



First Lady Cleo McCormick

May 24, 1937 - January 20, 2018

Obituary

Cleo Elizabeth (Buford) McCormick was born May 24, 1937, in Kansas City, Missouri. She was the fourth of ten siblings born to the union of Theodore and Genevieve Buford.

Cleo departed this life on January 20, 2018.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Theodore, James, and Richard Buford, one sister, Larose Buford and two sons, Reginald Trotter and Warner Trotter, Sr.

Cleo received her elementary and secondary education in the Kansas City Missouri Public School District.

Cleo was employed at the ATA Metro for twenty-three years and was the first black woman to be hired on at the Metro, where she worked until retirement.

In November of 1987, Cleo married Pastor Thomas S. McCormick, Sr. and became the First Lady of the St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Cleo (Buford) McCormick leaves to cherish her memories, her beloved

husband, President Thomas F. McCormick, Sr. of Kansas City, Missouri; one son, Lee Trotter of Kansas City, Missouri; one stepson, Thomas McCormick, Jr. of Kansas City, Missouri; one stepdaughter, Kathleen McCormick of Kansas City, Missouri; three brothers: Charles (Arlean) Buford of Richmond, Missouri, Albert Buford and Michael Buford both of Kansas City, Missouri; two sisters, Carol Bell and Lotus Goodlow of Kansas City, Missouri; eleven grandchildren; eighteen great- grandchildren; and a host of nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service for First Lady Cleo (Buford) McCormick will be held Saturday, January 27, 11:00 a.m. at St. Stephen Baptist Church, 1414 Truman Road.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Church.

Interment, Forest Hill Cemetery.

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“ *My deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved family member. When a loved one falls asleep in death it grieves the heart. The Bible has beautiful and comforting scriptures to help cope with the grief and sadness. Psalm 147:3 says: He (God) heals the brokenhearted; He binds up their wounds. And the promise for the future at Isaiah 26:19; Your dead will live. And the earth will let those powerless in death come to life. To learn more about this promise please visit our website: jw.org and view the comforting video; What is the Condition of the Dead?*

R. Sweatman - January 31, 2018 at 10:36 AM

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“ *A candle was lit in remembrance*

LaVerne Jackson-Taylor - January 26, 2018 at 01:20 PM