



Clara Louise Whiting

January 20, 1924 - July 24, 2011

The Lord quietly called Clara Louise Pettus Whiting home to be with Him on Sunday, July 24, 2011. Clara was born on January 20, 1924 to Sylvia Ann and James Pettus, Sr. in Greenville, NC. She enjoyed a happy childhood, but the loss of her mother caused great sadness in August 1937.

Clara was educated in the Greenville Public Schools and as a young adult moved to Raleigh, NC and worked as a domestic worker for Attorney Tyson and his family. From there, she moved to Richmond, Virginia and was employed as a cook at F.W. Woolworth's Store.

On April 15, 1952, Clara exchanged marriage vows with William Henry Whiting, Jr.. During the early years of marriage, they became foster parents to Edna Hubbard and later to Sylvia, Lottie, and Rosemary. On September 12, 1965, Clara and Willie became parents to their own daughter, Panther Louise Whiting.

The passing of her husband on October 7, 1982 was a life-changing experience for Clara. She felt her faith in God increase as she set out to keep the strength of her family alive. On July 2, 1984, Clara was blessed with a granddaughter, La'Tonya Takia Whiting. Later in life, she became the proud great-grandmother to Malaysia Browder (July 25, 2006) and Marlon Browder, Jr. (October 11, 2007).

While living in the Fulton community, Clara became a member of Madison Temple AME Zion Church, currently under the pastorate of Rev. Ronald D. Cook. She was a member of the adult choir and served as the head of the hospitality committee until her stroke in March 2006.

Clara is known for her selfless giving among family members, neighbors, friends and strangers. She opened the doors of her home and heart to Mt. Calvary and Foster Creek Youth Ministries, and to a homeless person whom she often humbly provided with food. Clara will be greatly missed by all.

Preceded in death by her parents, Sylvia and James Pettus, Sr., sisters, Willie Bee Edwards and Malissa Snead; brothers: Willie Gray, James William and Arthur Pettus, Clara leaves to cherish precious memories: daughter, Rev. Pantheir Whiting; granddaughter, LaTonya Whiting; two great-grandchildren, Malaysia and Marlon Browder, Jr.; sister, Mary L. Davis of Brooklyn, NY; brother Joseph A. Pettus (Lillian) of Colorado Springs, CO; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.
Sandston, VA 23150

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JUL 29. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Clara Louise Whiting*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Not a day goes by I don't think about you. Always in my heart now & always. GG just celebrated her 50th Bday. I know you was there!! #jobwelldone ~Lil CornChip~*

La'Tonya Whiting - September 13, 2015 at 10:57 PM



“ *La'Tonya Whiting lit a candle in memory of Clara Louise Whiting*



La'Tonya Whiting - September 13, 2015 at 10:54 PM

GP

“ To: Pantheir , LaTonya and Family

*Don't grieve for Ms.Clara for now she's free,
she following the path God laid for her.
She took his hand when she heard him call,
She turned her back and left us all.
She could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone will stay that way,
She found that peace at close of day.
If her parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things she, too, will miss.
She will be missed.*

Love, Glynis and Jeffery Pollard



Glynis Ross Pollard - July 28, 2011 at 01:36 PM

MJ

“ I am so sorry about the lost of your loved one in death. May precious memories and the promise of the resurrection bring you much strength and comfort.

*At John 11:25, Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.
Everyone exercising faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.*

Peace be to the family.

M. Johnson - July 27, 2011 at 04:06 PM

JT

“ To the Family of Clara L Whiting, may your memories of her fill your days with much happiness. Although she will be missed, her struggle is over and very soon Jehovah will ask her to wake up, until then, be comforted from the scriptures (2 Corth 1:4).

JT - July 27, 2011 at 02:03 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - July 25, 2011 at 01:50 PM

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REV.WHITING AND FAMILY IAM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS OF YOUR MOTHER MS,.CLARA MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS EACH ONE ONE OF YOU DURING THIS TIME

VANESSA BLACK AND FAMILY - July 29, 2011 at 09:42 AM