

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the family of Margaret Sellers Walker Morris, would like to express our sincere gratitude for the cards, flowers, gifts, prayers and kind expressions of sympathy following her passing. Your support during this difficult time was very much appreciated and truly comforting to all of us. God Bless You.



Celebrating the Life of

Sunrise
September 28, 1935

Sunset
September 21, 2020



MARGARET SELLERS WALKER MORRIS

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Pictorial Tribute - 12:45 p.m. / Memorial Service - 1:00 p.m.

St. Paul A.M.E. Church

85 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue

St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Dr. Melvin A. Kennerly, Pastor



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THE LIFE OF

Margaret Sellers Walker Morris

Born in Pendleton, South Carolina, to Daniel and Annie Regular, Margaret Elizabeth was the oldest of seven children. In 1945, the family moved to Detroit, Michigan, where Margaret graduated from Northeastern High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State University in Humanistic Studies and her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University. Margaret was married to Thomas James Sellers, Jr. (deceased), with whom she had two daughters. She later married James G. Walker and Alford Morris, both of whom predeceased her.

Throughout Margaret's career, she met challenges with courage and competence. She began her career at the Detroit Public Library, where she advanced to the position of Personnel Director. She also served as Personnel Director for the newly formed Wayne County Community College. Because of her proven skills, she advanced to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, where she became the first female and the first African American to head a division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Subsequently, Margaret became Chief Examiner and Director of Human Resources for the city of Grand Rapids and was later promoted to Assistant City Manager for Administrative and Cultural Services. During this time, Margaret found a second career at Grand Valley State University as a tenured Associate Professor for the School of Public Administration and as the Associate Director for the Johnson Center of Philanthropy.

Margaret was a leader in professional associations, a frequent lecturer, and a tireless community volunteer. She practiced her faith as a contributing member of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, in Detroit, White Rock Baptist Church, and Mt. Olive A.M.E. Zion Church in Durham. She was also a devoted member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Margaret loved to read, travel, and most of all, her annual sister trips. Because of her commitment to the world, she was awarded many honors, including being named one of the fifty Most Influential Women in West Michigan and her election to the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

To cherish her memory, she leaves a special friend, Willie West; daughters, Loren Sellers Darden (Alton) and Sharon Sellers-Clark (Derek); grandchildren, Leah Jackson, Justin Jackson, Derek Clark and Dylan Clark; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Blondean McDonald, Mary Howard, Vivian Jackson (Jeff) and Patricia Smith; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Ron Rawls, Presiding

Pictorial Tribute

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship/Invocation

Rev. Ron Rawls, Pastor
Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church
Gainesville, Florida

Hymn

“Just A Little Talk With Jesus”

St. Paul Praise Team

Holy Scriptures

Old Testament – Job 19:23-27

Rev. Arthur Williams

Psalms 91:1-2; 14-16

Min. Cheryl Hundley

New Testament – 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Justin L. Jackson

Reflections

Close Friend

Bobbie Butler

Church Member

Mary Allen

Sister

Vivian Jackson

Daughters

Sharon Sellers-Clark

Loren Sellers Darden

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Ron Rawls

Musical Selection

“I Can Only Imagine”

Min. Jillian Lea

Eulogy

Rev. Leah D. Jackson, Esq.

Hymn

“What a Fellowship”

St. Paul Praise Team

Benediction

Rev. Ron Rawls

Sandra Clemons prepared this remembrance