

A CELEBRATION  
OF LIFE FOR



**Minerva Trice Fields**

*APRIL 25, 1924 - DECEMBER 20, 2021*

**SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021**

**1:00 P.M.**

**WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH**

**3400 FAYETTEVILLE STREET**

**DURHAM, NC 27707**

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# "HER" STORY

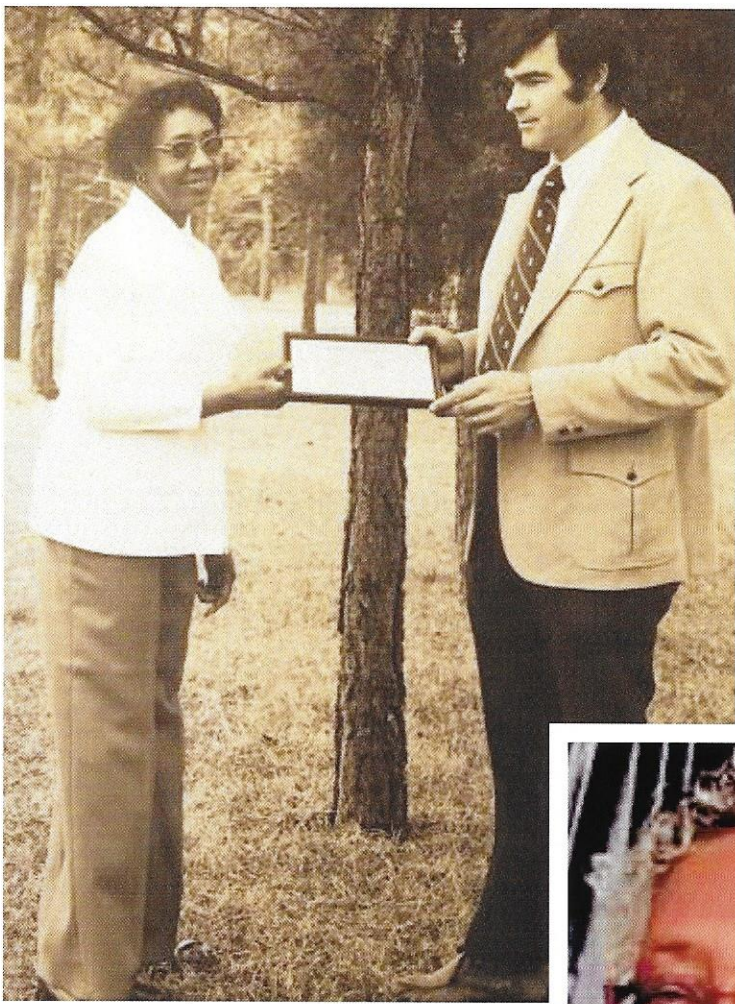
Minerva Ardonia Trice Fields transitioned to her heavenly home on Monday, December 20, 2021. Minerva was affectionately called "Cakie" by her family and friends. The daughter of Roy and Essie Womack Trice, she was born April 25, 1924. She attended Durham Public Schools and was a proud graduate of Hillside High School class of 1942. Minerva joined White Rock Baptist Church at the age of 12. Through the years Minerva participated in many church activities: Sunday School, Boy Scouts of America Troop #55 Den Mother, former President of the Deaconess Board, Senior Choir and Sheepfold. In addition to these activities, she has carried on her family's legacy of missionary work as a long-time member of the Missionary Circle, organized by her grandmother. One major project that she was very proud of was her involvement in the stained-glass window installation at the church, assisting the late Raymond Williams. Minerva was involved in many organizations and held leadership positions including Past Commandress of Daughter of Isis Zafa Court #41, Daughters of Dorcas, Golden Circle #218 and Order of the Eastern Star #379. She was also a life long supporter and past member of NAACAP and NCNW. Minerva thoroughly enjoyed her Friendly Forty Social Club and going to the Senior Center for exercise classes and Kings in the Corner Group until her health no longer allowed her to participate. Minerva believed in community involvement. She worked with the Durham Board of Elections and the local chapter of AARP.

Minerva was a trailblazer in the workforce. She retired from National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences as a biological laboratory technician. She was featured in several news articles about her experiments in clinical pharmacology and systemic toxicology. Minerva had previously worked at Duke Hospital and the VA Hospital as a laboratory technician. She loved learning and would often share stories of her work experiences.

Minerva was married to the late Odell Fields for 59 years and from their union four children were born. Leaving to cherish her memory are Barbara Fields Hibbert, Paulette Fields Singletary, Ronald Anthony Fields (Sally), and Linda Fields Fuller (Sylvester). The legacy will live on through her grandchildren Donna Hibbert Jackson, Lori Singletary Powe, Lisa Hibbert, Jami Singletary, Courtney Fields, Jennifer Fuller, Morgan Fuller and Rodney Fields (deceased); her great-grandchildren Daniel Hibbert, Leah Simpson, Nala Jackson, Nathaniel Powe III, Jalen Fields, Rashaad Fields, Rodney Fields Jr.; her beloved sister Winfried Headen, sister-in-law Janetta Gasden, goddaughter Wanda Gayle Taylor and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Minerva traveled around the world with her husband and family. She was fortunate to have visited France, England, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Egypt, Israel, and the Holy Land to name a few. Minerva would delight in sharing wisdom and pleasures with her family and friends. Young people had a special place in her heart. Minerva's legacy is one of God's love, respect, honesty, and truth. Her constant prayer was that she would be an inspiration and blessing to others along her life's journey.









## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF A FABULOUS MOM

**Minerva T. Fields** affectionately called **Mom**  
is a **fabulous female a regal lady**  
Who in **9.7** decades of living and giving  
Watches over and out for you  
Respects your point of view

She's a **winter blanket** that  
Covers and protects your back  
Stores your secrets rejoices in your blessings  
Prays for your successes

**Minerva T. Fields** born in the spring  
is **spring blossoms** that sweeten your path  
Her face is cheerful framed in a halo of silver hair  
Her smile calms her wit rescues her laughter chases blues

She is **summer flowers** that give offerings of honey  
without sticky strings attached  
she's from The Great Generation that could  
out-think, out-smart, out-wit  
purveyors of Jim Crow and legislated bigotry of the south  
with finesse ingenuity dignity and respect

**Minerva T. Fields** is **autumn fruit** and a  
**Christian** who's faith in God  
Helps to nourish your soul  
And Christ-inspired words feed your spirit  
And starve your doubts

She is a **fabulous female a regal lady**  
A woman of all seasons  
a loving mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother  
a sister, an aunt and a friend indeed  
who when asked, "How are you doing?"  
always with a smile says, "I'm fine!"

we celebrate the life **Minerva T. Fields**  
a **fabulous female a regal lady**

*from a self-proclaimed "daughter" and admirer*

*Virginia K. Lee*



## FLORAL BEARERS

WRBC DEACONESSES AND SWW MISSIONARY CIRCLE

## PALL BEARERS

WRBC DEACONS

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*The Family of Minerva Trice Fields would like to express heartfelt and sincere gratitude for your expressions of kindness, love, and sympathy.*

*We appreciate all the cards as well as the flowers, gifts, visits, calls, and most of all your prayers. A special thank you to Pastor Reginald Van Stephens, Rev. Regina Mitchell, Rev. Irene Perry, Rev. Nancy Ross, Sue Jarmon, Music Ministry, Communication Ministry, Hospitality Committee, Deacons and Deaconess and all our White Rock Church family as well as Duke Home Health and Spring Valley Home Health.*

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