

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Rosemary B. Clemmons

SUNRISE: JUNE 24, 1929 ✨ SUNSET: APRIL 30, 2022

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022
FAMILY HOUR: 10:30AM | SERVICES: 11:00AM

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
7301 CURTIS ST. | DETROIT, MI 48221

Remembering Rosemary



ROSEMARY BURTON was born in Detroit, Michigan to Hazel and Virgil Burton on June 24, 1929. She was the fourth of six children born to this union who all preceded her in death: Dorothea, Leonard, Norman, Virgil, and Gerald. Rosemary grew up in Indiana and the family migrated to Detroit after the death of her father in the early 1940's. She graduated from Northern High School in Detroit in 1947. While attending Northern High School she met Andrew Clemmons. Rosemary and Andrew married on December 2, 1950. From this union 3 children were born: Andrew Jr. (Drew) who preceded her in death, Lisa, and Lori.

Rosemary attended Wayne State University and graduated in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in Education. While at Wayne State she pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Beta Mu Chapter in 1948. After graduation she joined Alpha Rho Omega Chapter. She was an active member until she was unable to participate due to health issues. She continued her education at Wayne State University where she received her master's degree + 30 hours.

Rosemary began her teaching career in Saginaw, Michigan in 1951. In 1953 she accepted a teaching position at Detroit Public Schools where she taught for 39 years. She was an Elementary School teacher at Pattengill Elementary, and a reading specialist at Berry Communication Skills and Crockett Vocational Technical Center. She ended her teaching career at Schultz Elementary and began her retirement in 1992.

Rosemary was a member of the Bridge-A-Dears Card Club. She and Andrew were members of the Mates Inc. Couples Club. Through the Mates they went on several trips, participated in numerous family outings, attended monthly meeting parties, and the Mates annual Christmas party. Rosemary and Andrew owned a cottage in Rondeau Bay, Ontario for many years where they enjoyed relaxing with their children, and hosting friends and family gatherings on a regular basis.

In the late 1970's Rosemary found her passion in genealogy in she which traced her family lineage. She traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah annually where the national archives are located to research family records. Rosemary frequently traveled to Marion, Fort Wayne, and Indianapolis Public libraries in Indiana where she researched census records, news articles, and birth, marriage, and death certificates.

Rosemary joined Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society (FHWGS) as a Charter Member in 1979 and became a Charter Life Member. She served on the Society's Board of Directors, was the Chair of the 20th Anniversary Celebration in 1999 and Chair of a Collaborative Project with Mumford HS where students taught FHWGS members how to use Family Tree Maker software. Rosemary gave many presentations on how to research family roots and shared her own family history with many groups and organizations. She was awarded as Grand Master of Genealogy in 2013 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Those are a few highlights.

She was an active member of Mayflower Congregational Church and Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel Detroit Chapter (DARSP).

Rosemary leaves to cherish fond memories her daughters, Lisa Simmons and Lori Craig, and sons-in-law John Simmons and Martin Craig; grandchildren: Sean Clemmons, Loren Courtney, Marcus Craig, Lance Craig, and Mara Craig; great grandchildren: Alysa Ross, Nicole Clemmons, Nishell Henderson, NaShawn Craig, Charles Courtney, Chase Courtney, Amir Courtney, and Summer Williams; great-great granddaughters: Mavis Ross and Raelyn Canady; sisters-in-laws: Frances Clemmons, Cleopatra Burton, and Ernestine Burton, and a plethora of nieces, nephews, cousins, family friends, and loved ones.

The Order of Service

FAMILY HOUR

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 23 & Romans 14:9
Karen Harlan

SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CONDOLENCES

Leslie C. Strong Williams

OBITUARY

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REFLECTIONS

(2 Minute Limit Please)

SELECTION

EULOGY

James Michael Curenton, Sr. Pastor

RECESSIONAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection
and the *Life.*"

