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**DR. EUNICE LOUISE CAMPBELL GRISBY
ARRANGEMENTS:**

**VIEWING AND VISITATION WILL BE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023, FROM
12:00-12:45 PM; ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY SERVICE, 12:45-1:00 PM WITH
FUNERAL SERVICE TO FOLLOW AT 1:00 PM AT PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST
CHURCH, 1410 JEFFERSON STREET, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, 37208; INTERMENT,
GREENWOOD MAIN CEMETERY, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.**

Dr. Eunice Louise Campbell Grisby dedicated her life to serving others and building the community around her. Dr. Grisby loved fashion and a polished presentation. She was an avid traveler and an expert on etiquette. She loved to play the piano and had a piano at her residence in which she would often play and sing. To say that Dr. Grisby was involved in her community was an understatement. She used her time to invest and excel in making her family, her church family and the community around her feel loved. Dr. Grisby poured her heart into the great cause of education. She passionately served the educational system throughout her lifetime and sought to make the education system more effective in the lives of each of her students.

Early Life and Education

Dr. Eunice Grisby was born in Columbus, Ohio on the 6th day of April in 1925. Dr. Grisby was born to Reverend Lawrence Thomas Charles Phillips, a Methodist minister and Lillie Daisy Leake Phillips. She was the 6th of 7 siblings and the youngest girl. She had 4 sisters and 2 brothers.

Dr. Grisby married Alfred L. Campbell, Sr. on the 16th day of August in 1946. From this union, the couple had two sons, Alfred L. Campbell, Jr. and Laurence Philip Campbell, Sr. Alfred L. Campbell Sr. served as the Pastor of Berean Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee where together they worked to improve and build a strong foundation for that church and community. From 1966-1967, Dr. Grisby served as the President of the Interdenominational Minister's Widows and Wives Alliance. Dr. Grisby shared a great love with Alfred L. Campbell, Sr. until his untimely death in 1970.

Then in 1971, Dr. Grisby was blessed to find love again with Harris Grisby. With this union, Dr. Grisby had the privilege to expand her family with a loving step-daughter, Judy Sanders and step-son, Jeffrey Grisby. Harris Grisby honorably served in WWII. She was married to Harris Grisby until his death in 1985.

Dr. Grisby graduated high school from Atkins High School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in June of 1942. She received her Bachelor of Science from Winston-Salem University in 1945. Dr. Grisby earned her Master's Degree from George Peabody College in 1978 in Nashville, Tennessee. George Peabody College merged into Vanderbilt University in 1979. Dr. Grisby worked with student teachers at George Peabody College. Dr. Grisby earned her Doctorate in Early Childhood Education from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in 1981. Dr. Grisby's dissertation was based on a study she did in Mrs. Rebecca Jennings' classroom at John Early School.

Career

Dr. Grisby taught for over 43 years. She taught a majority of her time in Metro City Schools and the rest of the time in private school. During her tenure as an educator, Dr. Grisby was a metro regular teacher, a resource teacher for grades K-12 and an itinerant teacher (traveling teacher) for the blind and visually limited.

Dr. Grisby taught and served at Head Magnet School for over 25 years. Dr. Grisby began working at the Head Magnet School in September of 1958. At Head Magnet School, she was a resource teacher for children with visual impairments. In September of 1959, Dr. Grisby started and developed the first program for blind and visually limited black children in the Metro Public School System. She was the Creator of the Partially Sighted and Blind Program for the Metropolitan Nashville public schools. At that time there were no facilities or programs for African American children with visual problems or who were blind. Dr. Grisby could read, understand and teach Braille. She has also maintained a relationship with former visually impaired students over the years. Dr. Grisby was also the Director of the After School Study Center at Head Elementary School and the Head Teacher with the Head Start Program.

Dr. Grisby served on the Board of Metro Homework Hotline which served Metro Public Schools and was sponsored by News Channel 5 Bellsouth and Union Planters Bank. Dr. Grisby was the Dean of Instruction for the National Baptist Missionary Training School in Nashville, Tennessee where the World Baptist Center now stands. Dr. Grisby was also an Instructor for Middle Tennessee State University. Dr. Grisby retired from the Metro City School System in May of 1988.

Dr. Grisby remained active in the educational system throughout her career. Dr. Grisby was the Secretary of the Nashville Teacher's Association (1962-63). Dr. Grisby was the Secretary of the Council for Exceptional Children Chapter 69 from 1972-1973. Dr. Grisby was a lifetime member of the National Education Association (also known as the NEA). The NEA is the largest labor union in the United States.

