

A Celebration of Life for



Lillian Cleveland Hawks

Sunrise

March 15, 1935

Sunset

May 18, 2012

Service

Thursday, May 24, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

709 South 13th Street • Newark, New Jersey

Pastor: Rev. Milton Biggham

Officiating: Rev. Milton Biggham

Eulogist: Pastor R. David Keith, Resurrection Ministries

Obituary

Lillian Hawks was born March 15, 1935 to the late Adolphus and Florence Cleveland of Newark, New Jersey. Lillian peacefully departed this life on Friday, May 18, 2012 at the East Orange General Hospital in East Orange, NJ.

Lillian also known as "Lil" received her early education in the Newark Public School System and received her High School Diploma through the Project Deep Program at Essex County College.

In 1952 Lillian met and married Irving Hawks. She was the proud mother of Brenda, Robert, Derrick and Deborah.

Lillian was a faithful member of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Newark, NJ, under the pastorate of Rev. Milton Biggham. She was a member of the Newark Senior Community Choir under the direction of Dr. Albert Lewis. It brought her great joy in being a member, traveling and singing with the group. She was also a member of the Senior Citizen Exercise Program, the Experience Senior Citizen Club and the Elizabeth Holt Senior Citizen Tenants Association.

Lillian worked for several local companies before gaining employment with New Jersey Transit as a Revenue Clerk, where she retired after years of dedicated service.

Lillian was a loving and caring mother and grandmother always thinking of her family. She also would extend her love and care to her five siblings children who she could call each one by name. As being the surviving child of Adolphus and Florence Cleveland she became the matriarch of the family.

Lillian enjoyed her favorite pastime "Bingo". It would be nothing for her to find a good place to play meeting up with family and friends. She also enjoyed trips to Atlantic City where she would enjoy the air of the Jersey shore. She also loved to travel, enjoying life and meeting new people.

Preceding her in death are her husband Irving Hawks, sons Robert "Bob" Hawks and Derrick Hawks, her brothers, James Cleveland, Benjamin Cleveland, Johnny Bee Cleveland and Rev. Lonnie Cleveland and her sisters Edna Cleveland and Florence Cleveland.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters Brenda Mayo (Irvington, NJ) and Deborah Best (George), Newark, NJ; one daughter-in-law, Patricia Hawks (Maplewood, NJ); two sisters-in-law, Jean Cleveland (Scotch Plains, NJ) and Jennie Mae Cleveland (Newark, NJ); twelve grandchildren, Antoine Cleveland, Marcus Mayo, Asiha Fields, Rev. R. David Keith, Pastor of Resurrection Ministries, Sean Mitchell, Shakerah Hawks Alleyne, Shakeima Sanford, Jasmine Hawks, Tarhajar Hawks, Rahman Johnson, Sheena and Elijah Best; twenty-three great grandchildren; one great great grand. Also to cherish her memory are a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

If You Could See Me Now

If you could see me now you wouldn't shed a tear.

*Though you may not understand why I'm no longer there.
Remember my spirit that is the real me because I'm still very much
alive, I've been set free. Oh, if you could only see!*

*I have beheld our Father's face and I've touched my Savior's hand.
All of heaven's angels rejoiced as I entered the promise land.
Beyond the gates of pearl I've walked on the golden streets.
I've touched the walls of jasper and dipped my foot in the crystal sea.*

*The beauty is beyond words and nothing could compare.
I've even seen my mansion and someday I'll meet you there.
Let Jesus be your guide because his word will show you the way!
So please don't cry because we will meet again someday!*



Honorary Pallbearers

Sean Mitchell	Raham Johnson
Tarhajar Hawks	Marcus Mayo
Antoine Cleveland	Elijah Best

The family invites you to a repast following the interment at
305 Greater Bethel Baptist Church
305 Morris Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

Acknowledgement

The Hawks family wishes to sincerely thank you for joining us today as we bid farewell to our precious gift. Your care, concern and love extended during this time have brought much comfort.

The family also gratefully acknowledges each of you who have expressed love and concern through your prayers, visits, floral tributes and all other expressions of sympathy.

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Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional Pastors, Ministers, Family

Officiating Pastor Milton Biggham

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalms 23 Jamil Gilmer

New Testament – 1 Thess. 4:13-18 Min. Christina Drennen

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Joe D. McClain

Greater Bethel Baptist Church

Selection Pastor Milton Biggham

Poem Deborah Hawks Best (Daughter)

Family Tributes

Antoine Cleveland (Grandson)

Sean Mitchell (Grandson)

Jasmine Hawks (Grand Daughter)

Shenna Best (Grand Daughter)

Poem Shakerah Hawks Alleyne (*Grand Daughter*)

Selection Dr. Albert Lewis & the Senior Community Choir

Acknowledgements & Obituary Ms. Jean Cleveland

Sermonic Solo Suzette Montgomery

Eulogy Pastor R. David Keith

Resurrection Ministries

Parting View

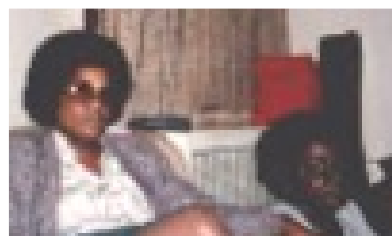
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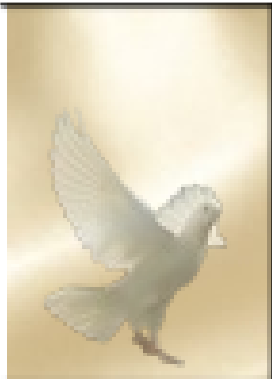
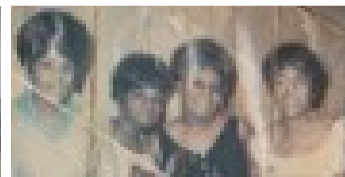
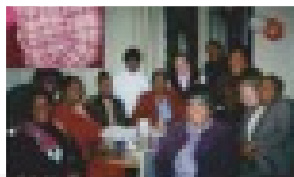
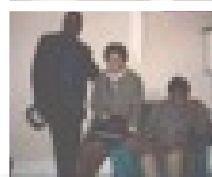
Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey





My Mother's Love

My mothers love is deeper than any sea.

*If you was to measure the depths of the sea her love
would spread to four children equally.*

*The love of my mother means everything to me.
The children she brought forth from the rough sea,
know that we all have been kept safe from the rough
tides at sea.*

*Lord I thank you for the mother you gave me, from
the depths of my heart.*

Mama we love you deeply.

*Love,
Your children*



*Grandma,
You've filled our lives with Love beyond
Measure...*

We love you so much, for you are a Treasure!

*Love your
Grand children*