

Home Going Service for
Rev. Clore D. Hawkins

Sunrise
April 4, 1934

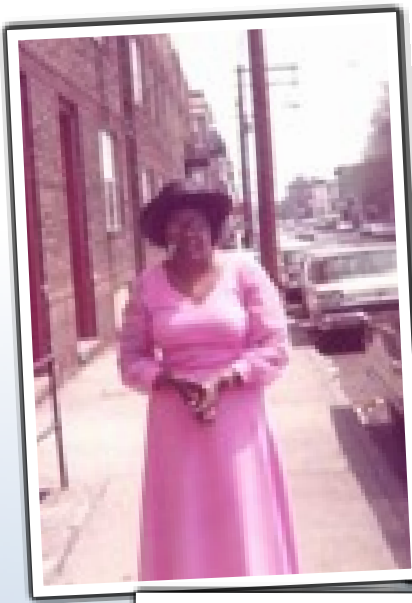
Sunset
May 16, 2011

Monday, May 23, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

GRACE TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

185 16th Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

Pastor John L. McClain, Officiating



*Precious
Memories*

Reflections of Life

On Monday, May 16, 2011, the Lord dispatched an angel to the St. Mary's Life Care Center in Orange, NJ to usher **Rev. Clore D. Hawkins** into the presence of our Heavenly Father.

Rev. Clore D. Hawkins was born to the late Nazareth and Florene Oliver on April 4, 1934 in Emerson, Arkansas. She was the fourteenth child born to this union, her fourteen siblings preceded her in death.

Rev. Clore D. Hawkins accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at the tender age of fourteen years old. She received most of her Christian teaching in Louis Temple Church of God In Christ, Indianapolis, IN. She moved to Newark, NJ over forty years ago. After moving to Newark, NJ she became a member of Pentecost Church of God In Christ, there is where she was licensed to be an Evangelist in 1978. She sat under this ministry for years. She then joined I Corinthian Baptist Church under Elder McCoy and after his passing she joined Grace Temple Baptist Church under Rev. J. McClain, here she stayed for over thirty years. She was the 1st African American woman ever in history to grace the pulpit in the Baptist Church establishment. She led the way for many others. The Rev. John McClain granted her this privilege and honor. She started the prayer bible study at Grace Temple, she also started the bible study at the Edward F. Gray Seniors Home. She continued learning and teaching and preaching throughout the Metropolitan area until her passing. She carried the Word of God even in her sickness. She loved the word of God and she knew the word. She was recognized by the Township of Irvington for her vast accomplishments throughout the community. She was honored at Women's History Month in 2005. Aunt 'T' was somebody (nieces) she received many recognition and awards throughout the years of her singing career. She was also called "Mother" by many because of her nurturing spirit.

She was the first to receive open-heart surgery in Philadelphia, PA. She made history surviving it in 1964.

She was a counselor for many people, she also performed many marriages in her life. She was a preacher from the depths of her soul.

Rev. Clore D. Hawkins was the founding member of "The Mighty Hawkins Singers" a group that was started after Rev. Clore D. Hawkins, Sister Mary Carter and Sister Etrubia E. Martin (Lindsey) began traveling with Elder Albert Martin as he preached around the metropolitan area. "The Mighty Hawkins Singers" has been in existence for over thirty years. She loved this group. She also organized the "Christian Singers" and was a member of the Anointed Doves, she was chaplain and driver for this group.

She was married to the late George Henry Hawkins, 1954, in Mississippi. To this union they adopted their daughter, Debra Hawkins.

She had a few hobbies that she really enjoyed and they were: cooking southern meals, sewing and she loved to entertain people. She also enjoyed life. She collected stuffed animals, plants and nick-nacks. Out of all the many talents she possessed, singing was her favorite. Her voice could be heard on different occasions. Many loved to hear her sing, "Like A Tree Planted By The River of Water" she could really sing that song. Another song she came to like was "Nobody Greater Than God". Her contribution to this world, no matter how large or small, were great to many who needed her skills and support. She generously gave a helping hand to those who were in need of her talent (teaching) and services. Her presence will be greatly missed by those who respected and loved her.

She leaves to cherish her many memories: one daughter, Debra Kennedy (Arthur); two devoted nieces, Priscillia Sconiers (Tommie) and Etrubia Martin (Albert); six grandchildren, Myeshia, Karriam, Muhammed, Jamillah, Fatimah and Malik; two great grandchildren, Karriam and Jasmin; two great great grandchildren; special nephew, J.D. Oliver, Jr. (Dalene) of Indianapolis, IN; one special great-nephew, Malcolm Lindsey of New Castle, DE; loving god-son, Pastor Lorne Motley; a devoted friend, Deacon J. Caine; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, other relatives and the Grace Temple Baptist Church family.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude *Choir*

Processional *Clergy & Family*

Hymn of Comfort *Choir*

The Reading of the Scripture

Old Testament – Psalm 23:1-6

New Testament – II Corinthians 5:1-2 & John 14:1-4

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *Choir*

Words of Expression *Church Officials, Clergy*
Friends & Neighbors (2 minutes)

Acknowledgments and Obituary *Sis. C. Swavy*

Solo *Elder H. Lawrance*

Eulogy *Pastor John L. McClain*
Grace Temple Baptist Church

The Final View *Funeral Director*

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

***Family and friends are invited to join
the family for the repast at
Edward F. Gray Community Room
712 15th Ave. • Irvington, NJ***

Direction To Heaven

*First make a right on to Believeth Boulevard
Keep going straight through the green light
Which is Jesus Christ, from there you must
Turn on to the bridge of Faith which is over
Troubled water, when you get off the bridge
Make a right turn and keep straight
You are on the Kings Highway to Heaven bound.
Keep going for three miles
One for the Father, one for the son
And one for the Holy Ghost then exit off
Onto Grace Boulevard, from there
Make a right turn on Gospel Lane
Keep going straight and then
Make another right on to Prayer Road
As you go on your way
do not yield to the traffic on Temptation Avenue
Also avoid Sin Street because it is a Dead End
Pass up Greed Avenue, Hypocrisy Street
Gossiping Road and Back-biting Boulevard
You have to go down Long-Suffering Lane,
Persecution Boulevard and
Trials and Tribulations Avenue.
But that's ok, because Victory Boulevard is
Straight ahead stay on the course.*

Acknowledgements

*The family of **Rev. Clore D. Hawkins** acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind acts and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and concerns.*

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