

Gloria A. Hill Williams Memorial Annual Scholarship



This scholarship is established in the name of Dr. Hettie V. Williams' (Associate Professor in the Department of History and Anthropology) mother **Gloria A. Hill Williams** who was a licensed practical nurse, an advocate of Black civil rights, and a supporter of equality for women.

Gloria A. Hill was born on September 8, 1943 to Willie Frank Hill, Sr. and Vonciel Cook Hill in Oakfield, Georgia. She is the third of fourteen children. As a child, she loved reading, arts and crafts, singing in the glee club, participating in the science club; and helping her mother take care of her many siblings. Gloria marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. at the age of eighteen during the height of the Albany Campaign (1961-1962) in Georgia.

She married Freddie G. Williams, Sr. in March, 1964 with whom she had six children. Gloria graduated from the Petersburg General Hospital Program in Practical Nursing earning an LPN license on June 13, 1965, following her marriage to Freddie, at a time when it was still frowned upon for women to work outside of the home. She often worked long hours of overtime as a nurse to finance Hettie's education but always found time to give back including charitable donations to groups that focused on the uplift of women in her community.

Gloria also had a love of history. Thus, this scholarship has been set up to honor her memory by offering a modest award to a Monmouth University student **minoring in African Diaspora Studies**. Please contact Dr. Hettie V. Williams a hwilliam@monmouth.edu for more information regarding this award.