

Celebrating the Life of
Clarice J. Amado



Sunrise:
August 31, 1946

Sunset:
August 11, 2023

Thursday, August 31, 2023

Viewing: 10:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
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Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor



Obituary

Clarice J. Amado was born to the late Jake and Mary Jernigan on Saturday, August 31, 1946, in Raleigh, North Carolina. She was the sixth child of eight children.

Clarice lived in a house that her father built, literally, by himself. He died when she was a child. Clarice attended elementary and middle school in the Raleigh Public Schools until she and her mother moved to Yonkers, New York. While in New York, Clarice graduated from high school in 1964 and studied fashion design pursuing her interest in becoming a fashion designer. She eventually moved to the District of Columbia to pursue a different career. But not until after meeting her husband, Joseph Souto Amado, Jr., who she affectionately called "Do" because he was always doing something. Ultimately, the couple were married on August 12, 1978.

After moving to the District of Columbia, Clarice started her career, working as a data dictionary administrator at Amtrak. She quickly developed friendships with a group of workers known as the Crew. The Crew called her Reesie. They would often meet for lunch, especially on payday. They all would be ready to buy their lunch except for Clarice. She would say "Naw, I bring my lunch every day. You should bring your lunch and save your money."

From the union with Joseph Amado, "her pride and joy," was born, Nadine Nicole (Amado) Hungerford. Nadine married Derick, who became the cherished son she never had. Clarice affectionately only called her daughter "Nikkie." And wherever you saw Clarice, she had her Nikkie right there. Derick and Nadine gave birth to her one and only grandchild, Derick Wayne Hungerford, II, whom she loved dearly. Family was extremely important to Clarice. Even growing up, she spent her summers with her cousins in Raleigh, and often wrote lyrics and performed songs for each other. One particular song she wrote was about peanut butter. It was important to Clarice to help ensure the Medlin-Drew family reunion was held every two years. She did not miss family meetings to prepare for the reunions. She enjoyed shopping, eating, and traveling (especially cruising) with her family and friends. She was a huge Washington Redskins fan (she would not call them Commanders), until over the last few years, she decided to jump ship.

She had a special mother-daughter relationship with Nikkie, always wanting the best for her. She took pride in how she and her husband raised their daughter. She constantly imparted wisdom to her Nikkie and emphasized not doing what others were doing, and the importance of being a virtuous woman.

After retiring from Amtrak, Clarice and her "Nikkie" ended up working at the same company, Freddie Mac, for nine years. She really enjoyed the carpool rides; on the way to work, listening to Sunday Service teachings and on the way home talking about the day. In 2011, she retired from Freddie Mac and shortly thereafter joined her daughter's tax and accounting firm, as an administrator. Although Clarice loved working with her daughter, she often told her family she didn't get paid enough. And her daughter would always respond with "I pay good money."

Clarice accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior at the age of 12. And later, she rededicated her life to Christ at From the Heart Church Ministries® (formerly Full Gospel). After attending service for a couple of weeks, Clarice heard there was a Full Gospel members meeting. She showed up to the members meeting with hopes of joining the church. But was informed the members meeting was for "members only." The Sunday following, June 1991, Clarice took her daughter, Nadine (Amado) Hungerford, by the hand and joined Full Gospel. She told her daughter they can now attend "members" meetings. Clarice immediately became actively involved in the church and embraced the teachings that edified and changed her life spiritually, physically, and financially. Over the years, Clarice has been a part of the Activities, Helps, Media Distribution, and Seniors Ministries. Clarice was very particular and always wanted to keep a neat and clean home and car.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Souto Amado, Jr.; father, Jake Jernigan; mother, Mary Jernigan; sisters, Mary Magaline Jernigan, and Jean Brooks; brothers: James Drew, William Drew, Joe Jernigan, and Earl Jernigan.

Clarice J. Amado leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Nadine Hungerford (Derick); grandson, Derick W. Hungerford, II; sister, Yvonne Rasin, a host of nieces, nephews, well-loved family members, and friends.

Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn *"It Is Well With My Soul"*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 34:1-8
New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Selection *FTH Adult Choir*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Sandra Holley, Friend
Larry Drew, Nephew
Nadine Hungerford, Daughter

Poem..... *Cheryl Smith*

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *FTH Adult Choir*

Message of Hope *Reverend Willette O. Wright*

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment:
Resurrection Cemetery
8000 Woodyard Road
Clinton, Maryland 20735

Family Sentiments



Ma, the Lord blessed me with you as my mom. And I am ever so grateful for that. You were always there for me as my “You-Can-Do-This-Nikkie” cheerleader. From studying for a difficult exam, to preparing for a presentation, to starting a company, and so many other things in between, you were there cheering me on. I am thankful for the wisdom, insight, care, and love you gave me. It’s because of you, I have my own personal relationship with the Lord. I know you loved me, Ma. You were always wanting the best for me and wanting me to be safe. When I traveled by myself, you used to consistently request that I call you to let you know I was home safe (even when I was married). I will not depart from the wisdom and example you have taught and given me. I will forever cherish the memories and experiences we shared. But I will have comfort knowing you will be watching from heaven, and I will see you again. Bless the Lord for His Word that tells us, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Derick and I promise to raise your grandson in the admonition of the Lord and remind him of the very last thing you told him, which was to “always listen and obey your parents”. And as you asked me to do in your last few days with me, I will never forget our awesome mother-daughter relationship. It will be my inspiration to encourage other daughters to appreciate their momma. I will miss you dearly. Love you Ma.

Nadine Hungerford “Nikkie” (Daughter)



Ma, I love you, and I miss our special bond. I want to first thank you for being obedient to the Spirit of the Lord. I am so grateful that you heard and executed what was spoken to your heart some 32 years ago when you joined From the Heart Church Ministries® (formally Full Gospel). If you hadn’t obeyed...well I’d rather not think about that! Thank you also for being an excellent mother and raising a wonderful daughter. It was crystal clear, you loved your daughter immensely and showed through actions, words and your many, many, many phone calls (LOL). You have been an excellent example of how to raise a God fearing and committed daughter. I am grateful for those early lessons that have aided in the shaping of the virtuous woman she is today, and I appreciate the special bond and closeness of your relationship. Finally, Ma, thank you for trusting me with your one and only daughter. This has meant the world to me! From day one, you never referenced me as your son in-law, I’ve always been your son. Although at the beginning you were hard on a brother. I mean, I’ve had some very difficult interviews in my life, but Lord! Your interview process took the cake!! However, it was well worth it. I thank you for coming around, having full confidence that your Baby Girl, your Nikkie would be loved and cherished. I will always remember the special times we were blessed to have. Until I see you again

Derick Hungerford, Sr. (Son-in-love)



Small Grandma, I miss you and I love you. I want you to listen to me play the drums again. I pray you will be safe, and you are not sick anymore. I miss doing the puzzle with you. God thank you for making Grandma stronger.

Derick Hungerford, II (Grandson)

Family Sentiments

Clarice,

We were born three months apart. Our mothers were sisters who loved each other dearly. We grew up together until you and your family moved to Yonkers, New York when you were around 10 or 11 years old. Through the years, we have shared memories, family reunions, ups and downs. I will cherish the memories and the good times we shared. Until we meet again.

Denyce Calloway, Cousin

Clarice,

Oh! How I will miss you, our special time with our grandson, our family trips and our family dinners with our children (as we affectionately called them). Though we had plans for our family trip this week, God's plan for you was your trip would be to His heavenly realm. I'll never forget our memorable times spent together. Now that you are one of heaven's newest angels, it's time for me to say goodbye.

Rest in peace my friend, love you
Barbara Hungerford, Friend

Clarice,

One of my fondest memories includes the road trip to New York, with you slowing down as we approached the toll road to look for change, holding up traffic and to trips to Raleigh and the underpass breaks. We were younger and carefree then. Our friendship has endured over the years. We are cousins and friends and will reunite with each other on the other side.

