



## Ms. Melody Joyce Brooks-Clark

January 19, 1956 - July 4, 2023

Melody Joyce Brooks-Clark was born in Richmond, Kentucky on January 19, 1956 to the union of Audrey Mae Brooks and the late James Curtis Brooks. She made her transition to her heavenly home on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. Melody has left this world for her eternal home with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Melody accepted Christ at an early age at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Richmond, Ky. When her family moved to Lexington, she moved her membership to St. Paul A.M.E. Later Melody united with First African Baptist Church on January 8, 1981, under the pastorage of the late Rev. Dr. Leon H. McIntyre. Sr. Melody loved her church and her church family. She gave the tightest hugs and words of encouragement to all that she greeted every Sunday. She served the church by singing with the Mass Choir and giving them a high soprano note at the end of every song. She loved working with the children as a teacher for the Beginners Sunday School Class and the director for the children's choir. She loved using her artistic skills for the Lord by drawing scenery for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and church plays. She was on the culinary committee, serving in high heels, as long as they could give her a cup of coffee.

Mel, as she was affectionately called, attended the Fayette County Public Schools and was a graduate of Bryan Station High School with the Class of 1974. She worked a plethora of jobs from retail to industrial positions with her longest stint being with the Fayette County Public Schools for 20+ years. Mel

was a “Jack of All Trades” and mastered many. She loved and helped caring for her family, friends and strangers.

Melody had a passion for the arts and her talents were quite remarkable. As a preteen, she found her knack for ventriloquism. She and her baby, Miracle, entertained churches, children, nursing homes and community groups. Her skills evolved until she became the first female African American Ventriloquist to win the Vent Haven Internationals Ventriloquist Convention.

Melody was an outstanding artist, drawing pictures of Martin Luther King, Jr., Phillis Wheatley and Oprah Winfrey to name a few, that are located in various community buildings. When she was young she honed in on her craft by drawing pictures of senior saints while they were dozing in church, then giving the pictures to them. Needless to say, they weren't always pleased. Melody also had a knack for horticulture. Her thumb was green and her plants were gorgeous. Anything she planted flourished. Melody was always a sophisticated dresser and would be coordinated from head to toe with jewelry to match. Melody was a class act.

Melody was a pillar in her community of St. Martin's Village and the entire West End. She volunteered with the Community Inspired Lexington Summer Camp and various community festivals, face painted for 'Back to School' rallies and Fatherhood Initiatives. Melody delivered food baskets to sick neighbors, purchased coats and made pots of soup for the homeless and people who felt they had fallen from grace. When a person needed a bit of encouragement she never hesitated to offer a Daily Bread and a Daily Word. Her heart was for people. Her people...

In addition to her mother, Melody is survived by her children, Jessica Bush and Justin Clark; her six adoring grandchildren, Jaden Bush-Maultsby, Jyran Bush-Maultsby, Jaxson Bush-Robertson, Antonio “AJ” Lindsay, Kahriym Clark and Kelis Clark; her five siblings, Brenda (Wendell) Davis, Esq. of Detroit, Michigan, Paula Brooks of Dayton, Ohio, Tina (Rev. Doyle) Warren, Anthony Curtis (Eymlin) Brooks and Deborah (Loyd) Clay, all of Richmond, Kentucky; a bonus sister, Barbara G. Williams; a maternal aunt, Francis Baxter of

Louisville; a paternal aunt, Flora Donighy of Detroit; her special mother-in-love, Lucille G. Jackson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many special friends.

Although Melody will be missed, her presence will forever remain. She has touched the hearts of many and left her mark on the soil. She's encouraged the greats and inspired all. Melody is resting from her labor and answered God's call. In her own words she'd say, "It's your turn now...I'm done. I'm through." Rest well now, Mel, well done... The reward is for you. Your steps have been ordered... Well done.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

229 Lisle Industrial Ave  
Lexington, KY 40511

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 15 (ET)

First African Missionary Baptist Church  
465 Price Rd  
Lexington, KY 40508