

A Celebration of Life for



Clarence M. Holmes

Sunrise
August 14, 1924

Sunset
January 8, 2013

Service

Wednesday, January 16, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

25 Rev. Dr. Robert L. Curry
South Hackensack, New Jersey
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Curry, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Clarence Holmes was born on August 14, 1924 in Sumter, SC to the late Susan Emma and William Holmes II. In his teenage years, he moved from South Carolina to Paterson, NJ.

On September 7, 1946, he married the late Laura Hill. Even though Laura and Clarence never had children of their own, they were instrumental in raising Doshia Code, Sonji Brown, Maxine Williams and Bobby Cody.

Clarence owned and operated Community Dry Cleaners in Passaic, NJ for many years. Clarence continued to help other cleaning businesses in the area after retiring.

Clarence was a member of the Garfield Civic Club and Silver Star Lodge 45 in Passaic, NJ.

Clarence was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church where he served as a Trustee until his health deteriorated.

Clarence loved to cook his favorite foods which included rice, macaroni and cheese, hop and john and chicken with noodles.

Clarence departed this life on Thursday, January 8, 2013 at Hackensack University Medical Center.

Clarence was predeceased by two brothers, William Holmes III and Eddie Holmes and one sister, Mary Issacs.

Those left to celebrate his life and cherish his memory are: his loving girls, Doshia, Maxine and Sonji; son, Bobby Cody; grandsons, Rev. James (Sharon) Williams and Marvin Williams; great granddaughters, Ebony and Nia Williams; sisters-in-law, Florene (Nunnie) Elam; and a great host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Rev. Arthur Bryant, Presiding
Friendship Baptist Church • Garfield, NJ

Organ Prelude

Hymn "I'll Fly Away"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

*Acknowledgements
and Reflections of Life*

Remarks

Selection

Eulogy *Rev. James K. Williams (Grandson)*
Mt. Olive Baptist Church • Hoboken, NJ

Recessional



Interment
Arlington Cemetery
Kearny, New Jersey



The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

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