Dr. Grisby was a NEA State Delegate for two years at the NEA Representative Assembly. The NEA is comprised of more than 3 million people who consists of educators, students, activist, workers, parents, neighbors that believe in the opportunity for all students and in the power of public education to transform lives and create a more just and inclusive society. Dr. Grisby was a charter member of the NEA-R, which stands for NEA-Retired. Dr. Grisby was also a member of the TEA which stands for the Tennessee Education Association and she also served as a delegate for the TEA at the Representative Assembly. Additionally, Dr. Grisby was a member of the MNEA which stands for the Metropolitan Nashville Education Association. She served on the MNEA Minority Affairs Committee. Dr. Grisby was also the proud recipient of the MNEA Community Relations Service Award.

Dr. Grisby still continued to carry the torch to advocate for retired teachers and was a member of the Tennessee Retired Teacher's Association. She was the President of the Metropolitan Retired Teachers Association from 1993-94. She was the Chairperson of the Metropolitan Nashville Retired Teacher's Association Pre-retirement Committee.

Community Service

Dr. Grisby was very active with her Pleasant Green Baptist Church family. She started the Annual Prayer Day. She served as a Trustee of the church. She also served as the Sunday School Superintendent. Dr. Grisby was the Building Chairperson for the construction of the Pleasant Green Baptist Church Andrew L. Poster Jr. Educational Center. She also served on the Finance Committee and the Church History Committee. Dr. Grisby served as the President of the Sanctuary choir and was a faithful member of the choir for many years. Dr. Grisby was also a teacher of the Adult Literacy Program at Pleasant Green Baptist Church.

Dr. Grisby served at one time as the President of the Pleasant Green Ladies Aid Society. On June 24th, 2013, the Ladies Aid Society celebrated its 61st Anniversary and honored Dr. Eunice C. Grisby along with 5 other honorees who were also retired metro school teachers and administrators.

Dr. Grisby was heavily involved in the continued success of the Metropolitan Teacher's Credit Union. She has served as the President of the Board of the Metropolitan Teacher's Credit Union. She was the second Vice President of the Metropolitan Teacher's Credit Union. She has also served as the Secretary of the Delinquent Loan Committee for the Metropolitan Teacher's Credit Union.

Dr. Grisby was a member of the Pi Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Dr. Grisby loved her sisters and was enthusiastic about joining the Pi Zeta Chapter. She served as a Pi Zeta Officer, the Custodian. The Custodian is usually in charge of the records of the sorority. Dr. Grisby displayed her love of her sorority as she possessed several Zeta Phi Beta paraphernalia.

Travel

Dr. Grisby absolutely loved to travel and to be adventurous. She truly enjoyed the experience of traveling and was still of the generation that dressed up to get on a plane. Dr. Grisby especially enjoyed her trip to Egypt. She was able to visit the Great Pyramid of Giza, travel down the Nile River and experience riding on a camel. She has visited Italy, Germany, France, England, Switzerland and Holland.

She also loved the icebergs of Alaska and the beautiful landscapes of Bermuda, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands and the Bahamas. Dr. Grisby has visited Canada and numerous states within the United States. Dr. Grisby brought back many treasures from her travels over the years and displayed them on her bookcase in the family room for everyone to learn and enjoy. She sought to live life to its fullest potential.

Predeceased and Survivors

Dr. Eunice Louise Campbell Grisby was predeceased by her parents, Rev. Lawrence Thomas Charles Phillips and Lillie Daisy Leake Phillips. She was predeceased by her sisters, Juanita, Vina, Bernice and Daisy and brothers, Lawrence and Andersen. She has been cherished by two late husbands, Rev. Alfred Campbell, Sr. and Mr. Harris Grisby. She is predeceased by her sons, Alfred Campbell, Jr. and Jeffrey Grisby; and grand-daughter, Ne-Sheryl Hughes.

Dr. Grisby leaves to mourn her passing: her son, Laurence P. Campbell, Sr. (Rita) and daughter, Judy Sanders; grandchildren, Laurence Philip Campbell, Jr. (Angela), Rita C. Dixon (Cumba), Phileisha DeShawn Rogers (Karl), and Sasha Grisby; great-grandchildren, Cumba Dixon, II, Micah Dixon, and Naomi Savannah Rogers; nieces, Gwendolyn Williams, Rita Vernelle Curtis, Theodosia Snelling, Amelia Phillips, Grace Broadnax and Suzanne Cooney; special great-nieces, Simone Williams and Danielle Williams; nephews, Ted Williams and Carl Douglas; special friends of the family, Dr. Jesse Campbell (Cliff), Theola Copeland (John), Quintin Bass and Gwen Rogers.