



*In Loving Memory of*



## Linda A. Spears-Bunton 1948 - 2025

Linda began her career with FIU on August 10, 1993, as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning within the College of Education. She was later promoted to Associate Professor. Over the years, she took on various roles, including Program Director and affiliated faculty for the African and African Diaspora Studies Program. After 25 years of dedicated service to FIU, she retired in 2018 and was granted emeritus. She will be greatly missed, and her indelible contributions to our university and those she served will never be forgotten.

As noted by Linda's close friend and fellow colleague, Patricia Barbetta, "Linda's passion for teaching fulfilled her, and she profoundly impacted her students through her teaching, student advising and collaborating, and dissertation supervision. Her many writings and presentations, focusing on literacy, culture, identity, and social justice, made a significant and lasting impact on the field."

Linda is survived by her loving husband, Harold Bunton, and her four children, Kareem, Jaleel, Iman, and Libona. She is also survived by her brother, Peter Moore, daughter-in-law, Robin, six grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. Please keep her family and loved ones in your hearts and prayers during this time.

To celebrate Linda's legacy, a Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 5, at 2 p.m. at the Coral Gables Congressional United Church of Christ, 3010 DeSoto Boulevard, Coral Gables, Florida, 33134. Should you be unable to attend in person, the service will also be available virtually on the day of the event. For more information, please contact Patricia Barbetta via email.