



Clara F. Sample (Furr)

June 14, 1931 - February 5, 2020

Clara Elaine Furr Sample, was born June 14, 1931, to the late Samuel B. and Hester D. Furr, in Salisbury, Maryland. Clara departed this life on February 5, 2020, at the age of 88. Clara was wife of the late George Osman Sample. In addition to her parents and husband, Clara was preceded in death by two sisters, Ethel Furr West Robertson and Lillian Furr Hearn; five brothers, Samuel C., William F., Donald W., Alexander L. and Leigh Hunt Furr; two brothers-in-law, William Hearn and Booker Robertson and three sisters-in-law, Marie, Flora and Mary Furr.

Clara was christened and accepted Jesus Christ at a very early age at the now defunct Whites Temple Methodist Church in Salisbury, Maryland.

She was a member of the last class to graduate from Salisbury Colored High School in 1948, and continued her education at Bowie State College (now Bowie University), receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. Clara studied at Howard University, Morgan University and Salisbury University earning credits for a Master's equivalency. In 1977, she was inducted into the Bowie University Athletic Hall of Fame.

On August 2, 1957, Clara was united in marriage to George Osman Sample, and they shared 45 years of marriage, until his demise on January 6, 2002.

When her residence became Delmar, Clara transferred her church membership to Union United Methodist Church in Delmar, Maryland. There she served as Church Treasurer, Chairman of the Administrative Board and an assistant Adult Sunday School Teacher. In 1977, she transferred her membership to Wesley Temple United Methodist Church where she served one year as Chairman of Christian Education.

For 36 years, Clara taught mathematics, 13 years in Dorchester County and 23 years in Wicomico County. She held life memberships in the Maryland State Teacher Association, the National Education Association, the Maryland Retired Teachers Association, The Bowie Alumni Association and the Lower Shore Bowie Alumni Association. She was a financial member of the Wicomico County Retired Professionals and the National Bowlers Association.

Clara leaves to cherish her memories, four godchildren, Patrice Brown Gaines, Byron Nelson, Alexander Jones, Sr., and Alexander Jones Jr.; several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and a host of cousins, extended family and friends.

Don't weep for me
prepare yourselves
to meet me on the other shore
where there will be joy forever more.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ I want to everyone to know that you cared more for me than anyone else I have ever known. I will miss you. Love, Darryl

Darryl West - February 12, 2020 at 05:00 PM

LJ

“ Miss Sample was loved by all who knew her. She touched the life of the students she taught in many special ways. We all have precious memories that will remain in our hearts forever. Precious is her death in the sight of the Lord. She is resting safely in the arms of Jesus. Rev. Linda Jones and the Jones Family.

Linda Jones - February 12, 2020 at 03:04 PM

JW

“ Clara my friend my bowling partner . A Beautiful lady will miss you so much. Gods got another Angles .

Joanne White - February 10, 2020 at 01:46 PM

CW

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Miss Sample. She was one of our favorite teachers at Mace'sLane High School back in the sixties. We celebrated our 50th year class reunion in 2015 and she was our special guest. It was such a blessing to have her celebrate with us. We send our condolences to the family.Mace's Lane High School Class of 1965

Clara Watkins - February 06, 2020 at 02:56 PM