

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!

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Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love, kindness and concerns, shown to them during the passing of their loved one. May God richly bless each and everyone of you.

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In Loving Memory of



Claude M. Sims

Sunrise
May 22, 1947

Sunset
July 23, 2012

Service
Friday, August 3, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

SECOND CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

10 Lenox Avenue • (Bet. 110th & 111th Street)
New York, NY

Obituary

Claude M. Sims was born on May 22, 1947 in New York City to the late Nezzie Eloise Saunders. Claude was raised in East Harlem, New York, by Nezzie and her husband Edward Lee Wiggins, who Claude considered to be his father. Claude was well liked and made several friends, over the years while growing up in his neighborhood. He had a zest for life, enjoyed having a good time and loved to dance.

After high school, Claude worked in maintenance at the Manhattan Psychiatric Center on Ward's Island in New York City for over thirty years until retiring in Spring 2010. After retiring, when Claude wasn't spending time with his family and friends, he enjoyed watching movies, listening to his favorite music, reading from the bible and most of all playing at his favorite casino.

Claude's spirit was strong and lighthearted for he always maintained a positive outlook on life no matter what obstacles he faced. He was a stand up kind of guy and a real gentleman for he would offer help whenever he could to those in need. His strong faith in God is what also helped him get through the last stages of his life.

On Monday, July 23, 2012, Claude succumbed to complications of liver disease where he died at Lincoln Hospital in Bronx, NY, he was sixty-five. He heard the Father's call and passed on to the other side. We pray that God will keep you in His tender loving arms until we see you again.

Claude leaves to cherish fond memories: a beloved son, Bernard Sims; a beloved daughter, Tiffany Sims; a beloved sister Linda Celestine; two grandchildren, Devon Sims and Olivia Sims; a beloved girlfriend, Gloria Harris; a brother-in-law, Robert Harley; two aunts, Iola Jones and Diane Balil; also, survived by several great nieces and nephews.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....	Br. Errol McKenith
Processional.....	Rev. Wesley Wilson J.R. Clergy and The Family
Selection.....	SCBC
Old Testament.....	Deacon Eugene Mercer
New Testament.....	Deacon Brodie Ethridge
Prayer of Comfort.....	Guided
Selection.....	SCBC
Words of Expression.....	Family and Friends (2 min)
Selection.....	SCBC
Reading of Acknowledgements.....	Beverly Celestine
Reading of Obituary.....	Beverly Celestine
Solo.....	Rev. Charles Lewis
Eulogy.....	Rev. Wesley J.R. SCBC
Parting Viewing	
Recessional.....	Clergy & Family

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Rosehill Cemetery Linden, New Jersey</p>
