

Susie E. Bassfield-Clarke



March 20, 1938 – January 11, 2018

God set the stage of life for Susie E. Bassfield-Clarke and the curtain came up presenting her to the world on March 20, 1938 in Petersburg, Virginia. The late Flarried H. Friend and Emmitt Fields were the parents of a baby-girl, and the “Clock of Life” was wound for Susie.

Susie was educated in the Virginia Public School System. In 1960, as a young adult she moved to Boston, Massachusetts. She worked as an Executive Administrative Assistant in the Legal Department at the Polaroid Corporation until her retirement. She became a long standing member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor William L. Cooper. She served on several boards and auxiliaries including the Usher Board, Choir, and Trustee, to name a few.

Susie was blessed with two children, a son and daughter, Carl and Valicia. On November 9, 2002 Susie married her life-long partner and companion Michael A. Clarke, Sr. Susie was a loving and friendly individual. Her family was her anchor and God was her Rock. Along with serving the Lord, some of her favorite things to do were spending time with family outdoors, shopping, and cooking and entertaining any and every one that she knew and loved.

Susie is preceded in death by her parents, her son Carl Bassfield, step-daughter Janel Clarke, and her sister Angie Walker. She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Michael A. Clarke, Sr.; one daughter Valicia H. Dawkins and companion Cornelius Russell (Columbia, SC), three step-sons Michael Clarke, Jr. and wife Trish (Catherine, GA), Raphael Clarke (California) and Christopher Clarke (Chelsea, MA) , her grand-children Kenya Flakes-Evans (Detroit, MI), Carl Burnette Jr. (Fall River, MA), and Kyeshia N. Dawkins (Jacksonville, FL), Catarina Clarke, (Catherine, GA), Drew Clarke (Catherine, GA), her siblings, a sister Deloris Fields (Dinwiddie, VA), and brothers Edward and wife Janet Fields, and John and wife Mary “Mag” Fields (Dinwiddie, VA), and a host of loving nieces and nephews whom she leaves to cherish her wonderful memories.

Wife, mother, sister, aunt, and dear friend...because you lived, we loved, we grieve and we celebrate.