

Clara Pearl's Beginning, The Birth of a Radiant Soul

MRS. CLARA PEARL INGRAM, a radiant and loving presence, was born to the late David and Rosa Whitehead and graced this world on December 24th, 1934. Educated in the Sumter County School System, Clara developed a remarkable talent for sewing and worked in the textile industry for many years. Affectionately known as “Clara Pearl”, she was a true gem, as beautiful on the inside as she was outwardly. Her warm and welcoming spirit made everyone she encountered feel loved. Clara was easy to love, with an infectious smile, Clara had a way of capturing hearts. Always the conversationalist, Clara Pearl never met a stranger. Clara’s legacy of kindness, love, compassion, and joy will be deeply missed, but her memory will continue to inspire and uplift all who were fortunate to know her.

A strong woman of God, Clara Pearl’s faith was the foundation of her life. As a dedicated member of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Reverend Jermaine Harris, she remained steadfast in her devotion until her health began to decline. Even in the face of challenge, Clara’s faith was unwavering, and she often shared stories of God’s goodness and the many blessings bestowed upon her life.

Clara’s Journey – A Life Filled with Love and Family

Clara Pearl met and married the love of her life, the late Mr. Bennie “Buck” Ingram, Sr. To this union was born Bennie, Jr., Horace, and Christopher. Clara and Buck raised three respectful young men who they loved and adored. Above all, Clara loved her family and was blessed with thirteen siblings, eleven of which preceded her in death: JD “Peter”, David, Elizabeth, Lula Mae, Mary, Annie Ruth, Dovie, Silas, Olin Dear, Sr., Butler, and Robert.

Clara is survived by two siblings, Frank Whitehead of Jacksonville, FL and Paul Whitehead of Chicago, Illinois: her daughters-in-law: Sunni, Carla, and Maxine. Clara also leaves nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grands and a host of loving nieces, nephews, including a niece, Gracie Patterson and a nephew, James Whitehead that she raised as her own; cousins and many sorrowing friends to cherish the many beautiful memories made.

A Life Well Lived, A Legacy Remains

On Thursday, October 24th, 2024, Clara Pearl Ingram’s earthly journey came to a close, and she was welcomed home by her Lord and Savior, surrounded by the love and light of eternity. Though her passing marks the end of a remarkable chapter in her life, her legacy of love, kindness, humility and devotion will leave an indelible mark on all those who knew and loved her.