



PALL BEARERS

FRED BELL
RANDY CAMPBELL
MARCELO HOLLIDAY

HAYWARD BURDETTE
MICHAEL FINKLEY
DEREK WRIGHT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING THIS TIME. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL ACTS OF LOVE, SYMPATHY AND KINDNESS. WHATEVER YOU DID TO CONSOLE OUR HEARTS, WE THANK YOU SO MUCH, WHATEVER THE PART. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO QUEEN AND E AT GREATER BOSTON HOME CARE, THE CARE TAKERS AT ALLIANCE HEALTH MARINA BAY, SEASONS HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE, FRED BELL, AND MICHAEL FINKLEY.

SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO

RILEY-ANTOINE FUNERAL HOME
171 HUMBOLDT AVENUE | DORCHESTER, MA 02121

INTERMENT

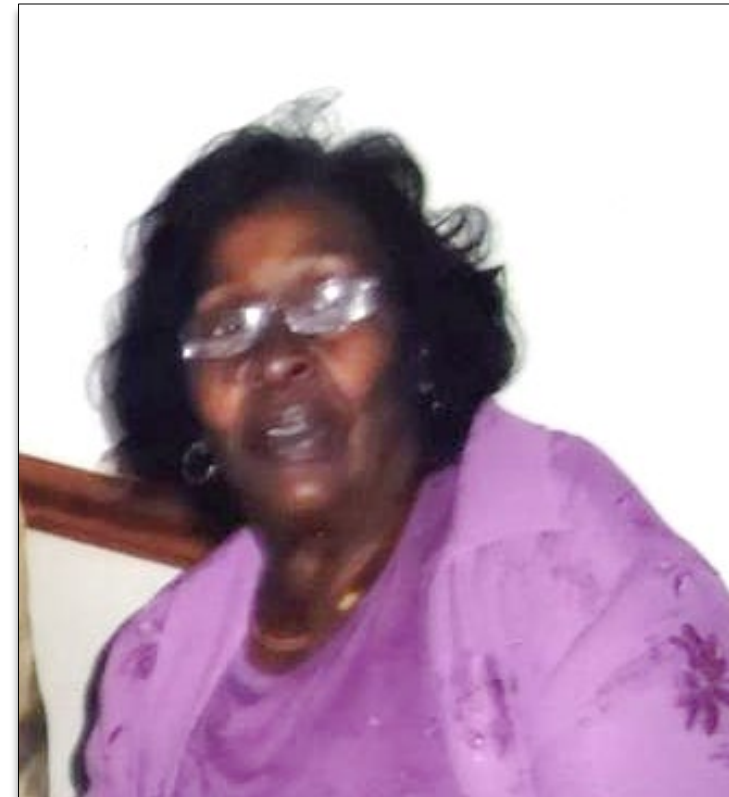
OAKLAWN CEMETERY
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HE WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES, AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE MOURNING NOR CRYING, NOR PAIN ANYMORE, FOR THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY.

Revelations 21:4

Comegoing Services



SUNRISE: AUGUST 12, 1927 | SUNSET: JULY 28, 2021

CLARIES E. COPELAND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2021

VIEWING: 10:00AM TO 11:00AM | SERVICES: 11:00AM TO 12:00PM

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OBITUARY

CLARIES E. COPELAND

CLARIES E. COPELAND DAUGHTER OF THE LATE CHARLIE AND SENNIE V. JORDAN WAS BORN IN EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA ON AUGUST 12, 1927. SHE WAS THE ONLY GIRL OF HER MOTHER'S 7 CHILDREN. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF WARREN GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN EDENTON, N.C. UNTIL SHE RELOCATED TO BOSTON IN THE EARLY 1957. CLARIES' GOOD FRIEND MILDRED GARRETT RELOCATED TO BOSTON AND WROTE CLARIES A LETTER ENCOURAGING HER AND HER HUSBAND MATT COPELAND TO RELOCATE THE TWO OBLIGED AND PACKED UP THEIR CHILDREN AND MADE THE TRIP. UPON HER ARRIVAL IN BOSTON, SHE JOINED THE CONGREGATION OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH.

