



Phyllis Eugenia Dunn Chapman

August 9, 1941 - August 24, 2015

Phyllis entered into eternal rest Monday, August 24, 2015 at her home. She was born August 9, 1941 in Gastonia, North Carolina to the late Eugene L. and Carnella Dunn. She graduated from Highland High School, Gastonia, North Carolina. She earned a BA in History from Howard University in Washington, DC and a Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She was a third generation educator, who was dedicated to this profession for more than 35 years. Phyllis began as a teacher and counselor at E. E. Smith High School, Fayetteville, North Carolina, then to Monroe Avenue High School in Hamlet, North Carolina. Phyllis was recently awarded the Red Apple Appreciation Award by the Monroe Avenue High School, Class of 1964.

It was in Hamlet, North Carolina that she met Airman Charles Chapman who would become her loving and devoted husband/partner for the next 48 years. After marrying Charles, the couple settled in Charlotte, North Carolina. She continued her counseling career at West Charlotte High School, Charlotte, North Carolina and North Mecklenburg High School, Huntersville, North Carolina. In 1997, she retired from Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. After retirement, Phyllis continued to impact the lives of students through her never-ending encouragement, motivation and advocacy on their behalf. Phyllis was a faithful and very active member of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church from 1969 until her health no longer allowed her to physically attend. Phyllis was involved in many ministries such as the Sheepfold of Ruth;

Girl Scouts; Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. Scholarship Fund; Black College Awareness Day; Women's Missionary Union; Senior Care Team; Senior Advisory Board and the Phillip and Phoebe Ministry. She participated with the SERVE Ministry at the Salvation Army. She also served as a tax volunteer with AARP. In recent years, Phyllis may not have been able to physically attend church and ministry meetings, however she remained engaged and connected with much zest.

Phyllis was a Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and an active member of the Gastonia Alumnae Chapter since 1962. Phyllis served on numerous committees, among them Communications, Program Planning, Scholarship, Jabberwock, College Day and Newsletter. She received recognition for more than 50 years of membership and service. Phyllis was an active member in her community, The Hyde Park Estates Neighborhood Association. She served as the Board Secretary; a Block Captain; on the Scholarship Committee, Social Committee and the Graduate's Recognition Committee.

Phyllis leaves many loving memories to be cherished by her husband, Charles, two daughters, Charlese Chapman and Christal Chapman Hill (Jelani), and a grandson, Jelani Charles William Hill; special daughter, Denise Reid (Angelo); three godchildren, George Dunlap, Jr.; Quentin Reid and Sydney Reid; two dear friends, Mrs. Helena T. Cunningham and Dr. Fred Gibson, a host of relatives, friends and students around the world. Special thanks to her caregiver, Mrs. Melissa Blye.

Phyllis was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, godmother, counselor and friend who touched the lives of many. She will truly be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be forwarded to C.W. Kerry Scholarship Fund, c/o Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3400 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28216 or the Gaston Delta Foundation, P.O. Box 1482, Gastonia, NC 28053

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery-West

4601 Freedom Drive
Charlotte, NC

Tribute Wall

VP

“ So very sorry for your loss. In Psalms God promises he is "close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit ". May His peace comfort you each at this difficult time.
Sincerely,

Valerie Patch - August 29, 2015 at 05:01 AM

VP

“ So very sorry for your loss. In Psalms God promises he is "close to the brokenhearted; he saves those who are crushed in spirit." May He confirmed you now and in the days to come.
Sincerely,
Valerie Patch

Valerie Patch - August 29, 2015 at 04:52 AM

ST

“ My deepest sympathy to you for the loss of your beloved wife and mother. Rest assured that our loving God is aware of your pain of heart. He yearns to remedy your despair. (Job 14:15) May God comfort and sustain your family to get through not only this day, but many others to come. (Isaiah 41:13)

S. Tyler - August 28, 2015 at 12:00 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Phyllis Eugenia Dunn Chapman.



August 28, 2015 at 08:10 AM

PH

“ Be blessed to know that I use to call your mom(Soror Chapman), grandmother (Soror Dunn), and aunt (Soror Marie Hamilton), The Hard Hitters because they were " The Dynamic Three" in my first Delta Sigma Theta Chapter, Gastonia Alumnae. They were always there together with one telling the others what to do and with much voting power.

I love each of them and will always remember them.

I can not be with you at the Soror Chapman's Home-going, but will be by to see the family later due to a work commitment.

*Sisterly Love and Many Memories,
Soror Pamela Hart Hemphill*

Pamela Hart Hemphill - August 28, 2015 at 02:51 AM

CL

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May the love of God and the fond memories of Phyllis bring you comfort during this difficult time. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Charles and Barbara Love

charles Love - August 27, 2015 at 07:04 AM

CH

Our deepest sympathy go out to you and your family. Mrs. Chapman will truly be missed by all.

The Waters and McGowan Family

Chundra - August 28, 2015 at 06:26 AM



“ 11 files added to the album *Precious Memories*



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - August 26, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to the Family, you are in my prayers. May you find comfort in the resurrection promise and the love of friends and family.*

L.Bentley - August 25, 2015 at 07:22 PM



My deepest sympathy and comfort. It is my prayer that God will be with you during this difficult time. I remember her as one of my memorable teachers. I am so happy that I had the opportunity to know her, I gained a wealth of knowledge from Mrs. Chapman.

Much Love and Respect,

Nettie Covington Crawford

Nettie Covington Crawford - August 26, 2015 at 10:47 PM

MP

It is with great sadness that I heard of Mrs. Chapman's passing. She went above and beyond in helping my siblings and me when we were students at North Mecklenburg. Her guidance is largely responsible for my application and acceptance to Washington University in Saint Louis, a step which my career as an educator. Mrs. Was totally selfless and accommodating in doing work that I realized in later years should have fallen to parent and student. As a student of color in the 1970s, I am forever in her debt for navigating me and my sibling through this process. May God comfort you and give you his peace and flights of angels sing This extraordinary human being to her rest.

*Madlyn Barringer Phelan
NMHS Class of 1971*

Madlyn Barringer Phelan - August 28, 2015 at 06:33 AM