



Dr. Sarah Bowen Kidd Grant

June 28, 1921 - May 15, 2020

Dr. Sarah Bowen Kidd Grant, a trailblazing educator, died Friday, May 15, at age 98. As society struggled through the civil rights and women's movements, she rose from grade school teacher to division head in the Norfolk Public School District.

Though born in Elizabethtown, NC, on June 28, 1928, Sarah lived her entire life in Tidewater, VA.

After graduation from I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, she was a beautician for two years while waiting her turn for an associate's degree from Norfolk Division of Virginia State College after her older sister finished.

She married Thomas C. Kidd in 1942 and later went to Petersburg for a bachelor's degree from Virginia State, where she joined Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. After graduation she began teaching in Norfolk. Sarah earned her master's at New York University in 1966 and was promoted to principal and then elementary education coordinator.

She and Kidd moved to Chesapeake in 1960. After his death in 1969, Sarah went on a yearlong fellowship at the University of Connecticut and returned the next year pursue a doctorate. She finished it in 1972 and, in 1980, married UConn professor Joseph N. Grant.

Norfolk schools then promoted the new PhD to director of media services, the job she retired from in 1987.

In the community, Sarah was a driving force that helped put the Portsmouth chapter of Delta Sigma Theta on the map. She raised scholarship funds by recruiting two members to join her in personally underwriting a concert by the legendary Count Basie Orchestra. She served two terms as chapter president and remained an active member until her death.

Sarah was a lifelong member of Brighton Rock AME Zion Church and a longstanding member of the Epicureans. Meticulous in her appearance and her home, she was well known for outstanding style and distinguished taste.

In addition to her first and second husbands, she was predeceased by her parents, Mark and Serena Bowen; sisters Helen Hampton and Mildred DeLoatch; brother William Bowen; nieces Helen Hampton Jones and Sarah Linda Scales; and nephew William Bowen Jr.

Survivors include her brother, Bernard Bowen; her godchildren, niece Cheryl Hampton, great-niece Jewell Jones, and Lenbert Shropshire; nieces and nephews, Mildred Gaines, George Hampton, Reginald Davis Jr., Connie Fountain, and Mark Bowen; numerous great- and great-great-nieces and even one great-great-great nephew; cousins, and other family members.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21**. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Graveside

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens
3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Sarah Bowen Kidd Grant



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 20, 2020 at 07:34 PM

DB

*A life well lived and loved. Beautifully done.
Dottie Bowen Brown*

Dottie Bowen Brown - May 21, 2020 at 08:50 AM



There is a deep void in the Bowen Family tree. So very saddened to hear of the passing of Cousin Sarah. Much love, always.

Cousins: Sheila Bowen Taylor & Sharon Y. Bowen

Sheila Taylor - May 22, 2020 at 12:04 AM

CD

Beautiful life!

CYNTHIA DARDEN - May 22, 2020 at 08:14 AM



She was first my grandmother's friend and then my friend and beloved soror. Dr. Sarah Grant was an incomparable woman of incredible humor, character and love. Dr. Grant was a rainbow amongst the clouds and I will miss her.

Nikki Moore - May 22, 2020 at 05:51 PM

VF

“ *Vermel Sumpter & Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sarah Bowen Kidd Grant*



Vermel Sumpter & Family - May 22, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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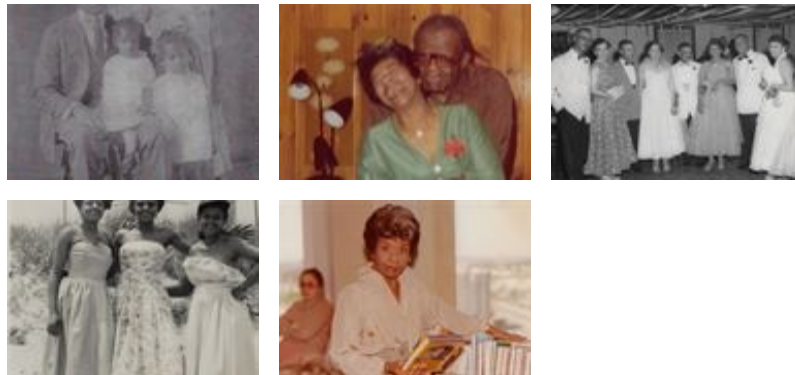
“ *Sheila Bowen Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sarah Bowen Kidd Grant*



