

In Loving Memory of



Juanita Clark

February 6, 1938 — October 31, 2020

Sunday, November 15, 2020 - 4pm

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Obituary

Juanita Shuford was born on February 6, 1938 in Tennille, Georgia. She was the only daughter of Marie Shuford and Tommie Cannida. She attended school in Tennille and Sandersville, Georgia. She never stopped learning and teaching others what she learned.

In 1956, Juanita left Georgia and moved to New York City. She worked as an operator for New York Telephone. She stopped working for a few years to raise a family, but later worked until her retirement for the New York City Board of Education as a Teacher's Aide. She received much joy working with young people and never forgot these young people as they grew up. Many times she would be stopped on the street by young people who called out "Hello Mrs. Clark".

In February of 1959, she married Charles M. Clark. They were married for 58 years and were blessed with three sons, Charles-Kery, Darryl and Rory. One evening in 1975, Juanita and Charles brought their sons to a brownstone in Harlem, and told them this would be their new home. The whole family and their friends became painters, plasterers, plumbers and made their home in Harlem a gathering place for many friends and family.

Family was important to Juanita. She loved visiting her family and family reunions. She often told how the Shufords, McBrides and Hortons were related and kept a family tree in her mind. She told her children of the hard work her and her cousins did growing up in the South, and also the good times she had with family.

In 1962, Juanita and Charles began studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses. Juanita could not stop asking questions and could not stop talking to everyone about what she was learning. First her husband Charles was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, then Juanita herself. Later two of her sisters-in law, her mother Marie, Juanita's children and several nieces and nephews all became Jehovah's Witnesses. When she was in the ministry the other sisters would say, "She can talk to anyone!" She loved to talk about what she learned from the Bible. She would often show someone a scripture and ask, "Read this here" and ask, "Does that not sound like what we are living in today?" She skillfully used the Bible to reason with people and to reach their hearts with the truth from the Bible.

She is survived by: her sons, Charles-Kery, Darryl (Karen) and Rory (Monique); her grandchildren, Rachel and David; and her stepbrother, John Willie Cannida. She will be missed by countless friends and family.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Song
#151, "He Will Call"

Obituary Reading

Memorial Discourse

Song
#140, "Life Without End At Last"

Closing Prayer



INTERMENT:
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Revelation 21:3-5

With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say: "Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his people. And God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." And the One seated on the throne said: "Look! I am making all things new." Also he says: "Write, for these words are faithful and true."



Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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