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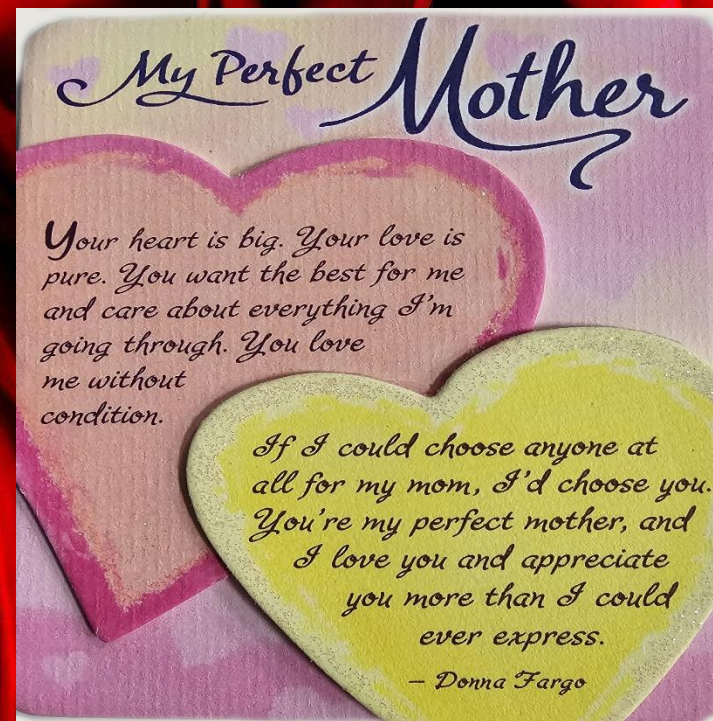
The Family of Cleo Fay Mason thanks everyone for your cards, letters, gifts, and well wishes for our Mother throughout her life and since her passing.

Donations can be made in the name of Cleo F. Mason at one or both of the following organizations:

- The African American Alzheimer's and Wellness Association (AAAWA)
752 N. State St. Suite # 345, Westerville, Ohio 43082
- The Historic St. Paul A.M.E. Church
634 E. Long Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pallbearers

Joshua Loubon – John Dorman – David Mason
Joshua Smith – Justin Mason – Edwin Clinton



To offer condolences to The Mason Family, visit www.TheChapelofPeace.com



A Celebration of the Life of



Cleo Fay Mason

October 7, 1924 - September 28, 2023

Saturday, October 7, 2023

The Historic St. Paul A.M.E. Church

639 East Long Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Visitation: 10:00 - Service: 11:00am

The Life and Times of Cleo Fay Mason

Cleo Fay Mason, first child of the late Newton and Irma Goens, was born on October 7, 1924, and grew up in the brick farmhouse in Long Town, Ohio, on old Rural Route #3, now Stingley Road, in Darke County, Ohio, the first Northern community of former and freed slaves. She had three siblings, the late Mary Frances, Duane and Harold.

She completed her first eight grades in a one-room schoolhouse, located one mile west of the farm. She then attended Palestine High School from 1938 and graduated as class Valedictorian on May 10, 1942.

Cleo worked in the Budget & Fiscal Office of Wright Patterson Air Force Base from September 1942 until August 1952 as typist, accounting clerk, and budget analyst. She attended evening classes during that time at the University of Dayton, taking classes in business and accounting.

In 1952, she married, the late Chauncey M. Mason, a widower with two small girls, Cheryl and Cynthia, and moved to Columbus, Ohio. From this union was born a daughter, Carol, and a son, Chauncey. She was a stay-at-home Mom and a homemaker for the next six years. She joined St. Paul A.M.E Church shortly after moving to Columbus and raised her children to love Jesus, as she had been taught by her parents.

In 1958, Cleo was reemployed by the Federal Government as a clerk-typist and accountant. She was honored at a ceremony in Washington D.C. for her quality accounting abilities. On June 30, 1985, she retired from the position of Deputy Accounting & Finance Officer of the Defense Construction Supply Center (DCSC).

In the mid-1960's Cleo and Chauncey were divorced, and she became a single parent of her four children. She encouraged their talents and skills, raised them to be successful independent individuals, and sent all of them to college. (Daughter Cynthia (aka Khalidah) died in 2002.)

After retiring, Cleo increased her active church work. She served as Treasurer of the Trustee Board, the championship St. Paul AME bowling league, and The Unity Circle, a women's church organization. She remained a lifelong student of the Bible and was a Sunday School Teacher at St. Paul A.M.E. She prepared the Church accounting reports, maintained the financial records for a carpet company, and also prepared tax reports for individuals.

Cleo's hobbies were reading, bowling, traveling, and babysitting four of her nine grandchildren. She really enjoyed traveling and spent a week in Bermuda one summer and traveled by train across Canada from Toronto to Victoria in 1989.

On Thursday, September 28, 2023, nine days short of her 99th birthday, Cleo transitioned from this Earth to Heaven, where she now lives in the joy of the Lord. She leaves to cherish her life, her three remaining children, Cheryl Mason-Dorman (Alfred), Carol Mason-Loubon, and Chauncey M. Mason (Daphine); nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

PROMISE YOURSELF

*To be so strong that nothing
can disturb your peace of mind.
To talk health, happiness, and prosperity
to every person you meet.*

*To make all your friends feel
that there is something in them
To look at the sunny side of everything
and make your optimism come true.*

*To think only the best, to work only for the best,
and to expect only the best.
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others
as you are about your own.*

*To forget the mistakes of the past
and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times
and give every living creature you meet a smile.*

*To give so much time to the improvement of yourself
that you have no time to criticize others.
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear,
and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.*

*To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world,
not in loud words but great deeds.
To live in faith that the whole world is on your side
so long as you are true to the best that is in you.”*

— Christian D. Larson

Order of Celebration

Officiating Minister, Reverend Dr. Aimee Anderson, Presiding Elder
Organist, Mrs. Joan Tucker

PROCESSIONAL.....Clergy and family

THE OPENING HYMN.....The Congregation
"It Is Well With My Soul"

The PRAYER OF COMFORT..... Rev. Elsie Curl

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament.....Psalm 96..... Dr. Rachelle Smith, Granddaughter
New Testament.....John 14: 1-6..... Kristen Mason, Granddaughter

SELECTION The St. Paul A.M.E Church Choir
"Oh, Lord, How Excellent"

READING OF OBITUARY.....Tracey Dorman Clinton, Granddaughter

TRIBUTE.....The St. Paul A.M.E. Church

THE REFLECTIONS.....(1-2 Minutes Each).....Family and Friends

SELECTION.....Dr. Cheryl Mason-Dorman
"I Give You Jesus"

The Eulogy

Reverend Dr. Aimee Anderson

COMMITTAL.....Reverend Dr. Aimee Anderson

RECESSIONALClergy, Family, and Friends
"When We All Get To Heaven"

Interment

Tuesday October 10, 2023, 2pm
Green Lawn Cemetery
1000 Greenlawn Ave, Columbus, OH 43223

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

