



In Loving Memory of

Susan Clarke

Sunrise
January 28, 1934

Sunset
July 29, 2011

Service

Wednesday, August 3, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

CHILD'S MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

1763 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, New York

Bishop Roderick Wilson, Officiating
Pastor Kevin Griffin, Eulogist



Obituary

On Friday, July 29, 2011 after a long illness, God sent a special Angel to lead one of his faithful servants, Sis. Susan Clarke back to his heavenly place of Peace, because she had fulfilled her purpose here.

Susan Elizabeth Clarke was born on January 28, 1934 in Miami, Florida to Ethel Louise Delaney. She was raised by her uncle and aunt, James and Jeannie Delaney. Susan attended the New York City Public School system. She worked at Gracie Square Hospital for thirty years. In the year of 1951, Susan married John Hubert Clarke, Sr. (who preceded her in death), from their union they had four children, Annette (who preceded her in death), Christine, John and Stephanie. In 1965, she met Charles Richards (who preceded her in death) and they had a daughter, Michele Richards.

Susan's introduction to Christ began at a young age. Being raised by a minister helped fuel the desire to be a Pillar for Christ. She began showing her abilities as a caring and diligent worker when she began attending Grace Temple COGIC, under the ministry of Elder Norman N. Quick. While the saints were working in other capacities of the church, Susan was watching over the "Little Flock", feeding, nurturing and disciplining them. When Bishop Quick became the pastor of Child's Memorial Temple COGIC, Susan joined the usher board, eventually becoming the President. A position she held until her passing. Susan started working with the State Usher Board under the leadership of Bishop Clemmons. She also worked with Mission Dept. with Bishop Roderick Wilson. Susan continued working within the church even when her health started to decline.

She enjoyed working in the kitchen or in any area of the church that needed a helping hand. Susan had a special place in her heart for young people. She started the Junior Usher Board at Child's Memorial. You could always find her giving the young people encouraging words. This wasn't only with the young people at the church, this loving, nurturing spirit was extended to people within her community, especially friends of her children. Susan wasn't just Mommy to her family, she was Momma to her extended family. She use to say, "everybody can't be a preacher, you need a worker", she was that. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. As the song says, "If you live right, Heaven belongs to you." The gates of heaven were open wide, welcoming home one of their faithful servants.

Susan is mourned by: her four children, Annette Hightower (preceded her in death); daughter, Christine Hawkins; son-in-law, Roger Hawkins, son, John H. Clarke, Jr., daughter, Stephanie Knight, son-in-law, Julian Knight and daughter, Michele Richard; nine grandchildren, Kimbrid Hawkins, Chantel Clarke, Lawrence Clement, Karen Hawkins, Terrell Knight, Nicole Knight, Jasmyn Bonner, Tamaya Griffin, DeAndre Griffin; three great grandchildren, Kiyah Davis, Rian Thomas and Jordyn Thomas and one on the way; two "sisters", Dorothy Robinson and Bernice Coles; two special sons, Bishop Roderick Wilson and Elder Murray Vaughan; and a host of other family members, godchildren, friends and church family who will miss her dearly.

Order of Service

Processional Elder Kevin Griffin & Family

Prayer of Comfort Elder Joseph Pressley
Faithful COGIC

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Pastor Joseph Williams
Shiloh Intl House of Deliverance

New Testament Elder Nathaniel Grant
Child's Memorial Temple COGIC

Selection Choir

Words of Reflection (two minutes)
NY South East Jurdistional Representative
Child's Memorial Temple COGIC Representative
Family Representatives
3 People

Acknowledgments & Resolutions Sis. Darlene Davis

Obituary Sis. Doreen Hutton
Word of Hope COGIC

Solo Mother Rubenstein McClure

Eulogy Pastor Kevin Griffin
Child's Memorial Temple COGIC

Final Viewing

Recessional Pastor Kevin Griffin
Family and Congregation

Interment

Rosehills Memorial Park
Putnam Valley, New York

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.

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