



Gloria L. Scott

January 16, 2019

Gloria Lucille Fraser Scott, 95, passed away peacefully on January 16, 2019 in Alexandria, Virginia. Born in Jamaica, she was a distinguished development economist and pioneer in social planning and women's issues.

Gloria graduated from the London School of Economics with double Honors in Economics and Sociology. She was an independent consultant, focusing on sustainable development and population issues including wealth distribution, health, education, and aging. She was the World Bank's first advisor on Women in Development, a post created for her in 1977 to promote an understanding of key gender-related issues and develop ways to address them in operational work, resulting in a more favorable climate for improving women's options in development. Prior to that she worked as a Senior Advisor in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at the United Nations. In 1985, she was honored by the Association for Women in Development for outstanding contributions to the Integration of Women in Development. Except for her work with the Ministry of Development in the Jamaican Government soon after her graduation from the London School of Economics, Gloria's appointments were all to new positions of which she was the first incumbent.

After retiring from the World Bank, Gloria studied and taught Yoga and the Healing Arts. She was much revered and loved by all her students.

Gloria is survived by her three children, Mark, Michele, and Madeleine, and five grandchildren.

A gathering and visitation will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2018 at Miller Funeral Home. 3200 Golansky Boulevard, Woodbridge, Virginia 22192. Following the service, the family invites you to join them for a time of reception at their home.

Memorial donations in memory of Gloria may be made to Carpenter's Shelter in Alexandria, Virginia. <https://carpentersshelter.org/give/>

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“ *Gloria L. Scott*

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“ *God bless her, she was an amazing woman, an economist the World Bank inported from the United Nations' Interagency, to help the work of the World Bank to make its failing projects in underdeveloped countries successful: She was a pioneer and hero for women's rights, back in the 70s. I worked with her at the World Bank in D.C. for 10 years. I can say she was someone who the World Bank has to thank for her contribution t make the Bank aware about the real role of women in development, which the Bank was in great need to be aware of, so its multi-million dollar projects would not go to waste: training underdeveloped countries' husbands, who would proudly greet the Banks' missions at the airports, tour them around, when in fact, the women were the ones who did all the work!! I helped her translate her book "The Invisible Woman in Development" that showed the reality of women's role in the world. She was a real fighter, who believed men should be gentlemen, and women should be recognized, not as a charity, but as integral participants/leaders in world economics! Yes, God bless her...may we meet again, dear Gloria!*

Aliza Albornoz - April 14, 2019 at 09:35 PM



I have been thinking about Gloria so much this week. Not sure why. She was a great woman, standing up for women, and very modest and open despite her fame. We need more like her.

Marguerite Berger - August 09, 2019 at 03:10 PM