



Clara Farr Lewis

December 25, 1906 - May 23, 2004

Clara F. Lewis was born on December 25, 1906, to Ed and Mary Farr in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She was one of six children that would come from that union. John, Monroe, Millie, Perrola and Connibill were the other five. Her father died in 1910 with Tuberculosis, leaving the family challenged in finding the necessary funds to provide for their needs. Times were very hard and her mother gathered the family and moved in with Sumter and Millie Davis, Clara's grandparents. We can remember Clara speaking of her great grandmother Lucy, who had been a slave and came to live with them. Education was quite different then from how we know it today. Schooling in the classroom setting was very limited. Many times they had to take turns going to school because they had to share clothing. Often everyone had to work in the field in order to help make ends meet. Clara was very much acquainted with the skills involved in picking cotton. She worked very hard physically in her early years and learned the importance of unity in the family at a very young age. Her mother soon married again, a man whom they called Uncle Buck. Buck Farr lived in Cedar Grove; South Carolina and two came from that union, Marianne and Willibee. Clara was no different from most young girls her age. She soon became interested in boys. We can remember the stories about one boy in particular who captured her attention. He would tie her long ponytails to the back of the schoolroom chairs. She was so fond of this young, handsome, dashing man and in 1925, she married Lewis (West) Murphy, the young man of her dreams. To this union one son was born,

Dennis E. Murphy, Sr. In 1938, when Dennis was 12 years old, Clara decided to move to Baltimore, Maryland, where she understood it to be a more progressive area and one could make an easy living. The Lord blessed Clara with many talents, one of which was sewing. She was a great seamstress and truly a Proverbs 31 (virtuous) woman. For many years she worked at Fort Meade as a Presser in the Laundry Department, retiring in 1970. Clara, at a young age, seemed to be unsettled in her spirit. She felt like something wasn't quite right, as though she was missing something. She was familiar with the Holy Spirit's leading, but felt as though she was lacking in some of the blessings that Christ had for her. She was constantly searching for truth. She wanted to know all of what Christ desired and expected of her. Upon moving to Baltimore, she would visit and attend many churches but soon settled and became a member of the Providence Baptist Church. While there, she grew and learned much. Then in 1945, her prayers were answered and her spirit was refreshed. She sent a letter to Dennis, her only child, serving in the Navy, saying she had finally found what she had been searching for all these years- THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD'S WORD! Elder Charles Cheatham, Sr. was holding an evangelistic meeting; Clara attended the meetings each night and was soon baptized becoming a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Not long after her commitment to the church and the Lord, her husband, West Murphy was met with a fatal accident. Clara continued to be faithful. Her life was one of thankfulness and praise, dedication and service to the God of this Universe, whom she loved so much. She was well loved by all that knew her. Her kindness and generosity touched the lives of many. She held many positions of office throughout her 60 years of dedicated service. She worked on the Deaconess Board, served as an Usher, sang in the Choir and was a member of the 50-Plus Ministry and much more. She hadn't been in the Church long before she was recognized by one who noticed her characteristic as a Child of God. Not to mention the physical beauty that she also possessed, for Clara was a very charming woman. In 1950, she was married to James Lewis. He was a service man in the United States Army. They spent

15 years together before his death in 1964. Clara loved her family. Even though she had only one son, she had a number of grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren. Her life was spent in caring and providing for her family, in any way that she could. She leaves to mourn: one sister, Pernola Duckley; her son, Dennis E. Murphy, Sr.; ten grandchildren, Dennis E. Murphy, Jr., Allen Murphy, James S. Swinson, Gloria Scott, Paula Washington, Denise Murphy, Vivian Canson, Robert Bethea Sr., Patrick Murphy and Donna Barksdale; 15 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren; nieces, Annie, Betty, Edith, Geraldine, Gwendolyn, Harriett, Joyce, Kecia, Mamie, Sarah, Shirley, Toni, Valarie; one goddaughter, Rose; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Clara Farr Lewis*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Clara Farr Lewis*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Hello Family & Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at Revelation 21:3,4 where Almighty God says that he is going to wipe the tears from our eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor crying nor pain be any more. The Bible also promises that we will be able to see our dead loved ones again by means of a resurrection. (John 5:28,29) It is my hope that you will be comforted by these scriptures.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##*

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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