Joyce Cromartie, Cousin

Remembering my friend

Clarice, my mind goes back to our first meeting on a church cruise. Little did I know that cruise would be the beginning of a beautiful friendship. Over the years, we shared our birthdays, traveled and went on outings after Sunday and Noonday Services. What I will cherish most is our talking and laughing to tears at your favorite spot "The Silver Diner". That place will never be the same for me. 'Gurl' we consumed more cheesesteak than any senior should. You are a true friend and became the sister I never had. I am going to truly miss you but the memories of our friendship will be forever etched in my heart. Rest my sister in the arms of our Heavenly Father. We will be reunited again. Thank you for being my friend.

Natherine Bagley, Friend

Clarice and I met at Amtrak in 1980. The day we met she greeted me with a warm smile and said "nice to meet you." As she began to talk, she asked me 'what is your name again?'. That is when the laughter started and never stop for the coming years. She said "child I don't mean no harm, but you know how these minds are, we forget things sometimes". Oh what a joy it was to be her co-worker/friend. Ressie loved fast cars. Back in the day she drove a Trans Am. There were times she would drive me home after work and the traffic was lined up behind her, I would say Ressie drive a little faster you're holding up traffic (she drove like Ms. Daisy all the time). Her response would be they can go around me because I am only going to do the speed limit and they should too. She has always been a no non-sense person. When she needed to say something there was no fear, but always spoken with a tone that meant no harm. Our days together at Amtrak were happy and fun. With her in my life I've learned A Faithful Friend is a sure shelter, whoever has found one has found a rare treasure. There will never be a goodbye between us because she will always be in my heart. I thank the Lord for sending her into my life. To the family, may the Lord guide your way and may the comfort of His Love help you through each day. With Loving Memories.

Josie Hill (co-worker)

A Woman of Strength

*Today we pay tribute to a woman of strength,
With a toughness that enabled her to stand,
She possessed the power to persevere,
While reaching out to others to lend a hand.*

*No matter what challenges she faced in life,
She set an example for all of us to see,
That no weapon formed against you shall prosper,
When you know Jesus, you can overcome any adversity.*

*Clarice Amado was a woman of distinction,
An excellent wife, mother, grandmother, sister, relative, and friend,
Her home and heart were always open if you had a need,
With countless compassion that had no end.*

*Her smile was a ray of sunshine,
That could illuminate any space,
When you heard her infectious and one-of-a-kind laugh,
You knew Ma Amado was in the place!*

*Don't let her petite, small stature fool you,
She wasn't afraid to speak up and take a stand,
She said what she meant, and she meant what she said,
Yet, she spoke the truth in love never ceasing to reach out her hand.*

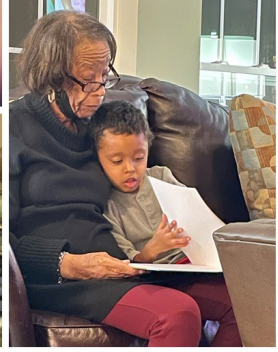
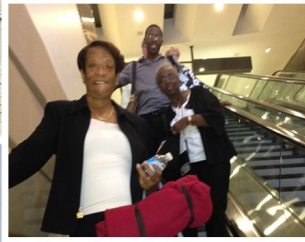
*Today we are not only celebrating an abundant life well-lived,
But today is also the day Ma Amado was born,
So, as we would do at any birthday celebration,
Let's rejoice in the day that the Lord has made rather than mourn.*

*Ma Amado is absent from the body and present with the Lord,
And I believe she would say one thing to us if she could,
Now that she is in the face of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords
I could hear her say, "Chile I'm good!"*

*No need to make a wish or blow out the candles,
Her relationship with Christ gave her peace and freedom from pain and strife.
No presents, cards, balloons, or flowers are necessary,
Clarice Amado received the ultimate gift - because of salvation she has everlasting life.*

*We pay tribute to such a virtuous woman,
With our hats and hearts in solidarity no matter where we're from,
"Strength and honor are her clothing,
And she shall rejoice in time to come." (Proverbs 31:25)*

*Written by Cheryl D. Smith
August 2023*



Congregational Hymn

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall resound and the
Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

It is well, with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Pallbearers

*James Drew, III | Darin Hungerford | Stan Osborne
Dwayne Preston | Christopher Robinson | Alan Smith, II*

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Services Entrusted to:

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