



Mrs. Darcell Luke

August 2, 1951 - October 23, 2024

Darcell Delmeta Chatwell Luke, 73, passed away on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Kansas City MO. She was born at People's Hospital in St. Louis MO on August 2, 1951, to Lois and Farrell Chatwell Sr.

Darcell began her education in the St. Louis public school system, Darcell graduated from Scullin Elementary School (1965) and Northwest High School (1969).

She attended Forest Park Community College in St. Louis then attended Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg graduating with a BS in Education, specializing in Speech Pathology as she worked as a Resident Assistant.

Darcell was a cheerleader in high school and college, serving as co-captain and captain of her cheerleading squads. She also taught aerobics and was an excellent dancer. She traveled throughout the United States and truly enjoyed reading novels by black female authors.

She married the love of her life, Alfred Luke, on August 30, 1975, at St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in St. Louis MO. They made their home in Kansas City MO and soon joined St. James Paseo United Methodist Church. A daughter, Jocelyn Marie Luke, was born to this union.

Darcell served as a Speech Therapist for the Hickman Mills School District

from 1975 to 2010, retiring after 35 years. She was a devoted educator who loved her work and her students. Everyone she touched loved her back.

She was extremely involved in National Education Association (NEA) activities at national, regional and local levels. She served as president of her local chapter and was often a delegate to NEA's national convention.

Darcell was preceded in death by her parents Lois and Farrell Chatwell Sr; Celebrating her life and legacy is her loving and devoted husband, Alfred Luke; daughter, Jocelyn Luke; sister, LaJoyce Lawton (Billy); brother, Farrell Chatwell Jr. (Dawana); in-laws, John Davis Jr; Sarah Davis; Rochelle Brown; Djuana Franklin (William); special niece, Erica Johnson (Brandon); and a host of family; and friends.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which The Lord, The Righteous Judge, will award to me on that day and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV

"An Angel Touched Her and She Slept. Rest Well Darcell"

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday November 2, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. at St. James United Methodist Church 5540 Wayne Avenue KCMO 64110. Interment: Twelve Gates Memorial Gardens. Visitation: 9-10:00 A.M. at the Church. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolence may be shared on our website lawrenceajones.com

Cemetery Details

XII Gates Memorial Gardens

9500 East Bannister Road
Kansas City, MO 64138

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James United Methodist Church
5540 Wayne Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64110

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was sadden when I learned of the passing of such a beautiful Soul. I was always happy to see and help Darcell when she would role down the isle on Sunday mornings. Helping her get set up for the services. She was always very sweet and pleasant. To the family Hold on to all the happy moments and know that she lives in each and everyone of you. God Bless each of you in time of bereavement. You all will be in my thoughts and Prayers. My deepest condolences. Robbin Boone



Robbin Boone - November 06, 2024 at 12:53 PM

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“ My mom worked for Mrs. Darcell until her health failed her. I remember her as a soft spoken, kind, and loving woman. She will be greatly missed.

Rhonda Oliver - November 04, 2024 at 02:17 PM

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*“ Darcell taught both of the McConnell guys and at this we developed a friendship. Thank God for this wonderful lady. May God this family as they begin this new journey.
Alma McConnell*

Alma McConnell - November 02, 2024 at 02:39 PM