



Michele Irene Chapman

November 16, 1955 - July 19, 2024

Michele Irene (Taylor) Chapman

“To everything, there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.”
- Ecclesiastes 3:1

Michele Irene (Taylor) Chapman passed on July 19, 2024, at Alexandria Hospital after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Michele was born on November 16, 1955, in Alexandria, Virginia to Ollie Juanita Taylor and John Willie Taylor, Sr.

Michele was a shining light in our lives, a prayer warrior, a devoted mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and cherished friend. She is now reunited with a host of loved ones, her mother Ollie Juanita Taylor, father John Willie Taylor, Sr.; brother Timothy Calhoun; husband Richard Alton Chapman; and her beloved daughter Jennifer Monique Chapman.

Michele began her journey with Christ at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Queen Street in Alexandria, Virginia, the Taylor Family’s home Church. She was also an active member of Old Town Community Church (formerly Downtown Baptist Church) on Washington Street in Alexandria, Virginia. A devoted member of Alfred Street Baptist Church (DG4) for nearly 30 years, Minister Michele Chapman always found joy in serving others and sharing the love of

Christ. Michele was a member, and most importantly a mentor throughout her discipleship and several ministries. To name a few, she was an active member of the Senior's Ministry, GriefShare Ministry, Divorce Care Ministry, Bible Study Fellowship, the Awana Club, Girls Scouts (Troop #1330), and Pastor's Aide. One of Michele's most cherished moments was witnessing her grandson's baby dedication in June 2020. Michele's warmth, kindness, and steadfast faith were a beacon to all who knew her. She taught us the true meaning of grace and compassion, always putting others before herself.

Michele graduated from Alexandria City High School (formerly T.C. Williams) in 1974. She will be remembered during this year's 50th reunion and remains in the hearts of her dear high school friends Patricia Griffin and Sandra Marshall. With a thirst for knowledge, Michele continued her studies at Northern Virginia Community College.

Michele was also a dedicated public servant working as an office manager with the Department of Labor and with Alexandria City Public Schools where she retired. She was a fierce advocate of affordable housing in Alexandria and served as Board Chair of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, and most recently on the resident's association of The Landing. Her commitment to service extended to the Economic Opportunities Commission, Alexandria Early Childhood Commission, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Cub Scouts (Pack 1515), and the Northern Virginia Urban League's Resource Mothers Program, where she led activities to improve outcomes for mothers and children.

Michele was an amazing mother and known as "Mama Chapman" by the many youths she met. Determined to provide her children with the best opportunities she could, she joined Jack and Jill of America, Inc, a membership organization that builds future African American leaders who are committed to culture and service. Michele was her children's number one

cheerleader! She enjoyed a variety of culinary dishes prepared by her daughter Jennifer, including their special, and sometimes secret, mother-daughter culinary travels. Michele was an avid supporter of her son's community leadership and could be found at the forefront of each of John's city council campaigns.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." - Revelation 21:4.

Michele Chapman's life was a testament to her unwavering faith and love for her family. She is survived by her cherished son John Taylor Chapman, her daughter-in-law, Monika Jones Chapman, and her grandchild, John Taylor Chapman, II; her siblings Toni N. Taylor, John W. Taylor, Jr., G. Stanley Taylor; and nephews LeJune Farmer, Erika Chappelle, Jason Taylor and James Taylor; great nephew, Eric Chappelle, and a host of Cousins, Friends, and Community Members. Michele's legacy of love, strength, and faith lives on through them.

We find solace in knowing that Michele is now at peace, embraced by God's everlasting love, and we look forward to the day when we will be reunited with her in Heaven.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery / Alexandria, Va.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Alfred Street Baptist Church
301 S. Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Funeral Service

JUL 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Alfred Street Baptist Church
301 S. Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Tribute Wall

TT

“ *Sis, I will see you at the Eastern Gate over there with mom, dad, Miss Jessie, Jennifer and a cloud of witnesses.* ”



Toni Taylor - July 30, 2024 at 05:06 PM

MP

“ *Deepest condolences to the family for a life well lived. May GOD strengthen and give you his peace.* ”



Marie Preston - July 30, 2024 at 07:58 AM

AF

“ *Audrey, Detroit Michigan ASBC family purchased the Spirit - Memorial Globe Candle Holder for the family of Michele Irene Chapman.* ”



Audrey, Detroit Michigan ASBC family - July 30, 2024 at 07:21 AM

RD

“ *Robin DeShields lit a candle in memory of Michele Irene Chapman* ”



Robin DeShields - July 29, 2024 at 03:28 PM

RD

“ Sister Michelle Chapman was a light and one of the first people I recall when I joined ASBC around 2009 after having visited there over time. I have a vivid memory of her being dressed in bright yellow and standing before the church lifting up a poem or pray. Her delivery and use of language and scripture made a positive impression on me and encouraged me to learn more about prayer. She was always smiling and greeting and a welcoming spirit. She was a strong prayer warrior and she loved her family and church. She remained active and involved in the life of the church..more recently in May she traveled on the bus with the group that went to Philidelphia in May to attend the Alfred Street Experience. She did not let her illness or physical condition stop her from going places or serving her family and the Lord.
Rest in heavenly peace dear sister Michelle with the Lord.
We will remember your spirit when we see the butterflies flying which you so loved.
With sincere condolences to your family and friends. You will be missed.

Robin DeShields - July 29, 2024 at 03:27 PM

KS

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the family. 🙏 We go way back, growing up in the neighborhood on the Southside as well as working together. Michelle had that laugh that will never be forgotten. She will be truly missed.
Karen Hubbard-Suggs

Karen Suggs - July 28, 2024 at 10:42 PM

AT

“ *The Baptist General Convention Women Ministry (BGCWM), Area D, District 1, Richmond, VA shares with her family and friends our condolences. Sister Chapman was a member of BGCWM, and a noted and much loved prayer warrior for this mission ministry. We could always count on her praying at BGC Conventions, especially the early morning praying services. Her legacy for being a prayer warrior will never be forgotten. She is resting in peace. Annette Thomas, BGCWM, Area D, District 1, Secretary*

Annette Thomas - July 28, 2024 at 07:39 PM

RJ

“ *To the family of Sister Michelle Chapman, May the peace and comfort of the Lord be your experience during this difficult "hour" of the passing of our beloved Sister Michelle Chapman, one of our Prayer Warriors! We have been blessed with the gift of her life in many ways and know that we ask the Lord to cover each of you, the family, in His own Holy way! In the love of Christ Jesus, rev. samuel nixon, jr. Philippians 1:3*



rev. samuel nixon jr - July 27, 2024 at 02:01 AM