

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF



Pearlyne Fugett Lawrence



SEPTEMBER 15, 1931 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
11AM

OFFICIATING

PASTOR JACOBY ERVIN
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Gainesville, TX

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Dallas, TX



PEARLYNE LAVERNE FUGETT LAURENCE OBITUARY

On September 15, 1931 in Waurika, Oklahoma, Clarence (Coke) and Gussie Mae Fugett welcomed a lovely daughter they named **Pearlyne Laverne Fugett**. Welcomed into their growing household, Pearlyne was the 7th of 15 children. She loved being part of her large family where she learned to cook and share in all the family household tasks and carried on the tradition of having large family gatherings. Cooking is one of the many things she loved doing and one of the many life lessons along with her spiritual legacy she passed onto her own children. Being part of a church going family, Pearlyne accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age and joined the Mt. Zion Baptist Church serving in the youth choir under the leadership of the late Rev. W.E. Miner.

The Fugett family eventually moved to Gainesville, Texas in 1947 where Pearlyne attended and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School on May 26, 1950. Upon moving to Texas in 1947 Pearlyne continued her Christian journey and joined the Mt. Olive 1st Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. H.E. Carbin. Following the passing of Rev. Carbin she also served under the leaderships of Rev. David XL Nicholson, Rev. Phil Butler, Rev. Preston Brown and Rev. JaCoby Ervin. The main role she served in at Mt. Olive was as Church Clerk for 28 years. By the grace of God and until her health would not permit her to attend church services on a regular basis. Pearlyne remained a faithful and active member in total 70 plus years.

On February 21, 1957 Pearlyne married Walter Laurence and together they raised five children: Sharon, Brent, Marla, Norman, and Phyllis in Gainesville until the couple divorced in 1968. While raising and providing for her children, she worked for Ernest & Estelle Beck, Linda Jo Shoe Factory, Atlanta Life Insurance Co., Weber Aircraft, Gainesville Memorial Hospital and Texas Instruments. Later in life, she provided private home care services to Jo Kennedy, Helen Hutchison, Elvis Dustin, Mary Alice Wisdom and Virginia Rivoire.

Pearlyne was first and foremost a caring woman of God, a loving mother and provider for her children, but she was known to always be fashionably dressed whenever you saw her. From her church hats to her intricately detailed dresses, suits, shoes and nails, Ms. Pearlyne entered a room and turned heads. She also extended her hospitality, generosity, and grace beyond her home. She served as a surrogate mother to many community children who benefitted from her motherly advice while serving up some of the best cooking for miles around. Aside from been a snazzy dresser, excellent cook and friend to all, Pearlyne found solace in gardening and tending to her flower beds. She was certainly loved and respected by many and will be missed even more.

Today Pearlyne Laverne Laurence is celebrating in heaven with her parents and son Sterling Brent Fugett, siblings James Fugett, Carrie Mae Bell, Lee Otis Gipson, Dorothy Jean Boydston, Clarence Fugett, Jr., Ethel Mae Dennis, Verna Williams, Paternal Grandparents Tamer and Newton Fugett, and Maternal Grandparents Ethel and Arthur Lowe.

A beloved sister, mother and grandmother, Pearlyne has left an indelible impact to be remembered by her siblings Maurice Crawford, Lois Phelps, Joyce Ricks, Paul Fugett, Michael Fugett, Gerald Fugett and Coy Fugett; children Sharon Fugett, Marla Richardson (Alfred), Norman Laurence (Gayleth), Phyllis Green (Tommy); grandchildren, Chandra Fugett, Craig Fugett, Lacrechia Milam, Shanner Fugett, Tiffani Fugett, Kellie Green (Deon), Amber Richardson, Ashley Richardson, Corey Jones, Ta'Sauna Smith (Kennedy), Jason Marshall, Le'Sean McCullough, Noriece Laurence, Chelsea Green and Bria Green; 22 Great-Grandchildren, 5 Great-Great Grandchildren and a host of relatives, friends and surrogate children.



ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

MUSICAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament.....Pastor Edwin Slack
Pilgrim Rest Valley Baptist Church
Trenton, TX

New Testament.....Elder Robert Fugett
New Life Church of Christ
Bonham, TX

PRAYER.....Pastor A. C. Clark, III
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
College Station, TX

MUSICAL SELECTION

RESOLUTION.....MT. OLIVE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
(ALL OTHERS PLEASE PASS TO USHERS, TO GIVE TO THE FAMILY)

MUSICAL SELECTION

REMARKS.....LIMITED TO 2 MINUTES, PLEASE

MUSICAL SELECTION

WORDS OF COMFORT.....Pastor Phillip J. Butler

PRAYER FOR FAMILY.....Rev. Craig A. Davis, Sr.
Progressive Baptist Church
Sherman, TX

RECESSIONAL



*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
~ Psalm 116:15 KJV*







PSALM 121

PEARLYNE'S FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

¹I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

²My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

³He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

⁴Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

⁶The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

⁸The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. ~KJV



TO THE PEARL OF OUR LIVES

"Many women have done excellently, but you surpassed them all."

~Proverbs 31:29

Pearls are a precious and priceless jewel that can be passed on from generation to generation. Momma or Meme, how befitting is your name because you have been our priceless heirloom. Your love for each of us was unconditional, filled with deep devotion, sacrifice and sometimes pain.

You were a beautiful expression of God's love, and gracefully wore so many hats. You were our nurse when we were sick, our counselor when we were sad. You were our earthly protector covering us with love and sometimes a strong hand when we needed to be disciplined. You are our jewel, our pearl.

As a strong believer in the Lord God, you taught and instilled in us that God loves us, forgives us of our sins and by believing in His Son, Jesus Christ we would receive eternal life. We were blessed with a godly mother because we witnessed your faith that you often shared with us, your grandchildren, family and friends.

Like a priceless jewel your prayers, actions, words, and influence testify of your character and faithfulness. These are what we, your children will pass down to the next generations. Rest Momma, knowing that we love you, we honor you and we thank God for blessing our lives with you, our Pearl.

We love you, but you loved us more!

Your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren



PALLBEARERS

Braylen Fugett

Eric Fugett

Jaden Fugett

Malik Fugett

Xavier Fugett

Dreon Jackson

Noriece Laurence

Brayden Watson

INTERMENT

New Resthaven Cemetery

Gainesville, TX

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of

Pearlyne Fugett Laurence

Is grateful for your expressions of love and kindness.

We thank you for your prayers, time and resources that continue to guide and support us at this time.

May God richly bless you.

Special thanks to Gaby, Ronda and Brandy at Trio Hospice
Sharon, Chandra, Ta'Sauna and Tiffani, well done!

REPAST

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