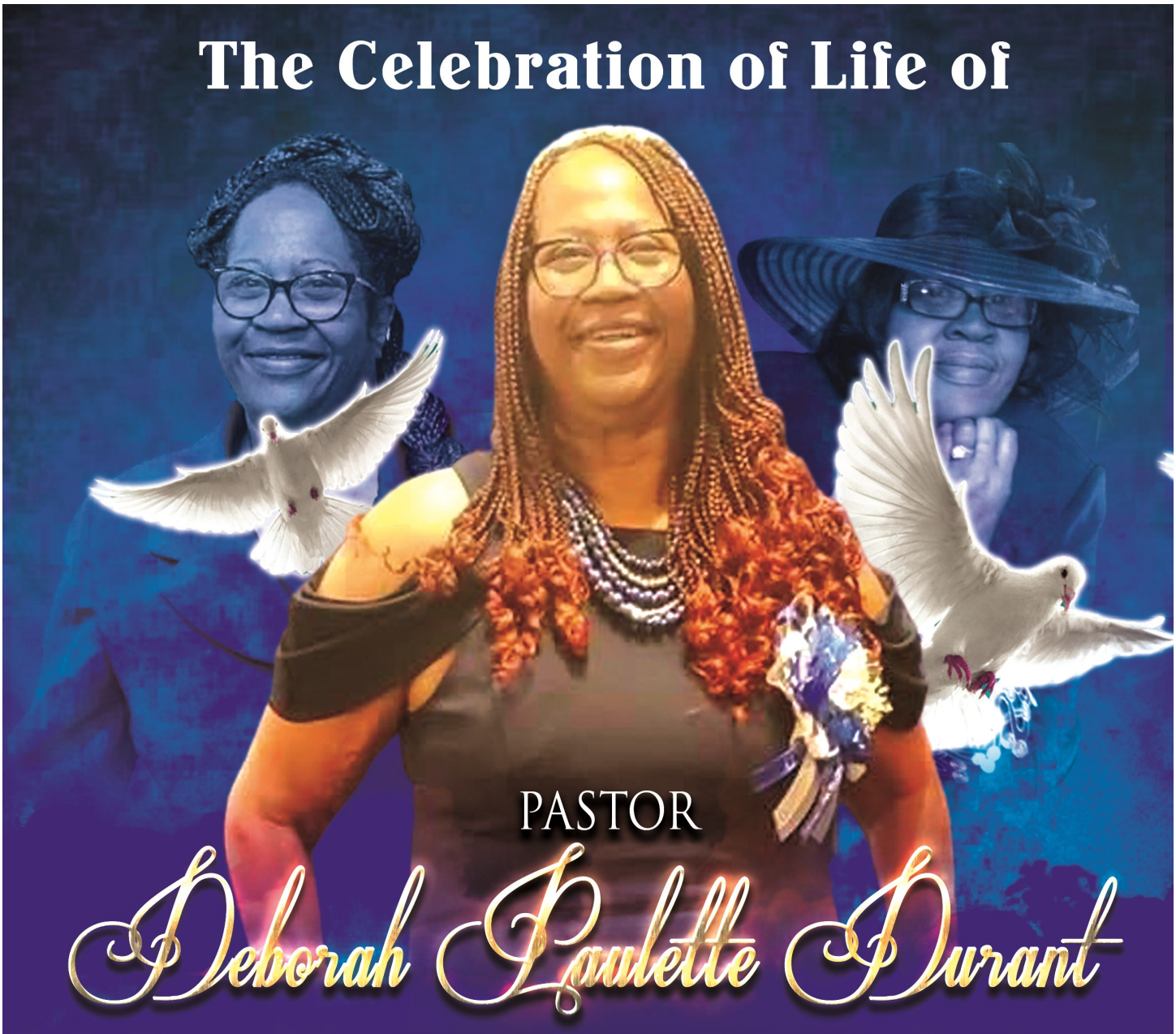
The Celebration of Life of



PASTOR

Deborah Paulette Durant

SUNRISE
October 24, 1953

SUNSET
November 10, 2021

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021

Glorious Church Of God In Christ
4806 Old Midlothian Turnpike
Richmond, Virginia 23224

APOSTLE
Vanessa C. Thomas
OFFICIANT

REVEREND
Sharod Durant
EULOGIST

BISHOP
Morris Mahoney
HOST PASTOR

Order Of Service

Officiant- Apostle Vanessa C. Thomas

Organ Prelude …….. Musicians

Processional…….. Clergy & Family

Invocation…….General Bishop Dr. Azel Colston Jr.

Scripture Reading……..Old & New Testament

Musical Selection……..Progressive Glorious Church Of God In Christ

Prayer Of Comfort……Pastor Leonard Cottle

Musical Selection……..Lady Tanashia Durant

Acknowledgements…… Mrs. Nina Hazard

Reading of The Obituary…… Shamira Durant

Reflections (Two Minutes Please) …….. Family And Friends

Special Musical Tribute ……Bishop Dr. Lawrence Durant Sr.

Eulogistic Message…….Reverend Sharod Durant

Benediction

Recessional…… Clergy & Family

Interment

Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond Virginia

Deborah Paulette Durant

Deborah Paulette Cottle was born in Brooklyn, New York to the late Elder Doctor Eugene Cottle and Mother Pauline Mann Cottle on October 24th, 1953 at Kings County Hospital. Deborah received her education in the New York City public school system. She was a member of her father's church in Newark, New Jersey until they returned to Brooklyn NY, where she became a member of the Glorious Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop Perry Lindsay Sr. There, she met the love of her life, Bishop Dr. Lawrence Durant Sr. (now) aka Larry as everyone called him. Deborah and Lawrence fell deeply in love, joined one another in holy matrimony, and started their life journey together. They were married for fifty-two blessed years. Out of this union, their family blossomed with many children. Deborah had a natural love for children, and besides the Lord, she loved nothing more than her family.

