



Dr. Anita Hoover Crump

August 12, 2021

Dr. Anita Hoover Crump, retired principal of Thomas Alva Edison Elementary School, died on August 12th of complications following gallbladder surgery.

She was 91 years old.

Dr. Crump was married to the late Leroy Crump for over 50 years. They had no children.

Dr. Crump, a life-long New Orleanian, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Master of Arts degree in Guidance and Counseling. She received her Doctor of Education degree from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. She was an educator in the Orleans Parish School System for over 35 years as a teacher and administrator. She was the assistant principal and principal of Edison Elementary School for 17 years before her retirement. She was a beloved teacher and principal. Under her leadership, Edison became known as the “Little University” of elementary schools because she held such high expectations for her students who she motivated to reach new heights in their education. She was chosen by the Louisiana State Board to go to Paris to observe their system of education and to share her educational gifts and talents. She also taught education and child psychology at Southern University.

Dr. Crump was a devoted and faithful servant of The Lord. She was raised in the Methodist Church. She was a longtime member of Philips Memorial United Methodist Church and Bethany United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She and her late husband were devoted

to growing the church's outreach in the community. She worked tirelessly to help her church family recover following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. She was on the board of the Episcopacy of the United Methodist Conference where she was the first woman and African American to lead the delegation at the 2000 Conference. In 2013, Dr. Crump became a founding member of Greater Grace Fellowship Church in New Orleans East and a member of its board of directors, where she serviced faithfully until her death. She chaired The Benevolence Ministry, Voter Education and Registration Ministry and the Dr. Anita H. Crump Scholarship Fund. She was an extraordinary church leader, friend and volunteer, spearheading community outreach programs like voter registration drives.

Dr. Crump was a member of the Alpha Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and held national office as the National Second Vice President. She was also a member of the New Orleans Opera Guild.

Dr. Crump is survived by her nieces and nephews, Dr. Toni Hoover, Lizell Hoover Jones, Karen Steele, Katherine Steele Hendrick, Kimberly Steele, Sonny Wilson, Alfred Nettles, and Nate Jones; great nephews, Warren B. Steele, III, Harrold Mims, Darrold Mims; cousins, Dr. Gerri Eli, Dr. Miguel Elie, Lolis Elie; sisters-in-law, Gloria Williams Hoover, Doris Crump Steele; and other cousins. Her sister, Josie Burrows and her brother, Rev. Thomas Hoover, Jr., her father, Thomas Hoover, Sr. and mother, Lizzie Boatner Hoover, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be open to the public and held from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, August 20th at Greater Grace Fellowship located at 5481 Crowder Blvd New Orleans, LA 70126. The family will be available from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A special ceremony will be conducted by the Alpha Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. members from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Masks will be required and all attendees over the age of 12 years will need to show proof of vaccination. Due to the pandemic, a private funeral (by invitation only) will be held at Franklin Avenue Baptist Church at 2515 Franklin Avenue in New Orleans beginning at 9:30 am with a private viewing from 8:30

am to 9:30 am. Masks will be required and all guests over the age of 12 will need to show proof of vaccination. A private interment will be at Lake Lawn Cemetery. Funeral services provided by Rhodes Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Dr. Anita H. Crump Scholarship Fund at Greater Grace Fellowship and to the Alpha Gamma Zeta Foundation Scholarship Fund in honor of Dr. Anita H. Crump, P.O. Box 52168 New Orleans, LA 70152.

Cemetery Details

Lakelawn Metairie Cemetery

5100 Pontchartrain Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70124

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 20. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Greater Grace Fellowship
5481 Crowder Blvd
New Orleans , LA

Private Family Viewing

AUG 21. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Franklin Ave. Baptist Church
2515 Franklin Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70117

Private Service by Invite Only

AUG 21. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We became friends at our Church's Gulfside Assembly in Waveland, MS. Much later, we embraced Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. How ironic that after geography distanced us, you were known in The General Conference of The United Methodist Church even in my Peninsula-Delaware Conference. We missed meeting each other when we served on different General Conference Boards, but the question to me was always; "Do you know the lady who wears the hat?". Now, Soror, your hat has become your Crown of Glory!!! "Til we meet again at Jesus' feet. Althea Wilderson Armstrong

Althea Armstrong - August 23, 2021 at 02:50 PM

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“ I was a student at Thomas Alva Edison Elementary School from 1st through 6th grade. My siblings and cousins have all attended this prestigious school and were raised under the tutelage of Dr. Anita H. Crump. She was a woman of substance.....a woman of grace.....she was poised and proud of her children. She demanded excellence, she always provided praise when needed as well as discipline when required. She was a major part of the village that I came from and her efforts and love and dedication will always be appreciated and admired. I was sad to hear of her passing and I offer my deepest condolences to her beloved family. From your Edison Elephants.... Love the Yancy & Hollins families.



Troy Lynn Yancy - August 20, 2021 at 02:07 PM

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“ *My sincerest condolences to the Hoover and Crump families and on the loss of Dr. Crump. I have fond memories. She was always the epitome of class and sophistication and certainly one to be view as a role model.*

-Channel (formerly Brown) Atkins

Channel - August 19, 2021 at 05:18 PM

TJ

To the Hoover-Crump families I'm sorry for your loss and you be in my family daily prayers Dr. Anita Crump was New Orleans la best Principal this city has ever had shes the reason why my mother got involved in the Orleans parish school system take your rest u will truly be missed

TROYLYNN Crayton Jefferson - September 15, 2021 at 07:45 PM

MJ

Dr. Crump and I ended up in the same chapter in New Orleans for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. I was privileged to serve with her on a few of the sorority chapter committees. I would pick her up at her home and take her to chapter meetings, we would have long talks on the phone and she was always such a breath of fresh air. Full of insight, vision and encouragement. Alpha Gamma Zeta Chapter was a rich part of my sisterhood growth and I'm truly blessed that our path crossed but for a moment and a season. Always in my heart.

Rev. Dr. Michelle Joachim - Brathwaite

Michelle Joachim - April 12, 2023 at 05:32 PM