ONE OF CLARIES' FAVORITE PASTIMES WAS COOKING. SHE LOVED TO COOK BIG MEALS FOR HER FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND MEMBERS OF HER CHURCH. CLARIES WOULD FEED ANYONE. ANYTIME SOMEONE STOPPED BY HER HOME THEY DIDN'T LEAVE ON AN EMPTY STOMACH. SHE ENTERED SEVERAL COOKING CHALLENGES AND WAS AWARDED FIRST PRIZE FOR HER HOMEMADE BAKED MACARONI AND CHEESE AND FRIED CHICKEN. CLARIES WAS ALSO KNOWN FOR HER APPLE AND SWEET POTATO PIES. CLARIES LOVED TO SING. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH CHOIR. WHEN SHE HAD FREE TIME, SHE ENJOYED PLAYING BINGO WITH FRIENDS. SHE HAD A LOVE FOR ELEPHANTS. ANYONE WHO VISITED HER HOME WOULD SEE THAT HER HOUSE WAS FULL OF PORCELAIN ELEPHANTS. HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS WOULD PURCHASE THEM FOR HER AS GIFTS WHEN THEY TRAVELED. SHE ALWAYS TOLD THEM TO MAKE SURE THE TRUNK WAS UP BECAUSE THOSE WERE THE ELEPHANTS THAT GUARANTEED BLESSINGS AND GOOD LUCK. MRS. COPELAND EVEN WORE ELEPHANT JEWELRY.

IN 1974, CLARIES WAS INITIATED INTO THE ORDER OF EASTERN STAR IN ADAH CHAPTER NO. 6, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF JOHN G. JONES GRAND CHAPTER, INC., OES, AFFILIATED WITH THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER GRAND LODGE, A.F.&A.M., JURISIDCTION OF MASSACHUSETTS. LATER THAT YEAR, SHE RECEIVED THE HONORARY DEGREE OF QUEEN OF THE SOUTH AND IN 1975, ELIZABETH HUDSON COURT CONFERRED THE AMARANTH DEGREE UPON HER. DURING HER TENURE WITH THE ORGANIZATION, SHE HELD MANY SEATS IN HER CHAPTER AND SERVED ON MANY COMMITTEES WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. SHE WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER.

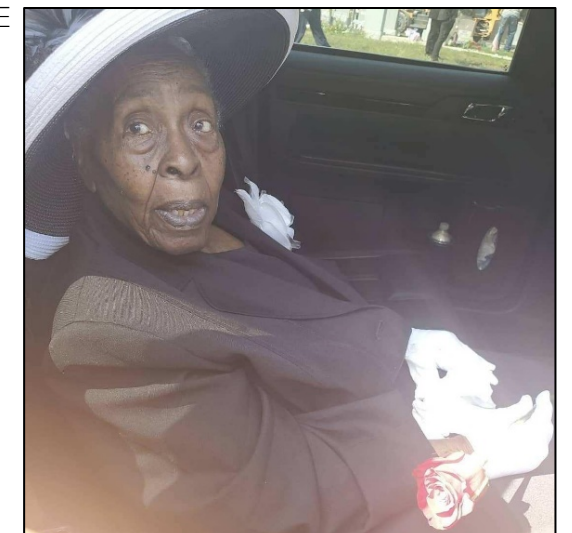
CLARIES WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND MATT COPELAND, 6 OLDER BROTHERS EARNELL JORDAN, GWANORLD JORDAN, MARSHALL JORDAN, ODELL JORDAN, ALMA JORDAN. HER DAUGHTER VELMA HAITH, HER SON LEONARD COPELAND AND HER GRANDSON ROLAND COPELAND. SHE LEAVES TO MOURN HER TWO DAUGHTERS MACEVA TERRY COPELAND, ALTHENA MOOKIE COPELAND (GEORGE) OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. AS WELL AS A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS, GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.



WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU

WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU
 FOR A LITTLE WHILE,
 PLEASE GO ON BRAVELY
 WITH A GALLANT SMILE
 AND FOR MY SAKE AND IN MY NAME, LIVE ON AND DO
 ALL THINGS THE SAME-
 SPEND NOT YOUR LIFE IN EMPTY DAYS,
 BUT FILL EACH WAKING HOUR
 IN USEFUL WAYS -
 REACH OUT YOUR HAND
 IN COMFORT AND IN CHEER,
 AND I IN TURN WILL COMFORT YOU
 AND HOLD YOU NEAR.

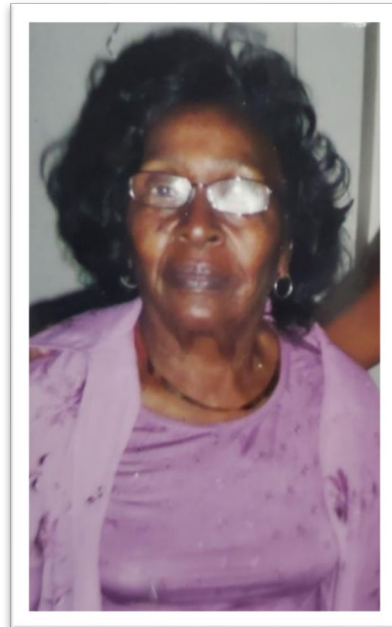
-- HELEN STEINER RICE





I'M FREE

DON'T GRIEVE FOR ME, FOR NOW I'M FREE
 I'M FOLLOWING THE PATH GOD LAID FOR ME.
 I TOOK HIS HAND WHEN I HEARD HIM CALL;
 I TURNED MY BACK AND LEFT IT ALL.
 I COULD NOT STAY ANOTHER DAY,
 TO LAUGH, TO LOVE, TO WORK AND PLAY.
 TASKS LEFT UNDONE MUST STAY THAT WAY;
 I FOUND THAT PLACE AT THE CLOSE OF DAY.
 IF MY PARTING HAS LEFT A VOID,
 THEN FILL IT WITH REMEMBERED JOY.
 A FRIENDSHIP SHARED A LAUGH, A KISS;
 AH YES, THESE THINGS, I TOO WILL MISS.
 BE NOT BURDENED WITH TIMES OF SORROW
 I WISH YOU THE SUNSHINE OF TOMORROW.
 MY LIFE'S BEEN FULL, I SAVORED MUCH;
 GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD TIME, A LOVED ONES TOUCH.
 PERHAPS MY TIME SEEMS ALL TO BRIEF;
 DON'T LENGTHEN IT NOW WITH UNDUE GRIEF.
 LIFT UP YOUR HEART AND SHARE WITH ME,
 GOD WANTED ME NOW,
 HE SET ME FREE.



ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER OF COMFORT – PASTOR JAMES HARRISON, JR.
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH | BOSTON, MA

MUSICAL SELECTION

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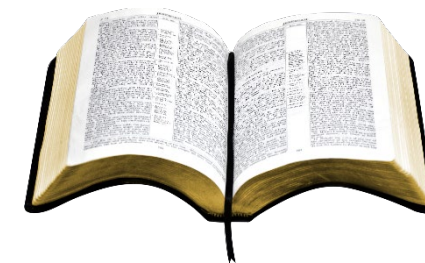
READING OF OBITUARY

MUSICAL SELECTION

EULOGY – PASTOR VIVIAN HICKS
LILY OF THE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH | MATTAPAN, MA

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL



I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH. FINALLY, THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, WILL GIVE TO ME ON THAT DAY, AND NOT TO ME ONLY BUT ALSO TO ALL WHO HAVE LOVED HIS APPEARING.

2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8



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