

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the family of **Eunice R. Duke**, wish to express our sincere appreciation for your expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, calls and other acts of kindness helped us through this difficult period. We are grateful to each of you, our friends and family members, who took the time to celebrate her remarkable life.

**INTERMENT**  
**Oak Grove Memorial Mausoleum**  
*7800 St Charles Rock Rd  
St. Louis, MO 63114*

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**  
**Friday April 23, 2021**  
*Family Visitation 10am CST  
Service 11am CST*

**AUSTIN A. LAYNE MORTUARY**  
*7239 West Florissant Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63136*

*Eunice  
R. Duke*

# FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



OCTOBER 30, 1931 - APRIL 14, 2021

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021**

**5:30P - 7:30P EST**

**NEW JERUSALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**777 NW 85TH STREET | MIAMI, FL 33150**

# Eunice R. Duke

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. - Matthew 5:16*

**Eunice Duke**, the eldest of three siblings, was born October 30, 1931 to Rev. Ernest and Annie Scails Williams in Marvell Arkansas. Deciding she wanted a middle name, she renamed herself Eunice Renee. The family relocated to St. Louis, Missouri during her toddler years.

Eunice expressed her belief in Christ at an early age and was baptized at Fairfax Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. J. D. Howard. She later became a member of New Home Baptist Church which was organized and pastored by her father, Rev. Ernest Williams.

She was educated in the St. Louis, Missouri Public School System graduating from Charles Sumner High School and attended Stowe Teachers College. Eunice was soon hired by the United States Federal Government in St. Louis as a clerk typist, eventually relocating with the job to Indianapolis, Indiana and became a purchasing agent.

While in Indianapolis, she met and married Dan Harris Duke who also became a minister. To this union three children were born. There she became a member of Mount Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church pastored by her husband, Elder Dan H. Duke.

Upon retirement, she returned to St. Louis, Missouri and became a substitute secretary employed by the St. Louis Public School System. At that time, she re-established membership with New Home Baptist Church pastored by Rev. Dorris Strong. In May of 2017, Eunice re-located to Miramar, Florida to reside with her son and his wife. There she became a member of New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church pastored by her son, Elder Kenneth A. Duke.

Mrs. Duke lived a life surrounded by ministerial pastors from sunrise to sunset. Her maternal grandfather, father, and husband were pastors; her son and two grandsons continued the tradition.

Eunice Duke's church ministries involvement included church musician, Pastor's Aide, Sunday School and Bible School Teacher, providing clothing and food for the homeless, the Benevolent Committee and choir member. She was also artistically gifted. Her favorite pastimes were making exquisite jewelry and afghans, drawing portraits and designing hats. She loved spending time with her children, frequently taking them to museums, the municipal opera, Botanical Gardens and fishing. She loved to fish, often sitting for hours with her children holding a stick with a string lowered into the water; seldom catching a fish. More important to her was spending time with her children.

Eunice was preceded in death by Rev. Ernest and Annie Williams (parents), Rev. Dan H. Duke (husband), and Julia Ann Duke (daughter-in-law). She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter: Debra J. Duke Mack (Ollie) of St. Louis, Missouri; sons: Dan Stan Duke of St. Louis, Missouri, and Elder Kenneth A. Duke of Miramar, Florida; two sisters: Vera W. Rhiney and Ruth W. Simmons of St. Louis, Missouri; grandsons: Elders Kenneth D. Duke and Dr. Kelon D. Duke of Miami, Florida and Kevin O. Mack of Sacramento, California; granddaughters: Aheisha J. Duke of Atlanta, Georgia and Victoria Denise Mack Schooley (Dillion) of Sacramento, California; brother-in-law: Luther Duke of Indianapolis, Indiana; five great grandchildren and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

## PRECIOUS MEMORIES

