

A Celebration of Life
for
Marilyn Virginia Mickins Surcey
March 29, 1920 ~ June 28, 2018



Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
6910 New Kings Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32219

The Reverend Dr. Marwin C. Zanders, II, Pastor

Friday Morning, July 6, 2018
Eleven O' Clock

Interment
Restlawn Cemetery



Marilyn Virginia Mickins Surcey was born in Jacksonville, Florida on March 29, 1920 as the first child of seven to Grant and Fannie Mickins, II. They raised Marilyn, two sisters and four brothers on 22nd Street in Jacksonville, FL. The family worshipped at Mount Ararat Baptist Church when The (Late) Reverend Dallas J. Graham was their Pastor.

Marilyn completed her early education at The Davis Street School and graduated from Stanton High School in 1938. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical College (FAMU) in Tallahassee, Florida, where she graduated in 1942.

On September 15, 1945 in Louisville, Kentucky, she married Tuskegee Airman, Lieutenant Wayman Philip Surcey (deceased February 3, 1995), who was a life-long disciple of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church. They lived in Jacksonville, Florida where they raised one daughter: Angela Joyce. Marilyn told her that name was given because she was their "Angel of Joy." She was predeceased by her parents and three brothers: Nathaniel, Warren and Alvin.

Mrs. Surcey worked as an Elementary School Teacher in the Duval County Public Schools, where she taught 4th & 5th grade at West Lewisville, 4th grade at Mary McLeod Bethune and 5th grade at Hyde Park when the school became newly integrated in 1969. After more than 30 years, she retired on September 1, 1975. Marilyn is a member of Mount Ararat Baptist Church, The Reverend David Lattimore, Jr., Pastor, where she was baptized in 1934. She served as a Missionary, worked with the youth during Vacation Bible School, and as the Sunday School pianist for many years. She was also a dedicated member of "Live Long and Like It."

In addition to her daughter: Angela Surcey Garner (Willie), she leaves behind two loving sisters, Mattie B. Henderson (CA) and Laura M. Lee; brother, Grant S. Mickens, III (CA); nieces, Sharon H. Bonner (Clarence), Cathy H. Mitchell (Harry), Beverly Dougherty (Joe), Novik M. Lee, Renee A. Surcey and Katherine M. Surcey; nephew, Dexter Henderson; grandnieces/nephews, many devoted cousins, relatives, and caring friends.

Homegoing Celebration for Mrs. Marilyn Virginia Mickins Surcey

The Reverend Dr. Marvin C. Zanders, II, Officiating

The Processional "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Choir and Congregation

The Hymn of Praise "It is Well With My Soul" Choir and Congregation

The Lord's Prayer Sister Jeanette Kittles

The Scripture

Old Testament ~ Psalm 27

Pulpit Associate

New Testament ~ John 14:1-6

Pulpit Associate

The Solo Sister Deborah Harris

The Expressions

As a Church Member ~ Ms. Pinkje Jackson

As a College Roommate (Daughter) ~ Sister Yvonne Hicks

As a Teacher ~ Sister Janet Bryant

As a Neighbor ~ Mr. Arthur Sermons

The Family Tribute Mrs. Laura M. Lee

The Resolutions / The Acknowledgements Sister Loretta Coppock

The Selection Saint Paul AME Church Choir

The Words of Comfort Pastor Marvin C. Zanders, II

The Recessional "Let The Church Say Amen" Choir and Congregation

*Repast immediately following the interment in the
James M. Proctor Fellowship Hall on the St. Paul Campus*









Pallbearers

The Trustee Board of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville

Flower Attendants

*The Violet Williams Women's Missionary Society
Of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville*

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My Thanks

*People everywhere in life
from every walk and station,
From every town and city
and every state and nation
Have given me so many things
intangible and dear,
I couldn't begin to count them all
or even make them clear...
I only know I owe so much
to people everywhere
And when I put my thoughts in verse
it's just a way to share
The musings of a thankful heart,
a heart much like your own,
For noting that I think or write
is mine and mine alone...
So if you found some beauty
in any word or line,
It's just "Your Soul's Reflection
in Proximity with Mine."*

Helen Steiner Rice

The expressions of love that you have shown us from your hearts at this time of our bereavement and sorrow are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your displays of kindness and may God bless.

The Family of Marilyn Mickins Surcey

Program Designed by AJ Surcey Garner