

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Mrs. Claire Floyd Porter

SUNRISE OCTOBER 28, 1930 SUNSET SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

PALLBEARERS

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Deacons, Northminster Presbyterian Church

FLOWER BEARERS

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the family of Claire F. Porter, sincerely thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts and prayers have comforted us during our time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.



Saturday, September 9, 2023

Visitation 11:00 AM

Service 12 Noon

Northminster Presbyterian Church USA

717 David Street
Columbia, SC 29203

Rendering Exceptional Service While Demonstrating Deep Compassion

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To

Childs Funeral Home, Inc.

301 West Carolina Avenue
Clinton, South Carolina
864-833-1161



A Mother's Love

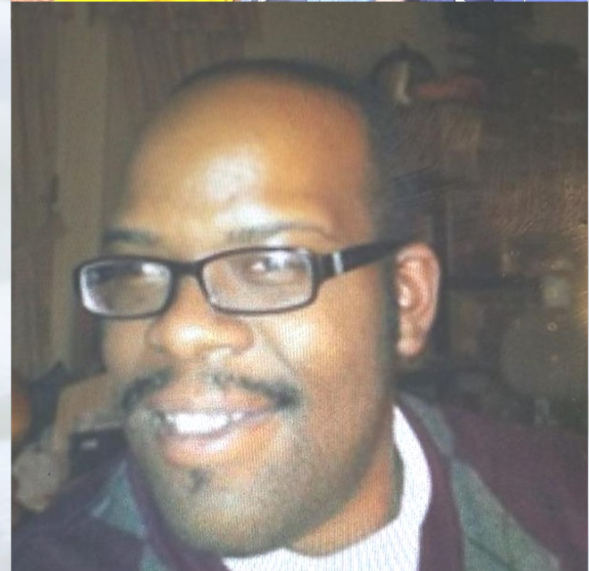
There's no love like a mother's,
Her heart is filled with care.
With Christ as her example,
Her Savior's love she'll share.

A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all times.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.

God blessed our special mother.
God bless her every day.
For all the tears and heartaches
And special work she's done.

When days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on.
Through many generations
Blessings on each one.

We are thankful for our mother,
Who loved with higher love,
From power God had given,
And strength from up above.



OBITUARY

A professional lady, Mrs. Claire Floyd Porter was a native of Laurens, South Carolina. She is the oldest of nine children born to sharecropper parents, Willie James Floyd and Clairrinder Ferguson Floyd.

After attending Payne College in Augusta, GA, Mrs. Porter earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Allen University in 1964. She earned a Master's degree from South Carolina State University and a second Master's degree in Administration from the University of South Carolina. She retired from Richland County School District One after forty-seven years of service... first as a teacher of English and later as Assistant Principal at several schools.

Mrs. Porter was an active member of Northminster Presbyterian Church USA. She was an Elder, Deacon, past chair of the Nominating Committee, assistant church treasurer. She also volunteered at Northminster with the After School Homework Program with students from A.J. Lewis Greenview Elementary School. Mrs. Porter was a 2018 appreciated Gold Stat Member of Northminster Presbyterian Church USA; a 2013 Women of Faith Award recipient and a 2015 recipient of the Phi Beta Sigma Legacy Award for Women of Excellence. She held Life Memberships in the American Association of University Women, Women's Auxiliary of the VFW, Richland County Education Association (retired), South Carolina Education Association (retired) and The National Education Association (retired). She was a Diamond Life Member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Beta Beta Zeta Chapter since 1964 (Zeta Dove). Mrs. Porter held offices on the local, state (including state director), regional and national levels both appointed and elected. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Queen Mary Chapter 214.

In her spare time Claire hanging out with her grandchildren and other family children. Her hobbies included reading and working with her houseplants. Her favorite color was blue; her favorite hymn "In the Garden", and her favorite scriptures Psalms 23 and 24.

Claire closed her eyes on earth on Sunday, September 3, 2023 at her home in Columbia, SC and opened her eyes at the pearly gates. She smiled as she was greeted by her Heavenly Father, her parents; her husband, Clyde, her son, Dr. Alvin Howard Floyd; her brother, William Arthur Floyd; her sisters: Henrietta Floyd Massey and Lizzie Floyd Miles; her grandson, Kevin Bernard Smalls and her great grandson, Anthony Stewart.

Claire loved, gave and served tirelessly for ninety-two years. Her guidance, faithfulness and most of all her love, will be remembered by those who loved her most. They include: her children, Ervin Bernard Cunningham of Columbia, SC, James (Juanita) Cunningham of Flint, MI, Vivian Cunningham Bush of the home and daughter-in-law, Louvenia Floyd of Pittsboro, NC; her grandchildren: Andre Bush of the home, Adrain Floyd of Phoenix, AZ, Anjel (Ray) Burgess of Marietta, GA, Anthony Smalls of Columbia, SC, Aaron (Stephanie) Cunningham of Silver Springs, MD; eleven great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren; her brothers: Dr. Jeremiah (Clara) Floyd of Bethesda, MD, James (Barbara) Floyd, Joseph (Mildred) Floyd both of Greenville, SC, Johnnie Floyd of Laurens, SC and Dr. Michael (Monica) Floyd of Townsend, TN and countless nieces, nephews, close relatives and friends.





Heritage

They are not dead, who leave us this great heritage
Of remembered joy.
They still live in our hearts, in the happiness we knew,
In the dreams we shared.
They still breathe, in the lingering fragrance windblown,
From their favorite flowers.
They still smile in the moonlight's silver
And laugh in the sunlight's sparkling gold.
They still speak in the echoes of words
We've heard them say again and again.
They still move in the rhythm of waving grasses,
In the dance of the tossing branches.
They are not dead; Their memory is warm in our hearts,
Comfort in our sorrow.
They are not apart from us, but a part of us
For love is eternal,
And those we love shall be with us
Throughout all eternity.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Mrs. Claire Floyd Porter



REVEREND DR. LAWRENCE WILLIS, PRESIDING
State Supply Pastor, Northminster Presbyterian Church USA, Columbia, SC

Final Viewing

Seating of the Family
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Burial Ritual
Family Visitation

Processional

Clergy

Musical Selection

Elder Kendrick Chiles

Scripture Readings

Reverend Raymond Massey
Rehoboth AME Zion Church, Chester, SC
Old Testament Proverbs 31:10
New Testament John 14:1-6

Prayer

Minister

Musical Selection

"I Surrender All"

Reflections

Coworker.....Ms. Bridgett Bookert
Zeta.....Dr. Ledell Rivers
President Beta Beta Zeta Chapter
Church.....Ms. Tami Richardson/Clerk of Session
Northminster Presbyterian Church USA

Musical Selection

Elder Kendrick Chiles

Words of Comfort

Reverend Richard Dozier
Retired Pastor, Northminster Presbyterian Church USA

Closing Prayer

INTERMENT

Duncan Creek Baptist Church Cemetery
672 Duncan Creek Church Road
Laurens, South Carolina 29360

COMMITTAL RITES, BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

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