



Ida Lelia Chapple

October 29, 1939 - December 25, 2020

Eternal Tribute

On October 29, 1939, in Charlotte Court House, Virginia, Willie and Ida Braxton welcomed a beautiful daughter, Ida Lelia, who was their seventh of nine children.

Ida was educated in Charlotte County Public Schools, graduating from Central High School and continuing her education at Virginia Union University. She was a charter and active member of the Central High School Alumni Association. She supported their initiatives and looked forward to the yearly reunion with friends at the Annual Scholarship Ball.

On April 2, 1960, Ida married her best friend, John H. Chapple. This union was blessed with two daughters, Daphne Lynne and Dawn Letitia, and in 1984 with her one and only grandchild, Letitia Amber. Her favorite pass time was having lengthy conversations on the phone. So, it was no surprise that she would have a lucrative 30-year career in telecommunications and retire from Verizon. John and Ida lived in New York, NY, until they both retired and relocated to Richmond, VA in 1991.

She was a very loving and generous woman, and most importantly a faithful servant to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. At a young age, Ida was

baptized at St. Louis Baptist Church, Charlotte Court House, VA. After relocating to New York, she continued her walk with Christ by joining Greater File Chapel Baptist Church. When she moved to Richmond, she joined Mount Olive Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir and co-lead Vacation Bible School with her best friend Ms. Shirley Terry. She later joined Southside Community Christian Church where she was named their first Mother of the Church. During her lifetime of service, she was best known for her operatic voice and extensive Christian book collection.

Ida was a fun aunt, cousin and sister. She loved visiting her family in Philadelphia and Baltimore. Her nieces and nephews called her Aunt Lelia, and she spoiled them all with love. She always made time to visit her sister Carrie's beauty shop, when in town. Ida enjoyed playing bid-whist with her brothers and sisters at family gatherings and her potato salad was everyone's favorite. She was a great dancer and enjoyed hosting family parties.

Ida was also a fighter. She sued the Board of Education of New York in 1975. The case progressed to the New York Supreme court, and she won. Her fighting spirit came in handy when she experienced two strokes and colon cancer. She never gave up.

On December 25, 2020, Ida peacefully went home to be with the Lord with her two daughters, Daphne & Dawn by her side. She was preceded in death by her parents: Willie and Ida Braxton, husband: John Chapple and siblings: Carrie Venable, Rosa Wilson, Helen Jones, Samuel Braxton, Inez Alfred and Nathaniel Braxton. She leaves to cherish her lovely memory: Daughters: Daphne Portis and Dawn Chapple, Granddaughter: Letitia Crippen (Dane), Great Grandchildren: Cobei, Cairo, Madison, Dane Jr., Great-Great Grandson: Damir Crippen, Brothers: Willie Braxton, Jr. (Geraldine) and Charles Braxton (Portia), Brother In-Law: Tyrone Matthews (Latrice), Godchildren: Charlene Gaines, LaToia Walker James, Gidget Darnell Gaines, Tyrell Terry, and Isaiah

Matthews.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

JAN 4. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Lelia Chapple, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - January 02, 2021 at 09:47 AM

CG

God-Mom you're the true example of a "Virtuous Woman". Proverb 31:10-31 Love and miss you dearly - Charlene

Charlene Gaines - January 04, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ *Ida Lelia Chapple*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

EM

“ *Dear Daphne and Dawn,
My prayers and condolences are with you and the family. Ida was a wonderful woman and will be dearly missed.
"Angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hands of God."*

Love, Elouise

Elouise Matthews - January 05, 2021 at 10:08 AM

AW

“ Aunt Ida was *THE BOMB* - no other way to put it! A true definition of a phenomenal woman who touched so many people. May God continue to wrap his arms around Daphne, Dawn & the rest of the family during this grieving process. Jason & I love you!

Ari W. - January 04, 2021 at 07:08 PM

GJ

“ *Gwen/Herman*
Sending this with a heavy heart of such an amazing aunt that was beautiful inside and out. Aunt Ida showed love beyond measure and had a smile that would warm your heart
Aunt Ida knew I was a woman of few words but she knew what to say to get me thru some rough times. She had words to lift my spirit and I will always cherish that. She was strong and dedicated with her walk in christ. When being in Aunt Ida's presence you knew that was a christian women, I saw it and felt it so loving. Remembering so many times Herman saying we gotta go to Richmond to see Aunt Ida and get some of her famous potato salad. Want to say to Daphe and Dawn you guys did an amazing job taking care of your mother. I see where you two get your strength and dedication from, you got that from your amazing mother. and know she have touch so many people in so many ways , she was like a mother, sister, friend to so many. May God wrap you in his loving arms and comfort your family during your time of sorrow. Love you

