

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

A portrait of Sonda Kay Jeffrey-Clark, an elderly woman with short dark hair, wearing black-rimmed glasses and a multi-strand pearl necklace. She is smiling gently. The background is a soft-focus green and yellow bokeh. Pink roses are visible in the top left and bottom left corners. A single strand of pearls is draped across the bottom right.

Sonda
— KAY —
JEFFREY-CLARK

MAY 22, 1957 – AUGUST 11, 2026

Saturday, August 22, 2026 | 3:00 PM
ANTHONY L. WATKINS FUNERAL HOME
Hattie G. Watkins Memorial Chapel
163 North Avenue, Jonesboro, GA 30236
Pastor Reginald Everett, Eulogist



Life Reflections

Vonda Kay Jeffrey-Clark was, without question, God's gift to this world. She's a woman whose love, compassion, wisdom, and commitment to serving others will continue to live on through the countless lives she touched. She was a beloved wife, devoted mother, cherished sister, dedicated educator, mentor, and servant to her community.

Born on May 22, 1957, in Wynne, Arkansas, Vonda was the second-oldest child of Clarence Wood and Mary Huggins. From an early age, she carried a spirit of strength, determination, compassion, and service that would become the foundation of her life.

Vonda was a proud graduate of Paul Quinn College, Class of 1978. Following graduation, she moved to Detroit, Michigan, where she continued her education at Wayne State University. During this chapter of her life, Vonda began working at the New Center Inn, where she met a young man named Patrick Clark Jr. Their relationship blossomed, and together they moved to Birmingham, Alabama. On June 21, 1986, Vonda and Patrick were united in marriage. From this beautiful union came two daughters, Shanice and Tiera Clark, who were the pride and joy of their mother's life.

Vonda discovered one of her greatest callings through education. She dedicated her career to teaching and mentoring young people, serving at St. Paul of the Cross, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Pointe South Elementary. Throughout her teaching career, Vonda earned numerous certificates, honors, and awards, but her greatest accomplishments could never be measured by a certificate or placed on a shelf.

Through her 50-year commitment to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, she continued a lifelong tradition of scholarship, service, sisterhood, and community involvement. She dedicated her time and talents to helping others and making a meaningful difference in the communities around her.

To know Vonda was to experience a woman who gave generously of her heart. She was the kind of person whose presence made a difference. She could teach you, encourage you, challenge you, comfort you, and make you laugh in the same conversation.

She also leaves to cherish her memories to be cherished by her husband, Patrick Clark Jr.; her beloved daughters, Shanice Clark and Tiera Clark; close sister/brother cousins, Terri Ann Everett (Reginald) and Earl Long (Shirley); her beloved sisters, Lou Emma Jackson (Elliott, Sr.), Vertonia Jean Jeffrey, and Vera Jeffrey-Smith (Danny), and her brother, Willie Jeffrey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, sorority sisters, former students, colleagues, and dear friends.

Though her earthly work is complete, Vonda Kay Jeffrey-Clark's work continues through every life she touched.



ORDER *of* SERVICE

Prelude

Processional
Clergy, Family & Friends

Prayer

Scripture Readings
Pastor Reginald Everett
Old Testament
New Testament

Musical Selection
“Going Up Yonder”

Obituary (Read Silently)

Remarks (*2 Minutes Please*)
Family and Friends

Musical Selection
“I Know I’ve Been Changed”
By LaShun Pace

Words of Comfort
Pastor Reginald Everett

Acknowledgments
Anthony L. Watkins Staff

Recessional







I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following paths God made for me

I took his hand, I heard him call then turned, and bid farewell to all

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to sing, to play

Tasks left undone must stay that way I found my peace ... at close of day

And if my parting 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... deep with sorrow, I wish you sunshine of tomorrow

My life's been full I've savoured much, Good friends, good times, A loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with grief

Lift up your heart and share with me, God wants me now ... He set me free



God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Acknowledgements

We, the family of Vonda Jeffrey-Clark would like to thank all of our wonderful family and friends for your support, prayers and selfless acts of kindness during our time of bereavement.



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