

Hats Off to Mother

They say a mother wears many hats, but Mother didn't just wear them—she wore them with unmatched style, flair, and a heavy dose of spunk. A true fashionista, a lifelong learner, and a dedicated educator, Mother spent her life showing us all exactly what it looks like to live beautifully and love abundantly. Today, we tip our hats to a phenomenal woman who truly did it all.

For 34 incredible years, as a third-grade teacher, Mother wore her educator's hat, shaping young minds, and mentoring colleagues. Congruently, she was an active member of Kappa Kappa Iota, a teacher's sorority whose purpose is to promote the advancement of education.

Donning her service hat, mother served for more than 60 years alongside her sorority sisters in her beloved Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, a public service organization. It is rooted in sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action. She also gave herself as a foster mother for 10+ years.

Although her classroom was a place of inspiration, her greatest master class was the one that she taught at home. As the proud matriarch of our family, Mother was blessed with a massive, loving legacy. 7 children, 20 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren. To us, her family, she wore the hats of an excellent cook, an experienced gardener, and a master holiday decorator who turned every season into a magical wonderland.

When she wasn't teaching, serving, or hosting family gatherings, Mother loved hitting the open road to visit our far-reaching family, testing her luck at her favorite casinos, and scouting out the perfect pre-owned treasures at local shops and garage sales. Mother lived a life full of lively colors, love, and high style.

After 96 years, she has now laid her earthly hats down to take a well-deserved rest. However, her lessons, her laughter, and her impeccably dressed spirit will live on forever in the hearts of the hundreds of family members, students, and teachers that she blessed.

Mother, hats off to you! May you rest in sweet peace.