



## Glenda L. Warren

June 14, 1940 - September 13, 2023

Ms. Glenda L. Warren was born in Idabel, Oklahoma on June 14, 1940, to the late Joseph D. and Lillie Juanita Warren. She was the first born of five children.

She loved reading, cooking and sewing in her early years and dreamed of becoming a teacher or U.S. Army officer.

Ms. Warren graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Idabel, Oklahoma in 1958, earned a BS degree in Home Economics from Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma in 1962, and graduated from Oklahoma State University (OSU), Stillwater, Oklahoma with a MS degree in Expanded Food and Nutrition in 1971.

Before moving to Florida, she taught at a Kansas City, Missouri high school, then at Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma and later at OSU as an associate professor of Food and Nutrition.

Ms. Warren joined the University of Florida Faculty in 1971. She retired in

2010 with 39 years of service as an associate professor, registered dietitian, Certified in Family and Consumer Sciences in the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program (EFNEP) in the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Department of family, Youth and Community Sciences.

During her time of service, Ms. Warren enhanced the quality of life for thousands of low-income families in need of knowledge on changing the food in-take of their families.

Her professional affiliations include: the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, American Home Economics Association, Florida Home Economics Association, the Florida Dietetic Association, past President of the Gainesville Dietetic Association, the Florida Regional Affiliate of the Institute of Food Technologists, The Alpha Delta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi National Honorary Extension Fraternity, and Age of Renaissance Group, LLC. - a Florida corporation.

Ms. Warren loved spending time with family, so she was thrilled when her mother made a permanent move from Oklahoma to Florida. The two enjoyed each other's company immensely and harmoniously lived and traveled together on both leisure and business trips for years in the U.S., Japan and Europe.

Ms. Warren was a lifelong Methodist. She was a member of Saint Paul CME Church in Gainesville, served as a financial steward, and considered her pastor, Cherri Samuel, a close friend.

Ms. Warren was adventurous and especially valued volunteering with service organizations. In fact, her volunteer spirit compelled her to join the inaugural class of Peace Corps volunteers in the early 1960s. Following a three-month, language-immersion course, Ms. Warren spent two years teaching families ways to improve their food and nutrition in the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal in South Asia.

Closer to home, she worked with community-service organizations like the Mu Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Gainesville Chapter of the Links, Inc., plus a local Friends of the Library working group.

After a battle with Parkinson's, she quietly departed this life September 13, 2023 at the Haven Hospice of Gainesville, Florida. Her beautiful life will be forever cherished by her siblings: Joseph and Jacqueline Warren of Los Angeles, CA; Ken and Elmira Warren of Gainesville, FL; Ron and Camellia Warren of Beverly Hills, CA.; Regina Warren Kelker and Charles Kelker of Frankfurt, Germany; Aunts Symantha Myrick of Las Vegas, NV., and Doris Hill of Los Angeles, CA., and Uncle Reao Watson of Los Angeles, CA., and many relatives and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ You were on my mind this morning my dear friend. But instead of finding your phone number, it was your obituary. I'm heart broken. I remember the great times we had at Langston University and I remeber the hard work you put in at OSU on your masters; taping study notes on the refridgerator so you could study while you worked in the kitchen, and how you honored me by being one of my bridemaids.

To the family, I am so sorry for your lost. I will send up a prayer for you. Love you my dear friend Gloria Prewitt Cooke, LCSW, JD

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**Gloria P Cooke** - January 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

“ Glenda, Glenda, Glenda...

*I worked with Glenda for several years during my early days as her secretary while employed with the University of Florida (IFAS). Glenda would often say that I was her boss simply because my organization skills were definitely needed to help her do whatever needed to be done. Fondly, I recall her contagious smile, classy way she dressed, enjoyment of dancing, great food she cooked or shared, adamant interest with Black culture, and the way she always wore her natural hair. After receiving a promotion from IFAS in 1983 and subsequent move to Jacksonville FL in 1985, Glenda and I continued our friendship by connecting through lunches, telephone calls, and texts. We were always interested in each other's families; she always spoke of Kenneth, Regina and Reina. I traveled to Gainesville to attend events where she would always bring her mother. Also, as an interested party in my health, she never stopped giving nutritional advice. Further, she'd keep me updated on other colleagues, for example, the passing of Damon Miller who was one of our most-liked friends. We had planned to attend his funeral together but I couldn't accompany her because one of my best friend's husband died; however, without hesitation, she understood the importance of support.*



*One special lunch I'll never forget at Cedar River in Gainesville, was her informing me of her Parkinson Disease diagnosis. My reaction of course was immediate tears, however, I was aware of the faith and strength she had in the Lord and assured her that I was thankful she shared the information with me, and that I would always be there to continue with whatever communication and activities were we able to do. Even during this period and with her "much caring" nature, after no longer driving, she offered to provide her car for me to get around the city because I was taking care of my elderly mom who is now 97. Through the grace of God, just a few weeks later, my brother surprised with a car. This is just one of the examples of how Glenda demonstrated her efforts in helping*

*others.*

*There are other memories, but I won't continue with them. I just want the family to know, I really loved her as my supervisor and friend and certainly thankful that she was a part of my life, a person who helped me grow as an individual and encouraged me to pray and trust in the Lord.*

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**Beverly Davis Ramsey** - October 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Carolyn Lightner lit a candle in memory of Glenda L. Warren*



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**Carolyn Lightner** - October 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *A beautiful spirit in harmony with nature, filling the cycle of life. You will always be in our hearts. Edward, Pamela Shoals & The Blackwell Family*

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**Edward & Pamela Shoals** - September 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“*"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die". Thomas Campbell, the first Extension County Agent, Tuskegee Institute. GLENDA and I, along with many others stood on the shoulders of past Extension workers. As a Registered Dietitian and Foods and Nutrition Specialist, we shared a zeal to reach limited resources people with nutrition education information that was culturally and ethnically relevant. She helped us all to understand the importance of simple understandable messages. She was also a motivational speaker and willingly shared her materials. Her laugh was infectious. She will live in my heart forever! Dr. Evelyn Ford Crayton, Montgomery, AL (Retired, Auburn University)*

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**Evelyn Ford Crayton** - September 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM