



Sunrise

June 7, 1948

Sunset

June 18, 2021

Celebrating the Life of

***Doris Prince Clapp***

Friday, July 2, 2021

1:00 pm

*The River Church*

*4900 Prospectus Dr ~ Durham, NC 27713*

*Pastor Reggie Hunt, Officiating*

## The Obituary

Doris Alicia (Prince) Clapp, daughter of the late Rufus Frederick and Dorothy Gilchrist Prince, was born on June 7, 1948 in Durham County, North Carolina. On June 18, 2021, she went home to be with her Lord Jesus Christ.

Doris grew up in Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Fayetteville Street right beside her grandmother, Rosabelle Gilchrist, home. She became a member of White Rock Baptist Church later in life.

She received her early education in the public schools of Durham County and graduated from Hillside High School, Class of 1966. She was accepted to North Carolina Central University where she studied in the Department of Education and graduated in 1972. She was proud to be a Hornet and an Eagle.

Doris' career was spent mostly in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School System where she taught at Ephesus Elementary School and Carrboro Elementary School. She was Teacher of the Year in 1988-89 and was loved by her fellow teachers and administration. She challenged herself every school year to find innovative & crafty ways to teach her students. You could always find Doris finding or creating a game that would teach Math or English in a fun way. She was the first multi-age teacher who taught with computers and had them in her classroom for her students to learn on in the early 1990s. She retired from education in 2008 after briefly teaching and being an A+ curriculum facilitator at Banner Elk Elementary.

Doris met William J. Clapp, Sr. and they married on June 17, 1976. Upon retirement, they moved to Banner Elk, North Carolina and became members of Cornerstone Summit Church under Pastor Reggie Hunt in Boone, NC. Doris and Jerome enjoyed mentoring and preparing over 20 couples in the marriage mentor program. Doris also worked in the nursery and loved praise & worship.

She will be remembered for being the light of the room and a lover of education of any sort. She loved learning about African American history and took every opportunity including family vacations to dedicate the same enthusiasm to her three children as well as her nieces and nephews. She loved to craft, cook and read, especially planning & attending the Prince Girls Book Club with her 5 sisters.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 43 years, William Jerome Clapp, Sr. She leaves to cherish her memory, her three children: April C. Lee, of Greensboro, NC; William J. Clapp, Jr. of Birmingham, AL; and Alicia C. Miller of Durham, NC; 9 grandchildren – Kathryn, Brittany, Randon, Allyx, Javon, Giovonnie, Jasmyn, Jayden, and Korey; 5 sisters: Claudia A. Prince, Wilma P. Holman (Larry), Rose P. Russell (Stephen), Constance M. Prince, and Catherine D. Prince; a host of nieces and nephews and beloved long-time friends.