Mrs. Deborah Durant joined The Progressive Glorious Church of God in Christ under the leadership of her mother-in-law, the late Pastor Catherine Durant. She later became the First Lady when her husband, Bishop Dr. Lawrence Durant Sr., became the Pastor. As First Lady, Deborah not only wore fancy, stylish hats (everyone knew her hat had to match her suit), but she wore many hats while serving in various areas of the ministry. Deborah was a true servant of Christ. She loved people and made sure that her affection was felt! Whether it was through a hilarious joke, a warm hug, or a daily "I love you" text, Pastor Deborah left an Indelible impression on all that came into her presence.

Deborah, affectionately called "Betty Boop", "Granny Mo", "Momma D", or "Nana-Boo", lived a life of gratification. She enjoyed doing hair for friends, church parishioners, and other loved ones. She also took great joy in cooking delicious meals for her family. How can we forget her famous spaghetti or her Sunday spread, which included macaroni and cheese, chicken wings and collard greens? Deborah had a great love for the cartoon sensation, Betty Boop. This love began in 2003 when her granddaughters, Precious and Shamira brought her a plush body size Betty Boop. From that day forward, her collection grew TREMENDOUSLY.

Around 2005, Pastor Deborah and Bishop Dr. Lawrence moved to Virginia. They served in The Glorious Church of God and Christ under the leadership of the late Pastor Margaret Cooper. Together, they later formed The Progressive House of Praise Church where Deborah led as Pastor and Bishop served as the Overseer. Pastor Durant also attended The Glorious Church Number 2 under the Leadership of Pastor Jordan. After years of dutiful service, Bishop Dr. Lawrence answered another calling on his life and became a musician at Behind the Veil Christian Ministries under the leadership of Apostle Vanessa C Thomas. Pastor Deborah soon followed her husband and became a member of Behind the Veil Christian Ministries where she attended until the Lord decided to call her from labor to reward. Deborah strived to advance the Kingdom of God and on October 3, 2021, Deborah was ordained Reverend and received her Honorary Doctor of Theology degree from the Christ Centered Institute from Sword of the Spirit Ministries, becoming Dr. Deborah Paulette Cottle Durant.

On November 10,2021 Dr. Deborah was called home, received her wings, and flew to glory land.

Pastor Dr. Deborah Durant was preceded in sleep by her Father, Elder Dr. Eugene Cottle, Mother, Pauline Cottle, Siblings: Valarie Bryant, Myra Cottle, Phillip Cottle , Pastor Felicia Holliman and Eugene Cottle Jr., her great granddaughter Destinie Miller and son-in love, Brian Smith.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories: ***Her loving Husband***, Bishop Dr. Lawrence Durant Sr.

Her Children: Ednarita Elliott Smith, Lawrence Durant Jr., Fontella Durant, Ardenia Durant, James Durant, Sharod Durant (Tanashia), Jemil Durant (Daytoria), Shon-Anthony Durant, Tyana Jackson, Tynaisha Durant, and Shadaisha Durant

Her Grandchildren: Precious, Shamira, Nakuan Jr., Hassan, Takayla, Zinasia, Dyrell Jr, Jashawn, Dyraisha (her birthday present) Jahneysha, Mussiah, Tamel, Kaylani, Xavier, Donell, Damyiah, Camille, Elijah, Deniqua, Jazz, Cherish, Kehlani, Israel, Levi, and Chris (another birthday present)

Her Great Grandchildren: Jaden, Grace, Micah, Faith and Jah'kel

Her Siblings: Eddie Cottle, Pastor Leonard Cottle (Sheila), Zelda (Myrna) Cottle, Nina Hazard, Kenyetta Cottle and Donyetta Cottle. Jeannie Williams (Mark), Lisa Durant, Randy Durant and Quimmie Durant

Special Sons and Daughters: Nakuan Sr., Otavia, Channa, Branden, Chris, Darren and Deamontay

Childhood friend: Brenda Allen ***Cherished friends***: Pat AKA Alabama Freeman, Pastor Valerie Mack, Ms. Monique Davis, Tenise and Will Grant

And a host of nieces, nephews, God-children, cousins and loved ones.


I'm so glad we've


had this time together


BACK TO BASICS


GRANDMA
WILL KNOW
WHAT TO DO

Farewell

" I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."
2 Timothy 4:7-8

Acknowledgement

The Family of Pastor Deborah Paulette Durant would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your comforting messages, phone calls, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have helped greatly during our time of bereavement. We ask that you continue to pray for us and may God keep you in His care.

Special Thanks To:

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Behind the Veil Ministries, Richmond Virginia
Christian Sisters Catering Services
Coordinators: Ednarita Elliott, Shamira Durant ,Minister Nakuan Durant,
Precious Elliott, Tanashia Durant , Melissa Engman,
Tenille Jones and Sam Sanders

Pallbearers

Lawrence Durant Jr **James Durant** **Sharod Durant** **Jemil Durant**
Shon-Anthony Durant **Nakuan Gibbs Sr.** **Dyrell Farmer** **Jah-Shawn Durant**

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

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