

The Family Tribute

*A smile for all, a heart of gold
One of the finest this world could hold
Never selfish, always kind
These are the memories she leaves behind...*

Clara Rebecca Kimbrough Craven Singletery

Clara Kimbrough Singletery, 92, first born daughter of the late Thaddeus and Esther Kimbrough, was born December 31st, 1928, in Statesville, NC. Clara attended public school of Iredell County in Statesville, NC. After graduating high school Clara continued her education by attending A&T College in Greensboro, NC and later transferred and graduated with a bachelor's degree at West Virginia University.

After graduating, Clara's career path led her to Washington DC to work at the Department of Labor under Arthur Goldberg, U.S. Secretary of Labor and the 6th United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

In 1949, Clara's career aspirations took her to Houston Texas where she worked at Texas Southern University as an Executive Secretary. This is where she would meet and later marry Dr. Moritz Craven. After a year of courtship Moritz and Clara were married and soon raising their two daughters, Paula and Laura. Later in life, Clara relocated to Charlotte, NC where she met and married David Singletery and gave birth to her youngest daughter, Zeesther T. Singletery in 1955.

In 1984, Clara retired from Duke Energy and returned home, to Statesville, NC to start the next chapter of her life. Taking care of her mother and returning to Shiloh AME Zion Church to service on the board as secretary. She was at her happiest when surrounded by her family, watching football and watching a "good ole western". In 2015, Clara was ever so proud to become oldest living member of the Kimbrough family and the matriarch of her 5th generation family.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her two brothers – William Spencer Kimbrough and John Chalmers Kimbrough and her daughter, Zeesther T. Singletery.

Those left to cherish in her memory includes her two daughters: Paula Craven-Edelstein (Ronald) and Laura Craven-Beglar. She has one surviving Sister-in-law, Nellie Kimbrough.

One niece, Monica Kimbrough and One nephew, Kevin Kimbrough.

Clara also has 8 grandchildren. Marcie Craven-Jackson, Thedius "Eric" Craven (Glenda), Meredith Craven, Stephanie Byers-Parks (Eddie), Melisa Hunter (James), Erinn Singletery, Brittany Singletery, Mandeasa Singletery. 15 great-grandchildren; Monte, Devin, Daja, Nevaeh, Eisley, Paisley, Yuri, Malia, James III, Chance, Hope, Rikki, Caleb, Zeno and Maddox. Two great-great grandchildren; Aiden & Midas. And a host of cousins, friends and family.

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep you all.

She taught us everything, expect how to live without her!

Celebration of Life for

Mrs. Clara Rebecca Kimbrough Craven Singletery

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Shiloh AME Zion Church

Statesville, N. C.

**Rev. Dr. Patricia Gainer, Pastor
Pastor James Hunter, Sr., Officiating**

The Moments of Sharing

1:30 p.m.

The Processional Minister and Family
The Moments of Sharing (Friends may visit until 1:55 p.m.)

The Order of Service

2:00 p.m.

The Invocation Pastor James Hunter, Sr.
The Selection The Kimbrough Family
The Scripture Meditation:
Old Testament: Psalm 139:1-18..... Rev. Henry Steele
New Testament: Ephesians 6:10-18...Sister Delora Steele
The Prayer of Consolation Rev. Henry Steele
The Selection..... Brother Jerry Hayden, Sr. and Family
A Seat In the Kingdom
The Remarks (*Limit two minutes please*)
The Acknowledgments and Commemorative Presentation
.....The Funeral Director
The Selection: "*Safe In His Arms*" ... Lakisha Grimes
The Eulogy Pastor James Hunter, Sr.
The Recessional Selection

In the procession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights, take caution at all intersections and fasten your seatbelts for safety.

At The Belmont Cemetery

Statesville, North Carolina

The Gathering of the Christian Community

The Placing of the Casket

The Committal

The Prayer of Benediction

The Final Departure



A Service of Love and
Remembrance for
Clara Kimbrough Singletery



A Gift Given
December 31, 1928

A Gift Returned
December 28, 2021

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