



## Fannie Juanita Copeland

August 24, 1928 - October 1, 2021

### Legacy of Life

On October 1, 2021, Fannie Juanita Copeland answered the Master's call and transitioned peacefully from her earthly works to eternal life with her family by her side.

Fannie was born on August 24, 1928, to living parents, Booker Taliaferro and Bessie Walden Payton in Richmond, Virginia. Fannie, along with her siblings, Willa, Bessie, Booker T., and Geraldine was raised on 6th street in Historic Jackson Ward.

Early in life, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. Fannie and her family were devoted members of Hood Temple AME Zion Church where her grandfather; Omonus I. Walden, founded and organized the Zion mission. Fannie was raised in Hood while participating in a variety of organizations as a child, youth, adult, and senior member. She took pride in working on the Missionary Board, the Christmas Bazaar, and the Usher Board as the oldest and longest living member of Hood Temple AME Zion Church to date. Fannie practiced the love of the Lord through her many kind deeds and acts of love that were extended to everyone she met. She took great pride in raising her five children in Hood Temple AME Zion Church.

She graduated from Maggie L. Walker High School in Richmond, Virginia. Fannie earned her certification from the Medical College of Virginia where she worked as a dietitian. She also worked for Richmond Public Schools.

Fannie and Oliver met at First Baptist Church, Centralia in Chesterfield, Virginia during Homecoming and fell in love. Fannie Juanita Payton and Oliver Braxton Copeland were joined in Holy Matrimony on April 11, 1951, in Richmond, Virginia. To this union, five children were born, Charmaine, Oliver Jr., Reuben, Dale, O'Neal. Fannie was a devoted wife and mother to her husband and five children whom she often referred to as "Her World."

Fannie was truly a fashion icon; she and her twin sister were often highlighted in The Afro Newspaper. She always enjoyed dressing up for all occasions. She was known for her "shades", red nails, and red lipstick. As the neighborhoods' fashion icon, neighbors would admire their outfits from their front porches as Fannie and Bessie strolled to and from church and festival events. Fannie was a community activist with voter registration. She became an Election Official for Henrico County in Central Gardens Voting Precinct where she served for many years. She instilled in her children at a young age the importance of voting.

Fannie was a very considerate and warm-hearted person who had a great impact on everyone she met. She has a heart of gold and a smile that would warm up any room. She was truly a kind and giving person that made everyone feel special and was loved by many. Fannie will be remembered as a person that never took anything or anyone for granted. She lived her life to the fullest. She enjoyed spending time with her family, reading, fashion, traveling, and above all going to church. She loved watching sports, her stories, and the game shows on TV. Her greatest love was serving the Lord.

Fannie Copeland was preceded in death by her parents, Booker Taliaferro

and Bessie Walden Payton, husband, Oliver B. Copeland, granddaughter, Krystal Brooks, 3 sisters: Willa Oliver, Bessie Jones (her twin), and Geraldine Thomas; and one brother, Booker T. Payton. She leaves to cherish her memory her 5 loving and devoted children, Charmaine Brooks, Oliver Jr. Copeland (Altamease), Reuben Copeland (Renita), Dale Maples (Andrew Sr.), and O'Neal Copeland (Jackie); 10 grandchildren who referred to her as "Donnie", and whom she adored, Keyana, Zakia, Natasha, Kyron, Joy, Aya, Nicole, Andrew Jr., Kourtney and Reuben Jr.; 12 great-grandchildren; Teja, Jalin, Shamaya, Kadae, Kemani, Kyron Jr. (K.J), Ayden, Korie, Chandler, Karringtyn, Cameron and Mike Jr; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT 6. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life with live streaming

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Fannie Juanita Copeland, Please Click the Link below.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - October 07, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ *Fannie Juanita Copeland*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I REMEMBER THIS COUSIN OF MINE SINCE I WAS THE AGE OF 3.*

*MY DAD LITTLETON ALWAYS TOOK US TO VISIT HER FAMILY. EASTER WAS SPECIAL BECAUSE I WOULD SEE FANNIE AND BESSIE'S PICTURE IN THE NEWS PAPER. CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS*

*FROM: THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ELVIRA WALDEN MERRITT*

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**Salonia Merritt Pasman** - October 10, 2021 at 12:52 PM

VB

“ Momma Copeland, you always treated me as one of your own. Thank you for the grilled cheese sandwiches and fresh cut French fries. Your laugh and words of wisdom were a source of comfort. Thank you for your wonderful children who were like my sisters and brothers, especially Charmaine. Your legacy will live on in the hearts of so many. You will be missed.

Valerie Braxton-Williams - October 07, 2021 at 09:39 AM

AJ

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Copeland. She was a kind soft spoken lady. My prayers and condolences to her children and other family members.  
Addie and Lewis Jennings

Addie Jennings - October 07, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fannie Juanita Copeland.



October 06, 2021 at 04:08 PM

SF

“ SALONIA JOEY & ELLIS FAMILY purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Fannie Juanita Copeland.



SALONIA JOEY & ELLIS FAMILY - October 06, 2021 at 01:07 PM

LW

“ With deepest sympathy from Leroy, Joan and family to the family of Mrs. Fannie Copeland as we fondly remember as Mrs. Fannie. The heart remembers what it has loved most. Though the ones we love may leave life as we know it, in our memory, the love we know will always carry on. God has received another beautiful angel. May his love surround you during this time of sorrow.  
Leroy, Joan, Al, Sheryl, Cathy and Yavette.



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**Leroy and Joan Williams** - October 05, 2021 at 10:32 PM

SC

*To the most sweetest patience that I met and became family as well friends . I will truly miss my sweet lady may you rest now you deserved your wings sweet lady forever your caregiver.*

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**Sandra Cobbs** - October 06, 2021 at 09:00 PM

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“ Samantha & Terrell Artison and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Fannie Juanita Copeland.



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**Samantha & Terrell Artison and family** - October 05, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - October 04, 2021 at 03:06 PM

JB

*My deepest sympathy and prayers for the family. Love Jessie Samuels Batchelor*

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**Jessie Batchelor** - October 07, 2021 at 10:18 AM