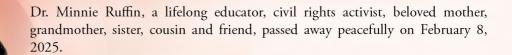


THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

Dr. MINIE



Born in Tarboro, North Carolina on April 29, 1941, Minnie pursued a life dedicated to learning, justice and service. The third child of sharecropper parents, she was the first in her family to attend college. She earned her bachelor's degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in 1963, followed by a master's degree from Iowa State University in 1965, and ultimately a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1972. She was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

A passionate educator, she devoted her career to shaping young minds at Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Merritt College, San Francisco State University and Morris Brown College before joining Atlanta Public Schools, where she retired in 2001.

Beyond the classroom, Minnie was deeply committed to civil rights, voting rights and social justice. She worked on numerous "Get Out the Vote" drives in Atlanta and was a co-founding member of Atlanta Grandmothers for Peace. She was also a member of the Metro Atlanta DSA, the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda and Moral Monday Georgia. She also served on the board of the Georgia Coalition for Peace and Justice. She had the pleasure of working with civil rights icons, Reverend Joseph Lowery and Congressman John Lewis, whom she was honored to call her friends.

She actively served in several Atlanta-area Baptist churches throughout the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s. In her later years, she enjoyed watching the online services of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia and Excel Church in Jacksonville, Florida finding comfort and inspiration in their music and their message.

Minnie was predeceased by her parents: George and Minnie Lee Ruffin and her brothers: Joseph Lee Ruffin, John Henry Ruffin, Daniel Hayward Ruffin and George Ruffin.

Minnie is survived by her daughter and only child: Felicitas "Cici" Ruffin Carter; son-in-law: Eric Hunton Carter; two grandchildren: April French (Sheldon) and David Morton; two step-grandchildren: Carey Carter (Ashley) and Stephen Helin (Rakeshia); two great-grandchildren: Ayden Morton and Aubri Morton; siblings: Mary Ethel Richards, Elizabeth Ruffin Miller (Marty), Elnora Ruffin, William Ruffin (Latonia), Carolyn Faye Wood (Curtis), Dorothy Moss (Leon) and Milton Ruffin and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

THE ORDER of SERVICE

Elder Darnell Lemons, Presiding

Processional/Viewing

Introduction Eric H. Carter

Prayer of Comfort
Al Allen

Scriptural Reading Ebony Allen

Solo Samira Williams

Reflections

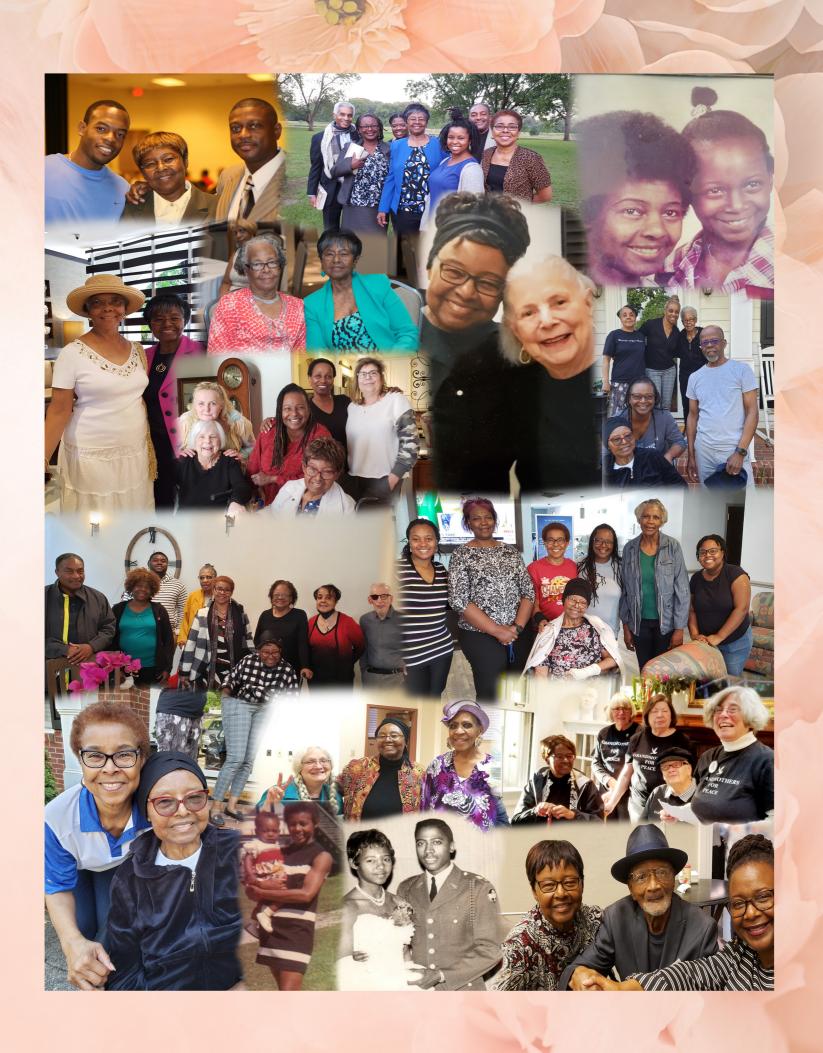
Samantha Andrews Al & Ebony Allen Melvin Briley Eric Carter

> **Solo** Shawn Horton

Words of Comfort Minister Cici Carter

Recessional









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Eric Carter
Shawn Horton
David Morton
Horace Taylor

Flower Attendants
Family and Friends

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We would like to express our deepest and most sincere gratitude to all our family and friends. Your love, words of wisdom and generosity have been a source of strength and comfort to us during this difficult time. We appreciate your many acts of kindness shown to us. May God bless each of you is our prayer.

THE FAMILY

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