Sheila Bowen Taylor - May 21, 2020 at 11:55 PM



“ *34 files added to the album Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 20, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dr. Sarah Bowen Kidd Grant.*



May 20, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Sarah Bowen Kidd Grant.*



May 20, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ *Condolences to the family of Dr. Sarah Bowen Grant. I remember vividly the joy we shared on Thanksgiving Day 2019. It was such a pleasure to spend precious moments with Dr. Grant and members of the family.. She will be remembered as an educator, a civil rights activist and a dedicated member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. May her well-deserved rest be peaceful.*

*Lawrence E. Hampton
Dover, Delaware*

Lawrence E. Hampton - May 19, 2020 at 02:34 PM

RW

“ Oh Aunt Sarah, how your laughter would light up a room. I am so happy Olivia was able to see you so she further understood the legacy of "Sarah". You are loved and we will miss you. Enjoy this new space of no pain, no suffering, but being with your other loved ones on the other side. Love you, Robin, Charles, and Olivia

ROBIN WHITFIELD - May 19, 2020 at 08:46 AM

GJ

“ *Pursue Life and Learning*

The Elegy Poem celebrating the life of Dr. Sarah Bowen Kidd Grant

What legacy does an exemplary life lived, leave us to pursue?

We ponder this, as we grieve our physical loss of you.

Education

Wit

Unparalleled class and style

And that flawless forever, trillion-watt smile.

You pushed us to rise higher, to never make mediocrity our residence.

You learned as you lived and dropped on all of us, wisdom nuggets.

Your consistent investment in others, with insistent returns of our excellence.

Perseverance

was your life's continuance, despite loss, you were widowed twice.

Christian faith exemplified,

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Epicureans member,

You blazed your path with persistent drive.

You ripped the runway of your life, in racism and antifeminism, you raised the bar and thrived.

The family gatherings place, that everyone called home,

Cookouts, holidays, ca-ching birthday, and steamed crab parties,

In the Kings in The Corner family game zone.

Your joyous dancing and electric slide, in step with the beat,

You joined in our laughter and shed compassionate tears in our defeats.

Dr. Sarah Bowen Kidd Grant.

Your legacy will live, even though you have transitioned, and are irreparably missed.

What you instilled in us, is a continuous call to exude excellence.

With committed conviction,

We will live with everything you instilled in us,

which is to consistently give life our best.

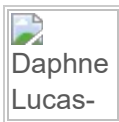
We will walk in royal greatness Queen!

Never will we settle for less!

*Written by Great-Niece Ginger R. Jones
The Spicepoet
Las Vegas, Nevada*



Ginger R. Jones - May 18, 2020 at 01:47 PM



Ginger, That was beautifully written, you wrote from your ❤️ you are a class act. I am very proud of you it was dedication to your Great Aunt an not you... You made it about her.. I love you.

Daphne Lucas-Hagood - May 20, 2020 at 02:01 PM

LH

“ *Condolences to the family of Dr. Grant, may she rest in peace from Lionel Hughes and family (son of Clara Bowen Hughes).*

Lionel S Hughes - May 17, 2020 at 06:08 PM

DB

“ *I will miss that beautiful smile and the deligitful hugs with the enthusiastic greeting when cousins meet. My prayer is for God's love, comfort, and peace as our family members process the wonderful memories and our tomorrows.
Cousin Dottie*

Dottie Bowen Brown - May 17, 2020 at 07:31 AM