

Obituary

Cornelia (Connie) Sander Grant

Cornelia Sanders Grant (affectionally known as Connie) was born on September 6, 1921 in Durham, North Carolina. to the late James and Amy Sanders, where she was the middle sibling of three. She passed away peacefully in her home on August 5, 2019 in Boston, Massachusetts at the age of 97.

Connie moved to Boston in 1941 and worked various jobs before establishing her business as a Licensed Cosmetologist in the 1960's and opening her own salon. Over a period of years, she merged her business with her sister Magdeline and worked successfully until her retirement in 1985.

Connie quickly realized that retirement was not in her vocabulary. She worked with Boston Elder Services for 10 years and afterwards became an active volunteer throughout the City of Boston. Connie was a loving, friendly and wise woman who always had words of wisdom and encouragement to share with all she met. She was a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church – ordained Deaconess on October 2, 1994 and an active member of the Goldenaires.

Connie married the late Steadman Lloyd Grant in 1982 and they were happily married for 28 years. Her elder brother Johnie Sanders predeceased her. Connie is survived by her sister Magdeline Graham and nephew Nathaniel Graham, two adopted daughters Rene Brimage and Evelyn Gee, two surviving Aunts Elizabeth Reid and Margaret Hill, her beloved cousin Fannie Mae Harper and her stepchildren, Lois Alexander, Dionne McLaughlin, Denise Wrafter, Lorraine Grant, Andrew Grant, Lloyd Grant, Lee Grant, Sharon Jones and several grandchildren.

Sister Cornelia Grant was a member of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, Incorporated. She joined Rising Sun Chapter #2 in 1954. Sister Grant demitted from Rising Sun Chapter #2 in 1984 to John J. Smith Chapter #3. Sister Grant was a PWM. Prince Hall Golden Circle Assembly #2 PLLR -1993. She was a member of Mount Olivet Royal Court #3 Syrenes PRC-1973-1974. Connie was the first Royal Commandress of Mount Olivet Court. She was also a member of the following houses: Sarah R. Hall Court #1-H of J- PMAM – 1997; and Most Ancient PH Grand Court H of J/ (PMAGM) 1989-1991.

