



## Mrs. Winnie Darvin Clark

March 31, 1927 - May 20, 2020

Winnie Bell Darvin-Clark, affectionately known as "Ma Winnie" to those who knew and loved her, died with her son by her side on May 20, 2020 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Ma Winnie was born Winnie Bell McKnight on March 31, 1927, in Porterfield, Tennessee to Ella and John McKnight. She was raised in Nashville, Tennessee where she graduated from Pearl High School and attended Fisk University. In Nashville she joined Hopewell Baptist Church to start her Christian mission.

She moved to Washington, DC in 1954 where she worked for the federal government and continued her academic pursuit of obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of the District of Columbia, in 1970. She was a committed public servant who worked as an editor until her retirement from the US International Trade Commission in 1990.

Winnie joined Purity Baptist Church in 1954 continuing her service to Christ there until her move to Durham, North Carolina in 2002. She was a faithful servant at Purity where she used the gifts the Lord graced her with to serve the body of Christ. Her talents included the gift of writing and editing. She was editor of the Purity newspaper and was instrumental in writing a book titled, "Reviewing the Past to Improve the Future" which recounted the history of Purity Baptist Church. She would later guide the creation of a similar historical account at Mount Level Baptist Church in North Carolina. She served on the Purity Board of Christian Education and as a teacher for the Women's Bible Class. Her love for fellowship and encouragement to others in the name of Christ was exemplified with her membership in Purity's Missionary Circle, No. 4. She was appointed president in 1993, an office that she held for more than 10 years. She also sang with the Senior Choir. On August 15, 1993, Winnie Clark joined the ranks of discipleship at her ordination and consecration service as a deacon of Purity Church.

Ma Winnie moved to Durham, North Carolina in 2002. She immediately united with Mount Level Baptist Church where she continued her service to God with active participation in church and community activities. Mrs. Winnie Clark was a senior missionary at Mount

Level. Her organizational talents and her call to share God's love greatly enhanced the organizations involvement in global missions and participation in the Lott Carey Mission Program.

In 2015, she moved to Heritage Greens Retirement Community in Greensboro, North Carolina to be closer to her son. She soon became an Ambassador for Heritage Greens welcoming new residents. Ma Winnie was a member of the decorations committee, actress in house plays and runner-up in Ms. Heritage Greens Pageant. She loved gathering with family and friends, enjoying the game of Spades, Scrabble and Bingo.

Ma Winnie will be lovingly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her one faithful son, Charles H. Darvin, III, LTC USAF Ret., and his wife Jane; her grandson, Charles H. Darvin, IV; her granddaughter and spouse, Crystal and Dr. Thomas Biles; three great-grandchildren, Sydney, Sinclair and Gerrod; a host of loving grand nieces and grand nephews, as well as devoted longtime friends from around the world.

A public viewing has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, NC 27701.

A graveside service will be held at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2020 at Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, 316 Hebron Road, Durham, NC 27704.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in the name of Mrs. Winnie Clark may be made to the church she loved, Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 27. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.

309 N Queen St

Durham, NC 27701

(919) 682-1171

[scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com](mailto:scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com)

<https://scarboroughandhargettffh.com/>

## Graveside

MAY 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

316 Hebron Road

Durham, NC 27704

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Winnie Darvin Clark*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences go to Brother Charles and the entire Darvin Family for your loss. May you find the deepest joy in the indelible memories of your matriarch. It is my hope that you find consolation in the words of the Apostle Paul who penned "to be absent with from the body is to be present with The Lord." Know that you are in my prayers. Peace and blessings!*

*Kent R. Brooks -- Springfield, Ohio*

**Kent Brooks** - June 01, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *My condolences to Mr. Darvin, Chuck , Cristal & the rest of the Darvin Family for the loss of Ma Winnie. May God continue to comfort & keep you all during this difficult time. She was a sweet lady & will he missed.*

*God Bless,  
Cassandra Cobb*

**Cassandra Cobb** - May 28, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ *Winnie Clark became a dear friend to me when I became her sister Johnnie Kathleen caregiver until her passing. She will truly be missed. Rest In Peace. Love Ellen Johnson.*

**Ellen P. Johnson** - May 27, 2020 at 11:03 PM



“ *Ms. Winnie was such a Ray of Sunshine! We were church members & served on the Program Comm at Mt. Level MBC. Her hard work and dedication was always there. During her last few years in Durham I picked her up for mtgs & some services and we had some of the best conversations and much laughter. She will truly be missed!*



**Pam Tillman** - May 27, 2020 at 07:30 PM

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“ I will always have fond memories of Ms. Winnie Clark. She was very faithful missionary and loved her church dearly. I know she and my mother will greet each other with open arms in heaven because God has a special place for her. Condolences from the family of Mrs. Nannie Lyons.

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**Lynda Thomas** - May 26, 2020 at 01:17 PM

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“ Dear Charles, Chuck and Cristal, you have my sincere sympathy in your loss. MaY your memories bring you peace and make your loss a little easier to bear. Love, peace and blessings,  
Olivia G. Gilmore

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**Olivia G. Gilmore** - May 25, 2020 at 09:35 AM