

In Loving Memory of  
**Theophilus Clements**



*Sunrise*

*March 22, 1940*

*Sunset*

*October 14, 2012*

*Service*

*Monday, October 22, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.*

**LEMUEL HAYNES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

146-09 116th Avenue

Jamaica, New York 11436

*Prophet S. W. Hood, Officiating*

## Obituary

I met and married a wonderful girl name Nancy Loretta Minton daughter of Bertha Minton. I married Nancy at age 21 on October 21st in 1961. I was 21 she was 18. When I met her there was a halo like glow around her head. I knew right then I was going to marry her and to this date I am still in love that girl I met at Franklin Kane Lane, my high school sweetheart. We had two daughters Loretta Evening born 3-15 and Karen Denise born 12-5.

*--Thee Clements*

**William Theophilus Jerome Clements**, affectionately nicknamed Lop, was born March 22, 1940. He was a retired New York State Corrections Officer and found pleasure and pride in his work. There he made lifelong friends and had the respect of those formerly incarcerated that many, even until his last days, would recognize him on the streets.

Theophilus resided with his family on Long Street and was known by the neighbors and friends as the 'porch mayor'. He spent many pleasurable days greeting passersby and talking with neighbors.

Theophilus was always mournful about the family that preceded him in death. They included his beloved brother, Anthony Clements, his mother, older sister Goldie, with whom he physically favored, and his partner brother Clay Clements.

Theophilus built a family legacy of connectedness joining together the families of his brothers through a tradition that began as 'Cousin Day' and has become affectionately known as cousin power.

There is peace knowing that he is together with his departed family. He leaves behind his wife Nancy, daughters Loretta and Karen and his recently embraced daughter Chandra. He leaves behind his beloved grandson William Charles and nephews Brian, Che, Shawn, Jamal, Craig, Teague, Gabriel, niece J'Nelle and sister Delphine. He was happy to meet and get to know his to newest grandchildren Racheon, Nicole and Kimberly.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Invocation –Prophet S.W. Hood

Scripture  
Old Testament – New Testament

Prayer of Comfort – 23 Psalm

Musical Selection – Anthony Clements

Obituary – Karen Clements

Tributes/Reflections/Remarks (3 minutes)

Musical Selection – Tami Graves

Eulogy – Prophet S.W. Hood

Closing Hymn – Brother Spencer

Benediction – Prophet S.W. Hood

Interment – Springfield Cemetery

## **Interment**

Springfield Cemetery  
Springfield Gardens, New York

*Repast:*

*Family and friends are welcome to gather for repast at Lemuel  
Haynes church at 1 p.m.*

# The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory,*

*For ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

## *Acknowledgements*

The Clements Family extends its deepest gratitude for the outpouring of support from friends, family and neighbors during this difficult time. We appreciate the love and caring shown to our family, the visits, phone calls, cards, prayers and hugs. We are especially grateful to his nephew and godchild Shawn Clements who in these last important years was an intricate part of his life and went above and beyond in his show of love and affection towards his Uncle In his final days. Communities of Color newspaper mourns the loss of the man that inspired its creation. It will always celebrate and promote all that is wonderful about Black Fathers.

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