



## Mrs. Gloria Avery

August 14, 1925 - November 4, 2015

Gloria Avery, aka Grandma Jo was a long time resident of Brooklyn, New York she lived to see her 90th birthday but was called home on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at Silver Lake Care Center.

Gloria Saunders was born to Lettie and Emmett Saunders on August 14, 1925, in Bluefield, West Virginia. Grandma Jo got her early education in West Virginia and enjoyed being a part of the cheerleading squad as a pre-teen. As a teenager she moved to Harlem, New York where she continued her education and graduated high school. Grandma Jo loved to dance, so while living in Harlem she made it her business to frequent the Cotton Club and the Savoy where she would dance the night away. She later moved to Ft. Greene, Brooklyn, where over time she settled and became a staple at Long Island University Towers, living there for more than 45 years. Grandma Jo was the youngest of two children, she has a sister Thelma, who gave her the nick name "Jo Baby" as a child. She loved and adored her sister and especially enjoyed their long phone conversations every weekend. Grandma Jo loved family, traveling, going to casinos, cooking, she enjoyed good food, good company, Junior's Cheesecake, and especially loved dogs. She

was also a long time employee at JP Morgan Chase until she retired some years ago.

Grandma Jo has a large family that loves her. She had three children Phyllis (who is living), Delores and Leon, Jr. (who preceded her in death).

She is survived by her older sister Thelma, her niece Linda, and great niece Tara, all of whom live in California.

Grandma Jo also has a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.

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