

Acknowledgements

The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during this difficult time.

REQUIEM

*My life was changed in a moment
It was whole, then a portion was gone!*

*The sun will still rise
The seasons recycle
But it won't be the same as before
Since my mother's earthly presence
Is removed to a distant shore.*

*We were blessed by the length of her being
And our memories are laced sweetly with joys!*

*Rest in peace my dearly beloved
Secure in the arms of our Lord!*

CORA
CLARKE

ARRANGEMENTS

DAVIS FUNERAL HOME
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A CELEBRATION OF *Life*



Cora Louise Saunders Clarke

SUNRISE

December 25, 1930

SUNSET

January 22, 2022

Friday, February 11, 2022 | 6:00 PM

The virtual memorial service link is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85976153417?pwd=ci9DamwWVtbnRBVVdNZDRzaERWUT09>

Rev. Dr. J. Anthony Lloyd

OBITUARY

Cora Louise Saunders Clarke was born on December 25, 1930 to Heywood Saunders and Beatrice Duarte in Thomasville, Georgia. She went to be with the Lord on January 22, 2022. At the age of 7 she and her mother joined the Great Migration, settling first in Newton, Massachusetts and later in Boston, Massachusetts. She was an active member of People's Baptist Church for many years and taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and belonged to the Young Adult Fellowship where she made many lifelong friends. She graduated from Girls' High and took college courses at Northeastern. She was employed by John Hancock, United Negro College Fund, Honeywell and the Framingham Library. Cora returned to the suburbs as a homeowner when she moved to Natick with her husband and 3 children. She immediately became an active member of the League of Women Voters. She was an advocate for voting and made it to the polls even when she couldn't drive.

She joined First Baptist Church of Natick and was an active member until its closure. After retiring she was active with the seniors at Greater Framingham Christian Center and the Community United Methodist Church of Cochituate Village in Wayland. She was a writer who published articles and was a member of a writing group. Her longest work was an historical fiction essay based on the life of Crispus Attucks. Being a Christmas baby, she would play Christmas records and begin decorating the day after Thanksgiving. She would also set up holiday displays in the breezeway of her house. She loved to shop, visit museums, see fireworks displays, go to plays and parades, and was an aficionado of classical music, often attending concerts at Boston Symphony Hall and listening to the Boston Pops. Her love of reading was supported through the book delivery service for homebound seniors provided by the Morse Institute, Natick Library. She is survived by her daughters Naomi (Clarke) Heard, Lisa (Clarke) González and son Spencer E. Clarke. Grandchildren Donald Ray Heard Jr. André Heard, Jorge González Jr., Desirée González, Alana Clarke, and Aria Clarke, Great grandchildren Zoë Heard, Aimeé Heard, Donald Heard III, Dora Heard and Rina González Ward. Nieces, nephews, cousins and friends all share in the sorrow.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Slideshow Presentation

Opening remarks - Rev. Dr. J. Anthony Lloyd

Prayer - Rev. Dr. J. Anthony Lloyd

Time to Share Memories of Cora Clarke

Scriptures - Matthew 11:28-30, John 14:1-4 Jorge González Jr.

Musical Selection - "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Pianist - Othniel Clarke Jr.

Obituary - Alana Clarke and Aria Clarke

Musical Selection - "What a Friend we Have in Jesus"

Keyboardist - Dell Phillips

Soloist - Youlanda Davidson

Eulogy - Rev. Dr. J. Anthony Lloyd

Benediction - Rev. Dr. J. Anthony Lloyd

Committal - Rev. Dr. J. Anthony Lloyd

Musical Selection - Tchaikovsky 1812 Overture Finale

Virtual Repast Link: Fri Feb 11, 2022 8pm – 9:30pm (EST)

<https://milton.zoom.us/j/93491779995?pwd=SEU0NFplMVB0VIBXYW NXQXNQeFg2UT09>

In lieu of flowers

Please donate to the Morse Institute in Natick, Massachusetts, the local library of which Cora was a patron for over 60 years.

The donation link is below:

<https://morseinstitute.org/donate>