



Mary Cunningham

January 24, 1938 - January 12, 2014

Astonishing, Amazing, Affable, Authentic, Welcoming, and Warm, these are the words that describe Mary Cunningham a gregarious out-going family member and friend. Mary was born January 24, 1938 to Eddie Ferrell and Mary Mitchell in Chicago, Illinois. She was the eldest child of two children. Her parents and sister, (Carol Ferrell, preceded her in death).

Mary's Christian lineage was one of the things that she was most proud of. Since childhood her family based church has always been Arnett Chapel AME. It was here where she was baptized, and where she confessed her faith, love, adoration, and hope in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

As a member of Arnett Chapel her faith in the Lord grew to immeasurable heights, which strengthened her in overcoming the many challenges and circumstances that would later confronted her.

Faithful to the Lord in any assignment, Mary was a devoted, dedicated, consecrated, servant of the Lord. She could be depended upon while serving in numerous capacities within the church. Mary belonged to Arnett's Missionary Society, President of the Wisdom Children, member of the Arnett's Trustee Board and she was a faithful Sunday school participant who studied her Bible throughout the week.

During the summer months she faithfully attended adult vacation Bible school

at neighborhood church (Lutheran Church of the Resurrection) where her grandson serves as a junior elder. Willing to help any church in need Mary didn't hesitate to be of Christian service when called upon. Her willing participation at Resurrection termed her as an ambassador of love and she was adored as a friend to the Resurrection congregation.

Mary was a product of the Chicago Public Schools and graduated from Carver High School. With diploma in hand Mary pursued a career with Social Security Administration where she faithfully worked for 33 years. As a government employee Mary excelled to great heights. With a burning desire and a passion for teaching Mary became an instructor for those who were newly hired and/or promoted to the Benefit Authorizer positions within SSA. Over the years, Mary received numerous awards for her commendable work performance.

Throughout her youth Mary resided in the Morgan Park community. However, upon adulthood she made the community of Princeton Park her beloved home. It was in Princeton Park where she established lasting and life-long friendships throughout her adult life.

Mary was married to Robert Maurice Clark, Sr. and Zelma Cunningham (both deceased). To these unions were born two children, Robert Maurice Clark, Jr. and Amber Marlo Cunningham. Mary had a fierce commitment to her family, supporting them in all of their endeavors and continually encouraging them to love the Lord, maintain a work ethic, and do their best to achieve at their highest level. Mary was devoted to her family and was cherished by her family members as the jewel in the family circle. Later in life Mary met the great love of her life Mr. Harold Moon. Together they shared a relationship based on mutual respect and deep friendship,

Never one to be inactive Mary (upon retirement) accepted a position with the City of Chicago Department of Aging. Mary delighted in helping seniors with numerous problems and circumstances. In addition to this Mary became an illustrious entrepreneur specializing in baking cakes for all occasions. Her

celebrated pound cake was well known and stayed in constant demand. On Sunday, January 12, 2014, Mary transitioned from labor to reward. She leaves behind to mourn her passing, cherish her memory, and carry on her legacy, children Robert Clark, Jr. (Celeste), and Amber Cunningham, Surrogate children Thomas Buckner (Deborah) Ronnie Bullinger (Deborah) Paul Buckner and Tarvee McHenry, grandchildren, Mary Clark, Christopher Cunningham, Tyler Clark and Cidney Cunningham, great aunts Viola Terrett , Jessie Payne, Thelma Mitchell and Bess Mitchell, Nieces Carmoletha Ferrell, Phills Ferrell, Great Nieces & Nephews Kirk Ferrell, Leslie Ferrell, Jamaica Ferrell, Shaunte Sturgess, Stephanie Ferrell, Antoinette Sturgess, Phlisha Ferrell and a host of relatives and friends.