

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

A Life Well Lived

October 29, 1929 - December 6, 2025



Julia V. Clark

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®

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Suitland, Maryland 20746

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor



Celebration of Life

Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend, **Julia V. Clark** entered peacefully into eternal rest on Saturday, December 6, 2025, surrounded by the love and presence of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, dear relatives, and friends.

Born on October 29, 1929, Julia, affectionately known as “JC,” was the third of seven children of the late Julian and Lenora Harris. She spent her childhood between Prince George’s County, Maryland, and her grandparents’ tobacco farm in Wilson, North Carolina. Those early years nurtured her deep sense of community, faith, and service—values that would guide her for the rest of her life.

At a young age, she married a career serviceman, traveling between the United States and Europe while raising their children. During their time in Stuttgart, West Germany, Julia became a volunteer with the American Red Cross, igniting a lifelong passion for service. She carried that commitment back to the United States, where—following her divorce—she began a distinguished career with the federal government. Julia served faithfully for more than three decades, ultimately retiring from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a freedom of information officer, where she received numerous outstanding awards and was known for her diligence, integrity, and devotion to public service.

In time, Julia met and married Eugene A. Clark, a chemist with the Department of Public Health and a fellow believer in community uplift, civil rights, and local progress. For more than 30 years, they were true partners—in love, in life, and in purpose. Together they raised their blended family, supported one another’s careers, served faithfully in their church, and became tireless advocates for political engagement, education, and Prince George’s County’s economic development. Julia and Eugene’s proudest joint achievement was their decade-long work on the committee that helped bring National Harbor to the shores of the Potomac River in Prince George’s County.

Julia joined From the Heart Church Ministries in 1989. She was a devoted member, and was actively involved in the life of the church where she volunteered in the Helps and Nursing Ministries until her health declined. She found great joy in fellowship, especially with the Seniors Ministry.

Julia often said that her life’s work was about “pushing up people,” lifting others, encouraging them, and making sure that everyone she encountered felt seen, valued, and capable of reaching their highest potential. Through her work with civil rights causes, community development, women’s advocacy, childcare initiatives at HUD, and countless grassroots efforts, she lived that mission fully and beautifully.

After Eugene’s passing in 2011, Julia moved to Arbor Terrace, an assisted senior living residence, where she continued to chair committees, serve as a popular public speaker, and inspire everyone she met with her humor, wisdom, and steadfast faith. She had prepared what she called her greatest speech —“Just an Ordinary Woman”—for Women’s Week 2025, but illness prevented her from delivering it. In truth, nothing about her life was ordinary; she was extraordinary and has left a legacy of faith, family, and service that will endure for generations.

Julia leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memories her devoted children: Brenda Cross, Joyce (William) Powell, Donna (Eric) Coleman, Lynne (Paul) Hollie, and Mark (LisaMaya) Varner; beloved grandchildren: Craig (Michele) Farmer, Candace (Raymond) Goode, Andre (Kionena) Powell, Jason Coleman, Stephen (Anita) Coleman, Kevin Coleman, Jackson Hollie, Payton Varner, Paige Varner, and Sidney Varner; cherished great-grandchildren: Kendall (Blendia) Powell, Kaylen Goode, Raymond Goode, Jr., Londyn Powell, Tymen Fields, Paris Powell, Luz Coleman, Carson Ball, and Andre Powell, Jr.; her dear sister, Gloria Harris; a host of other relatives; her church family; and friends.

Julia was predeceased by her siblings: Ada Werts, Shirley Gray Hartwell, Reverend Benjamin Harris, William Wesley Harris, and Edward Harris.



Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “It Is Well”

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Psalm 90
New Testament: Philippians 2:10*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Mrs. Linda Gray

Acknowledgement

Remarks

*Mrs. Gail Gabourel, Niece
Ms. Sheree Body, Great-niece
Mrs. Erigibe Boyd, Close Friend
Mr. Joe Hawkins, Cousin*

Poem Mrs. Donna Coleman

Obituary (Read Silently) Mrs. Lynne Hollie

Song of Preparation Mrs. Linda Gray

Message of Hope Minister Janet D. Briscoe

Call to Christ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional “I’ll Fly Away”





Congregational Hymn

It Is Well

*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.*

Chorus

*It is well, with my soul,
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!*

Chorus

*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



A decorative border of purple flowers and green leaves surrounds the text. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The leaves are delicate and light green.