The one who believes in me
will live, even though
they die; and whoever lives by

Believing

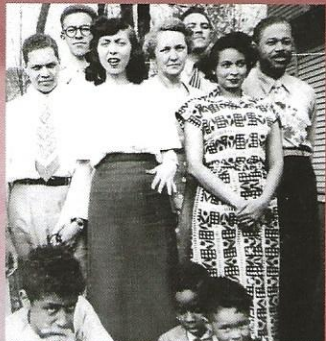
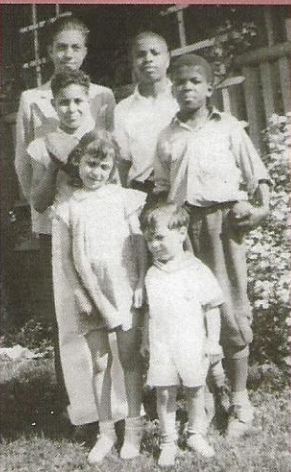
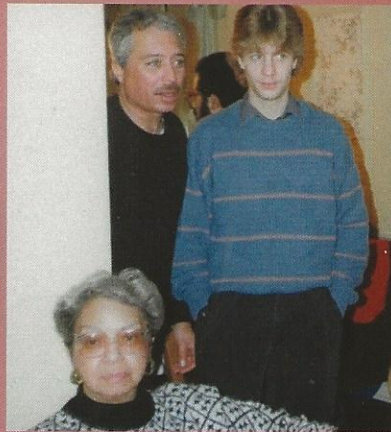
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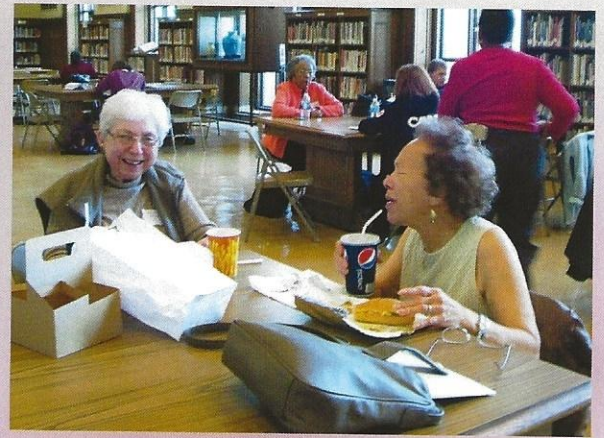
"Do you believe this?"

— John 11:25-26







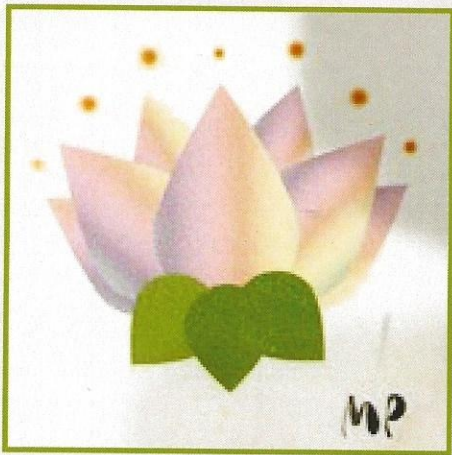


FIVE GENERATIONS *of*
CLEMMONS WOMEN



GG

We Love You,
JAMIE, CHASE, & AMIR



Grandma (GG)

You Are Our Queen
We Love and Miss You.

Mara & Summer

(Artwork by Mara Craig)



Grandma,

Where did you go?
I saw you here
Through my eyes
But nowhere in sight.
Left to wonder
What you see
When you look back at me.
You went missing
And you hadn't left.
I wanted to find you,
I didn't know where to start
Little hints at what was
Can never again be what is.
I would have said goodbye
Long ago.

Love, Lance



AKA

Pallbearers

John Simmons
Charles Courtney
NaShawn Craig

Lance Craig
Marcus Craig
Martin Craig

Flower Bearer

Friends of the Family

Arrangements Entrusted to

JAMES H. COLE FUNERAL HOME
16100 Schaefer | Detroit, MI 48235

Interment

WOODLAWN CEMETERY
19975 Woodward Ave. | Detroit, MI 48203

Repast

TAPESTRY BANQUET
24580 Evergreen Road | Southfield, MI 48075

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Rosemary B. Clemmons acknowledges with sincere appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, and other expressions of kindness evidenced at this time in thought and deeds. A more personal acknowledgement will be made at a later date.

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