



In Dixon Mills, Alabama on January 17, 1927, Creola Virginia Agee was born to Vanderbilt and Susanna Jackson Agee, the last of their ten children. On July 9th, 2020, at age 93 she transitioned home to the Lord.

After graduating from Marango High School, Creola learned young that Alabama held little opportunity for her, so to escape racism and limited prospects and with a sorrowful but determined heart, she left her loving mother, father, brothers and sisters to embark on a migration North, along with her niece Irma Dumas. These 2 young women not only presented a level of bravery that is hard to fathom during their early years, but revealed the strength and a spirit that became their foundation and legacy which they would pass on to their children and grandchildren.

Creola was always a warrior for community activism, beginning at Strycker's Bay Neighborhood Council in her earliest years to desegregate the public schools of the Upper Westside so her children would be the beneficiaries of the quality education enjoyed by the children of her neighbors; working with local politicians to ensure middle income families had decent housing; working with Manhattan Community Operations for community policing to ensure equitable treatment for all members of the Upper Westside neighborhood that was her home for more than 50 years of life in New York. After retirement from the Office of Children and Family Services (OFCS), Creola served as a NYCHA Tenant Association President continuing her activism for families in District 6. Her community relied on her and she never turned any away.

Creola was a woman of God, a member of Central Baptist Church, where her children were raised and nurtured loving the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Creola sang in the Church Choir, participated in Bible Study, and served on the Trustee Board, and was very close to the many Pastors who had the honor to belong to the congregation.

Creola is the recipient of many many honors and awards of recognition and appreciation for her selfless community work, her involvement at Central Baptist Church, and her work with community leaders, and City Council Members, several that she worked tirelessly toward election.

Creola was a loving and strong mother to her own children and children that adopted her. She was wise and offered so much wisdom with which to build a life. Her values and ethics were never proven to be wrong; she had a saying for every situation which proved to be a life lesson in disguise.

Creola was preceded to the Lord by her daughter, Sandra, her husbands; Jack Carr and Willie C. Kelly. She is the last of 5 sisters (Minnie Ree Dumas, Essie Mae Givan, Elvira Dumas, Sadie Mae Dumas) and 5 brothers (Irving Agee, Roy Agee, Calvin Agee, James Agee and Jenkins Agee) to be called home. She is survived by her daughters, Susan (Wolfgang Lagomarsini), Emma, (Omar Tarif) and her son William; her 10 grand children: Akeem, Aisha, William Jr, Lana, Amir, Aaliyah, Shaun, Travis, Adam and Joshua; and her great granddaughter, Lelani and a host of loving nephews, nieces, grand nephews and nieces, family and friends.

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