

## Nathaniel Clement

Sunrise July 11, 1949 Sunset March 16, 2012

Service Monday, March 19, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

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> Rev. Lonnie F. Oates, Officiating Bobby Arrington, Organist

<u>Obituary</u>

**Nathaniel (Whopper) Clement** the youngest of four children of the late Edward and Sylvia Clement, was born on July 11, 1949 in St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, NY.

Nathaniel was educated in the New York City School system and he served in the United States Air Force.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Clement.

Nathaniel was a lover of music especially the trumpet and the drums, he played trumpet with the Drum and Bugle Corps of Harlem, NY.

He was employed by Choice Messenger Service for several years. After suffering a severe stroke he was admitted to Terrance Cardenal Cooke, Rehabilitation Center.

Nathaniel accepted Christ at an early age, and later re-dedicated his life. He loved attending church at the facility, and talking about his singing or trying to sing during the service.

Those left to cherish his memories are: his wife, Ronnie Taylor; two sons, Benoit of New York City and Sherrod of New York City; five grandchildren, Jakori, Jakya, Aspen, Allure and Kobe; one sister, Octavia M. Oates (Lonnie F.) of Queens, NY; one brother, Edward Clement of Bronx, NY; and a host of nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	
Hymn	"Abide With Me"
Prayer of Comfort	
Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament	
Selection	"Because He Lives"
Reflections (3 minutes please)	
Obituary	Arenia A. Miller
Selection	"Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"
Eulogy	Rev. Lonnie Oates
Final Viewing	"Pass Me Not"
Benediction	
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Recessional

Interment Ferncliff Cemetery Hartsdale, New York

## How Do You Live Your Dash?

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning ... to the end. He noted that first came her date of birth And spoke the following date with tears, But he said what mattered most of all Was the dash between those years. (1921 - 2002) For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth ... And now only those who loved her, Knows what her life is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own; the cars ... the house ... the cash, What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our dash.
So think about this long and hard, are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, And always try to understand, the way other people feel.
And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives, like we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile ...
Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.
So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash ...
Would you be proud of the things they say, about how you spent your dash?

-Linda Ellis

## Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank everyone for there condolences and best wishes during our time of bereavement.

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