



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Juanita Elizabeth

Fairchild

April 16, 1944 – January 6, 2021



Juanita was the third child and only daughter born to Lee Chester and Johnnie Mae Pegram on April 16, 1944. She was born in Washington, D.C. in the Hayes Street home of her grandparents the late Thomas and Alma Cabbagestalk. Sadly, on January 6, 2021, Juanita peacefully fell asleep in death at her Hayes Street home where she was born 76 years earlier.

As the only girl in the family of six children, she was never reluctant to accept the attention associated with her unique status in the family and she never had a problem holding her own when outnumbered. She was always very protective of her brothers and believed she always knew what was best for them. She attended the D.C. public schools graduating from Spingarn High School. She was a lover of animals, particularly dogs, and throughout her life, she was always happy to provide a home for stray or unwanted dogs.

Juanita married the late Tommy Fairchild in 1960 and they had two sons, Tyrone (deceased) and Anthony (Yvonne). She retired after working for 30 years at the US General Accounting Office and served as a volunteer with the Metropolitan D.C. Police Auxiliary Force for several years.

She loved traveling and booking travel for friends on Tom Joiner cruises and was always ready to pack her bags at a moment's notice. She loved to organize and attend family reunions. She joined the Deanwood Senior Center and was involved in several programs. Juanita enjoyed spending time with her family and friends attending concerts, family cook outs and old-fashioned house parties. She loved to "hang out" with cousin Laura Hamlin for regular shopping excursions as they became running buddies. She always appreciated invitations from cousin Theresa King who always made sure she was included in holiday plans. And she cherished daily conversations with Mildred Murphy, who she considered "the sister she never had."

In 2017, Juanita was diagnosed with breast cancer and she endured several months of chemotherapy and radiation treatment resulting in her being able to declare herself cancer-free in 2018! She appreciated the support from all of the family and friends during that trying time and emerged with a renewed commitment to her family and friends. Her illness prevented her from attending a family reunion with her surviving siblings and cousins in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico in 2019 but she was able to make the trip for a smaller reunion a year later and rekindled the travel bug. She was looking forward to the end of COVID restrictions and said she was ready for another opportunity to return with family to Cabo San Lucas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Lee C Pegram, Jr., her first son, Tyrone Fairchild and her infant son. She is survived by son Anthony Fairchild (Yvonne); brothers Larry T. Pegram (Kazuko), Anthony R. Pegram (Philippia), Garland E. Pegram (Carolyn), Reginald B. Pegram (Mildred); sister-in-law Pearline Pegram; four grandchildren Latausha Gasca, Kyle Fairchild, Brittany Fairchild, Brandon Fairchild; two great grandchildren and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank her neighbors, Mr. & Mrs. Wade and Mr. & Mrs. Walsh for support and kindness over the years.