Family Sentiments

She Was My Mom

Julia Clark was my mom. I have visions of her always brushing and combing our hair, adding a little bit more Vaseline to our dusty legs and feet. She always said Mumsie will dust you with a little cashmere to make you smell good. Let me check the part in your hair to ensure that your braids are hanging right with your little red bows. That is so perfect. My girls are so cute.

Everything around Mom had to be perfect, the way she looked, the way the house and yard looked, as well as how her girls looked.

Mom loved to play dress-up with her girls. A perfect opportunity was an outing or dinner. Each of us would be wearing a long skirt, ruffle blouse, gloves, a little purse, our patent leather shoes, and yes, her favorite hair style for us “part in the middle of our hair, two braids and yes, the red plastic bows!” Our trip to Hogates always meant how cute we were and that she would get our Rum Buns right away.

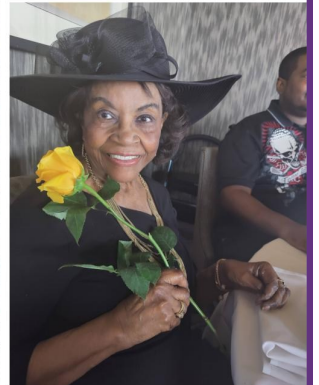
My mom was a joiner. My grandmother used to say she belonged to about every group in the County. All anyone would have to say to her is that there was a cause, and she would say “put my name down.” So, her name was listed in many of the following organizations: political, civil rights, NAACP, civic associations, American Red Cross, HUD Caucus, HUD Child Care Center, DC Democratic Women’s Club. She was also a member of the Port of American Committee. When that Committee failed, she joined the Committee that worked to bring National Harbor to Prince George’s County. To ensure that the Committee would not fail, Mother became President of the South County Economic Development Corporation. With the growth of the Corporation, many upscale shopping centers came to the County.

Mom was also on the Committee to bring Black leadership to Prince George’s County to include mega churches, hospitals, transportation, schools and business opportunities. Mom co-founded the Youth Leadership Program and the County Shoe Program to aid boys and young men in their transition from youth to adulthood.

In 2016, Mom was honored by “The Baltimore Times” and Prince George’s County as the Trailblazer of the Year. She was also honored as Woman of the Year for her service.

Mom, we love and miss you!





Acknowledgements

The family of Julia V. Clark sincerely thanks all of you for your prayers, comfort, love, and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

From Julia

So now the day is over, night is drawing nigh. Shades of the evening unfold across the sky. To those who carried me where my steps were no more, my greatest gratitude and thanks for a job well done.

*-**The Coleman Family:** Eric Coleman, Donna Coleman, Stephen Coleman, Jason Coleman, Anita Coleman, Luz Coleman, and Kevin Coleman.*

To those I leave to celebrate my legacy, my love for them, and the joy they gave to me.

*-**My children:** Brenda Cross, Joyce (Bill) Powell, Donna (Eric) Coleman, Lynne (Paul) Hollie, and Mark (LisaMaya) Varner.*

*-**My grandchildren:** Craig (Michele) Farmer, Candace (Raymond) Goode, Andre (Kionena) Powell, Stephen (Anita) Coleman, Jason Coleman, Kevin Coleman, Jackson Hollie, Payton Varner, Paige Varner and Sidney Varner.*

*-**My great-grandchildren:** Kendall (Blendia) Powell, Kaylen Goode, Raymond Goode, Jr., Londyn Powell, Paris Powell, Andre Powell, Jr., Tymen Fields, Luz Coleman, and Carson Ball.*

Pallbearers

*Jason Coleman, Kevin Coleman
Stephen Coleman, Craig Farmer
Andre Powell, Kendall Powell*

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Services Entrusted to:

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