Buckman Elementary and Grant High School. She later attended Portland Community College, where she received her GED and completed coursework towards an Associate's Degree in Sociology.

During a visit to Seattle, she met her future husband Michael Hutson, and later gave birth to their daughter Charnetta. In 1978, Gloria and Michael wed and remained a union for 12 years.

Throughout her life, Gloria was employed as a Certified Nurse Assistant, caregiver and receptionist. Yet, it was her giving heart and desire to see lives radically changed that drew her to becoming a Christian counselor. Alongside her close friend, Pastor Sandy Brouhard, she served many people as a counselor through Ring of Fire Ministries.

Gloria found delight in serving God; in 1992, she became an ordained minister. She enjoyed travel-



ling, spending time with her family (particularly her daughter and grandsons), playing cards, laughing and going to church.

Gloria was a kind woman who extended herself and placed others before herself. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her daughter Charnetta (Anthony); grandsons Elijah and Sean Michael; mother Marie Jackson; sisters Patricia Johnson (Larry), Cecelia McKinney (Charles), Linda Burrell (Leo), Joyce Akles, Barbara Jackson and Janet Steele; brothers Alphonso Hogue (Inge), Alford Jackson, Anthony Jackson

(Annie), and David Jackson (Regina); godmother Willie Mae Walton; close cousins Sandra and Ruth Holiday; and a host of nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins and friends. Gloria is preceded in death by her father James Steele, stepfather Cecil Jackson Sr., and a brother, Leslie Jackson.

Please visit Gloria's online guestbook at terryfamilyfuneralhome.com to send the family condolences. Arrangements by Terry Family Funeral Home.

Dear Deanna!

I have a platonic relationship with a male friend of four years but my fiancé doesn't like it. He has begun making hints that I've slept with my friend and accusing me of lying to him. I've only known my fiancé for two years and if I had to choose between the two men, I would choose my friend. How can I convince my fiancé that we're only friends and that nothing is going on? This is becoming stressful because I love both men and want them in my life. Help? --Sharon; San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sharon:

Your future husband is jealous of your relationship with your male friend. It's your responsibility to find balance as you seek to have both relationships. Invite your husband to be part of the friendship so he can understand and be more open minded. Also be mindful of your platonic friendship to make sure you're not giving your fiancé reasons to complain. If things don't improve after the air is clear, you fiancé has issues you certainly need to explore.

Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend and I have dated for 3-years and I gave him a key to my apartment. Now that he can come in, eat, sleep and go as he pleases, things have changed. He doesn't come over as often and when he

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does, it's late at night. I've asked him for a key to his place but he said no without an explanation. I told him I wanted my key back and he said if I take it from him or change the locks, the relationship is over. Was it a mistake to give him a key in the first place? --Tanya; On-Line Reader

Dear Tanya:

If his name isn't on the lease then he shouldn't have a key. You made yourself vulnerable because he knows you won't entertain anyone else since he can show up at any time. He's not going to give you a key because he's not as committed as you are. You should take your key and if that's the only thing that can end the relationship, then you don't need him. If he refuses, then

change your locks, make him knock on the door for a visit and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

When my husband and I were together he took excellent care of our kids. Now that we're divorced he has amnesia and forgot he has obligations of child support and health care. Don't get me wrong, I still care for him but now I have to go through so much stress to get him to help me. I have legal documents outlining his responsibilities. How long do I wait before taking him through the court system? --Allison Kramer; Omaha, Neb.

Dear Allison:

Daycare bills, tight clothes and hungry stomachs don't have time to wait for daddy to grow up. At this rate, your kids will be senior citizens collecting a pension before your ex-husband steps up to the plate. The court order that he violated gives you front row seating with a judge. If he has no sympathy or concern for his children's welfare, then you need to handle your business and take him to court at lightning speed.

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