



Acknowledgements

The family of Erma Elizabeth Chapple wishes to thank everyone who has blessed us during this time of bereavement. Your cards, flowers and comforting prayers and messages have been greatly appreciated. We want to thank the Mercy Fairfield and VITAS clinical staff for the excellent extended care provided to our beloved. We could never put into words how thankful we are for your generosity and kindness. May God continue to Bless you.

Pallbearers

Deacons and Friends

Flowerbearers

Eight o'clock Choir Members

Aunt Erma, God knew that it was best for you to take your rest. So, with thoughts of you roaming in my head, I paused to give God thanks for blessing me to be a part of your life. I have many memories of days and nights that we chatted about many things. Oh how I hear your beautiful contagious laughter of joy and love. You knew how I appreciated all of the encouragement and advice you would offer to me gently. You've always been such a blessing to others. I know that you loved us all because you would express that to us. It is so hard to say goodbye, so I won't. I'll just say what we said to each other at the end of our long chats. So long my sweet Aunt Erma. Until we meet again, rest well.

Love, Jackie



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A Service of Memory Celebrating the Life of Erma E. Chapple

May 1, 1927 — August 20, 2021



Friday, August 27, 2021

Visitation – 10:00 a.m.

Funeral Service – 11:00 a.m.

New Jerusalem Baptist Church
26 W. North Bend Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45216

Rev. Damon Lynch, Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Beloved **Erma Elizabeth Chapple** was born to Bonnie Barbour and Walter Jones in Toledo, OH, May 1, 1927. She was the eldest of two children.

Erma completed her formal education in Louisville, Kentucky, graduating from Central High School in 1944 and from the University of Kentucky in 1948 with a Bachelor's degree in Language Arts (English) major.

Erma married the Love of her life, Amos Chapple, May, 1985 in Brooklyn, New York. They moved to Cincinnati, Ohio in 1986.

Sister Erma Chapple joined the New Jerusalem Baptist Church on September 3, 1989. From that Sunday forward, she endeared herself to countless members and friends with her infectious smile. She became active with many ministries immediately. She served in the Mission, Deaconess, Eight o'clock Choir Ministry and Nursing Home Ministry. She was an excellent pianist and used her talent to the "Glory of God".

Sister Erma Chapple was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Amos, mother, Bonnie Barbour and brother, James Starkey, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory: sister-in-law, Dorris Starkey; niece, Lisa Wells; nephews, Michael Starkey, Sr., James Starkey III and Glenn Starkey; great nieces, Malaika Willis, Dominique (Michael) Toms and Christina Allen; great nephews, Michael Starkey, Jr., Clyde Allen, Jr. and Foree Wells IV;

stepmother of Michael Chapple and sister-in-law of the late Louise Settles of Memphis, TN; 26 first cousins and other relatives too numerous to mention. She has several special friends who were always there to fellowship and minister to her every need, Marva Coffey, Deborah Johnson, Wanda King, Nancy Sneed and Rita Grant. A pastor and first lady, Rev. Damon and Sister Barbara Lynch who loved and cared for her dearly. Last, but certainly not least, her loving companion, the "Man of the House" Puff, whom she swore was part-human, who will truly miss her. There are friends near and far who also imparted the Life of this great jewel who cherish her memory. We all cherish this Great Woman of God. To God Be The Glory!

If You Knew

*If you knew where I am standing,
If you could see the sights I see
If you could hear the angels singing,
The songs they sing eternally*

*If you knew the One I'm holding,
Could see the smile He smiles at me
If you knew where I am resting,
You would not cry for me*

*I'm resting in the precious arms of Jesus,
No other place would I rather be
So if you shed a tear, please don't shed it for me
If you knew where I am resting, you would not cry for me*

*I know you're confused about my leaving you so soon
But I'll be with you again, maybe morning, night or noon
So I'll save a place for you, right beside the crystal sea
If you knew where my mansion's standing,
You would not cry for me*

Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Pam Crumbley
Parting View	The Family
Prayer	Minister
Scripture	Psalms 23
Selection	"Blessed Assurance"
Acknowledgements	Jynella Purdee, <i>Church Clerk</i>
Remarks	Nancy Sneed, Connie Potter Pam Crumbley, Marva Coffey
Obituary	Read Silently
Selection	"Pass Me Not"
Eulogy	Rev. Damon Lynch, Jr.
Benediction	Rev. Damon Lynch, Jr.
Recessional	



Interment

Green Meadows Memorial Gardens

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. St. John 11:25-26