Gwendolyn Jones - January 04, 2021 at 04:42 PM

JC

“ *Rest in Peace Cousin Ida.*
Dawn & Daphne you did a beautiful job with your mother's care.
May God give you strength and blessings.
Love, Curry Family



Jean B Curry - January 04, 2021 at 02:34 PM

TL

“ Dear Lynn, Dawn, Tish . We will always cherish all the memories forever.. Rest in Peace Ida. Lots of Love

Tyrone and Latrice

Tyrone and Latrice - January 04, 2021 at 02:25 PM

SH

“ Sylvester Hagler purchased the Ghirardelli Gift Basket for the family of Ida Lelia Chapple.



Sylvester Hagler - January 04, 2021 at 02:10 PM

MS

“ My heart is with you all. Service was beautiful REST IN PARADISE. SWEETHEART. THANKS FOR CROSSING MY LIFE AND BLESSING ME WITH YOUR STRENGTH AND LOVE.

Mrs. Almeta Spencer - January 04, 2021 at 02:06 PM

AJ

“ Rest in power Aunt Ida. This is a beautiful service Tish, Daphne and Dawn. Sending lots of love, Asha J



Asha Jaramogi - January 04, 2021 at 01:37 PM

 Chuck Braxton

“ I love you aunt Ida, RIP ❤️❤️❤️

Chuck Braxton - January 04, 2021 at 01:36 PM

JA

“ Aunt Ida was a woman that I inspired greatly. She was so strong, and always carried that strength throughout her life. I will never forget the bright smile that would light up her face whenever she saw me. I love that no matter how old I got, whenever she saw me that smile remained just as big, beautiful, and warm. It meant a lot to me when I saw her after I graduated and had started my freshman year of college. Seeing that smile on her face when she saw me, knowing I was attending my dream school and doing well it motivated me to do everything in my power to see that smile again. She has impacted the life of so many people and spread love wherever she went. I will miss you so much Aunt Ida, thank you for everything that you've done for me, and our family. I love you so much. May your beautiful soul Rest In Paradise.

Jazz - January 04, 2021 at 01:29 PM

DP

Beautifully said cousin. ❤️❤️❤️

Daphne L Portis - January 04, 2021 at 03:27 PM

SH

“ Dawn and Daphne,
Thinking of you during this difficult time. May God give you strength and peace. The memories you share of your mother will help ease the pain and your mother will always live within you. May God Bless you.

Sherella

Sherella - January 04, 2021 at 01:29 PM

SM

“ Dear Lynn and Dawn, please accept my sincerest condolences and may He keep you all in Grace and Mercy as you go through this difficult journey. Love, Sharon.

Sharon Matthews - January 04, 2021 at 01:28 PM

SH

“ In memory of Ida Chapple, Thank you for being part of my life.
Sincerely,
Sylvester A. Hagler



Sly Hagler - January 04, 2021 at 01:23 PM

SM

“ I will always remember Aunt Ida for her humor, honesty and how welcomed she always made my siblings and me feel when we would go up to her and Uncle Johnny's apartment. May she rest knowing she was loved and respected and will be remembered by all of her family. Love, Sharon Matthews

Sharon Matthews - January 04, 2021 at 01:22 PM

DP

“ My mom...was the strongest and most intelligent woman I know. She handled her business...expertly. I will miss her dearly, but I will never forget her life lessons.
RIP Mom. Say hi to dad for me. ❤️❤️❤️

Daphne L Portis - January 03, 2021 at 11:51 PM

LB

I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers and condolences to the family. I am happy to get the invite to her birthday party last year. I can still play in my head how I walked over to her & sang to her and hugged her. We were both smiling. What a wonderful time with great memories. Rest well in Gods Loving Arms. Lisa Jones- Blocker - RIP

Lisa Jones Blocker - January 04, 2021 at 01:23 PM

JD

“ *Fond memories of Cousin Ida Leila. My condolences to the family.*

June Thaxton Dungee - January 03, 2021 at 10:21 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Pitts lit a candle in memory of Ida Lelia Chapple*



Brenda Pitts - January 03, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ida Lelia Chapple.*



January 03, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ida Lelia Chapple.*



January 02, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ *David & Barbara Ford purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ida Lelia Chapple.*



David & Barbara Ford - December 29, 2020 at 05:04 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 - December 28, 2020 at 06:17 PM