

Celebrating the Life of



Marian Cleo Fairley

Sunrise
February 18, 1936

Sunset
February 7, 2021

Saturday, February 20, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

143 Myrtle Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Phillip Gilmore, Officiating



Obituary

Marian Cleo Fairley was born on February 18, 1936, in Ridge Spring, Saluda County, South Carolina, to Mattie Merritt and Manchester Brooks.

Marian was a product of the Ridge Spring School System and graduated from Ridge Hill High School. She attended college for one year before moving north to Passaic, New Jersey, to live with Mattie and Stepfather (Artis) Wilder. During her time in Passaic, she worked at the Popular Club Plan Mail Order Company, ADP Business Services, American Loose Leaf, and operated a men and women clothing business.

While at Popular Club, she met Joseph N. Fairley, and on October 21, 1961, they were united in holy matrimony for forty years until the Bishop's passing in 2001. During this union they were blessed with three children: Daryl, Marcey, and Michael.

After their marriage, Marian became a homemaker and after a short period, she and her husband were both called to do God's work. In 1963, Marian assumed the duties as the First Lady of the Church of God Pentecostal in Paterson, New Jersey, alongside her husband, Bishop Fairley. His calling was to lead his newly formed congregation.

Marian served God for the remainder of her life and could always be found singing hymns as she went about her daily chores. It was easy to see her relationship with the Lord because it showed daily throughout her life. Marian was the kindest person anyone could know and would do anything she could to help someone. A perfect example of her action was the migration north of many of the Bishop's family members from the South. They would arrive and stay at their family home on 415 Harrison Street until securing employment and shelter.

Renowned as a great cook, Marian's acclaim was her fried chicken, potato salad, and greens, not to mention the banana pudding or sweet potato pie for dessert.

She was affectionately known as the go-to person throughout Passaic and the region for child care. Along with her service to the Lord, Marian will be a large part of the generations' memories to come. She was a daycare provider before the term "daycare" became popular. Marian's caregiving has touched many family members' and friends' children during their early years. Many lessons learned from her will thrive in them and be passed to future generations. There are two pearls of wisdom that characterize what Marian was about,

"For if you want to influence the future just teach a child," and

"Life is about the memories you make and the people you help."

Marian Cleo Fairley departed this life on Saturday, February 7, 2021, at Cates House, in Ocala, Florida, a few weeks short of her 85th birthday.

She was predeceased in death by her husband, Bishop Joseph N. Fairley, brothers-in-law, Willie L. Fairley, Ocala, Florida, Arthur L. Fairley, Sr., Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Fred Butler, Addison Rogers, Sr., and Harold Stanley, Pensacola, Florida.

She leaves to cherish precious memories three children, Daryl (Dr. Antoinette) Lloyd, Sr., of Willingboro, New Jersey, Dr. Marcey (Jason) Huddleston of Marietta, Georgia and Michael (Janice) Fairley of Ocala, Florida; a brother, Artis Wilder, Jr., of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania; six grandchildren, April (Muryd) Scipio, Daryl Lloyd, Jr., Corey (Cherish) Gilmore, Daisia Lloyd, LaTajia Fairley, and Camron Chambers; five great-grandchildren, Zoe, Nia, Morgan, Kye, and Callie; one niece, Kelly Wilder; sister and brothers-in-law, Esther Fairley, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Leonia Butler, Pensacola, Florida, Melvina Rogers, Pensacola, Florida, Jerry (Yvonne) Fairley, Jr., Pensacola, Florida, Hosea (Kathy) Fairley, Port Saint Lucie, Florida, Ethel Fairley (Thomas) Halbedl, Eatontontown, New Jersey, Captoria Rawls, Ocala, Florida, Dewitt (Doris) Fairley, Manassas, Virginia, Shirley Stanley, Pensacola, Florida, Samuel (Nancy) Fairley, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Albert (Carolyn) Fairley, Perris, California, Coleman (Ruby) Fairley, Tallahassee, Florida, a devoted friend Donsell (Anthony) Harris, Mobile, Alabama, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and church family.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection
Dr. Tonee Lloyd

Acknowledgements
April Scipio

Remarks

Reflections of Life
Ethel Fairley Halbedel

Video Montage

Selection
Dr. Tonee Lloyd

Words of Comfort
Rev. Phillip A. Gilmore, Officiating
St. John's Community Baptist Church, Newark, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Cedar Lawn Cemetery
Paterson, New Jersey

Proverbs 31:25

*Strength and honour are her
clothing; and she shall
rejoice in time to come.*



Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Marian Cleo Fairley** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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