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Anne Laura Clarke was born on July 30<sup>th</sup> 1947, in the town of Melverton, in the Parrish of St. George, Barbados, to Aubrey Sargeant and Gertrude Sargeant (née Lewis). She attended Lynch's Secondary School, also known as "Green Lynch's" where she was appointed Head Girl due to her outstanding character and leadership among students. From early on in her childhood she developed a close relationship with God and during young adulthood she delivered sermons at Church services at the Christian Mission. In her teens she joined the World Wide Church of God (WWCG) and remained a faithful member for many years.

Anne met Deighton Vancovis Clarke, Jr. in Barbados at the World Wide Church of God's annual Feast of Tabernacles gathering. Deighton had migrated from Barbados to Queens, New York in 1964, and they maintained a long-distance relationship that blossomed into their marriage on September 19, 1969. After marriage, Anne lived with Deighton in Barbados and gave birth to their first son Matthew in 1970. Months later the family moved to Queens, NY and Anne gave birth to their second son John in 1971.

Anne was a loving wife and mother and lived a life of service to others. She dedicated her time to raising her sons and supporting her husband as a homemaker. She was also ambitious and assisted Deighton as a secretary for his insurance brokerage business. In 1981 she moved back to Barbados with Deighton and her sons and worked with Deighton in his insurance brokerage business. She went on to receive her bachelor's degree from Empire State College in the mid 1980's. Anne was a great cook and was a talented baker and developed a small business selling a variety of cakes and was known for her Bajan black cake.

Anne's faith in God was very strong and unwavering. Her loyalty to God, her husband, and children was rooted in her Christian values which she outwardly demonstrated throughout her life. In 1982, the family faced a life changing crisis when Deighton suffered kidney failure which resulted in long term disability. Anne faithfully served Deighton until his death in 2008 and even became a trained and certified home health aide to fully meet his needs. Anne's love and dedication to service motivated her to also care for Deighton's mother, Ruby Clarke, as she suffered from dementia for many years until her death in 2005.

"Mum" as she was affectionately known by her sons Dr. John Clarke and Dr. Matthew Clarke always maintained a peaceful and reserved demeanor. One of her favorite scriptures was Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

She is survived by her sons John and Matthew; her daughters-in-law, Elizabeth and Crystal; her grandchildren John Jr., Matthew Jr., Sandra, Christopher, David, Daniel, Nicholas, and Christian; her siblings Gline, June, John, and Mary; her nephews Wills, Tony, Lindon, Laurence, Roger, Arthur, Victor, Ricky and Ryan; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Anne was a quiet and reserved person but had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. Anne Laura Clarke will always be remembered and loved for her kindness, service to others, graceful spirit, and faith in Jesus Christ.