



Annie Degraffinried

April 17, 1950 - July 12, 2024

The beautiful Annie Degraffinried was born on April 17, 1950, in Macon, Mississippi. She entered eternal peace on July 12, 2024, surrounded by family. Annie confessed her faith in God at an early age and expressed that faith consistently over the years. She joined Zion Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on March 10, 2002.

Affectionately known as “Sista Cat” to many, Annie was a dynamic soul that never met a stranger. An outgoing and fun-loving woman, she had a knack for turning the common bond she found with just about anyone into a unique connection. Annie was a straight shooter who loved deeply and made sure no one went unseen or unheard. She particularly loved engaging with family and friends at the annual Maconite Ball and class reunions and made time to build community with her neighbors. Annie’s words provided peace and empowerment, comfort and reassurance. She wasn’t your average social butterfly; she was an angel sent from God.

In her earlier years, Annie attended B.F. Liddell High School, where she not only led her class as valedictorian but also led her basketball team to win a state title. After graduating high school, Annie married Edward “Lent” Degraffinried, her loving husband for the next 54 years. Soon after they married, Annie and Edward moved to Detroit, Michigan, where they began a family and remained until they moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1981. While

raising their five girls, Annie pursued an education in accounting. Years later, she used these skills partnering with her husband to operate a successful tax preparation business, Accurate Tax Service. She was a confidante, mentor, and all-around pillar for those who needed it.

Annie's engaging presence could command any room. From yelling at the refs at her daughters' and grandchildren's games, to debating sports with her sons-in-law and playing spades and bid whist, she shined wherever she went. She had an eye for beauty and loved planting gorgeous flowers and shopping for her family. She was always a giver and was never too busy to talk to anyone in need. She lived by this: "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret." —Matthew 6:3-4

Annie is survived by her husband Edward, five daughters, Shashelia, Saunjula (Tarrence), Valisha (Aaron), Shalonda, and Natalie; and her six grandchildren, Tasaun, Amaya, Wisdom, Serene, James-Paul, and Jamisyn. She is further survived by countless cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors, and clients who loved her dearly.

Annie was preceded in death by her parents, Maggie Mae & Harris B. Grant, and by her brother, J.C. "Bopete" Nicholson (Jackie).

Proverbs 31:25-31

Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children

arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many

daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael United Methodist Church

51108 MS Hwy 14 East
Macon, MS 39341

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 27. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the Degraffinried Family my sincere condolences for the loss of cousin/sister Annie. So thankful for the time we spent together on the phone and our short visit twice to my home and our visit to you guys once. Cousin/Sister will be missed. May God bless all her love ones. Annie love each of you so very much. If you are ever in Vegas You are welcome in my home I would love to visit with you and we get to know each other. Lent thanks for keeping me in the loop I would love to meet your daughters and their families. God Bless. With Love Cousin Dollie Reynolds and Family

Dollie Reynolds - August 01, 2024 at 05:42 PM

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“ I'm so deeply saddened to hear about Annie's passing. She was an awesome lady. My sisters and I lived out of town and she kept watch over my Mom. For that, I was truly grateful. She also provided me with great family tree information.

I love you Annie and you will be greatly missed! May you rest in peace! 🙏🙏🙏🥹❤️

Degraffinried family, I am praying for your strength and peace.

Love you,

Melanie Nicholson

Melanie Nicholson - July 27, 2024 at 03:46 PM