

Celebration for the Life of



Clara Mae Fines

Sunrise

November 22, 1936

Sunset

December 29, 2014

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

MOUNT BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

399 S. Broad Street

Ridgewood, New Jersey

Rev. Thomas Johnson, Pastor

Ramon Daniels, Organist

Reflections of Life

Sister Clara Mae Hines, affectionately known as “Toni”, a resident of Paterson, New Jersey, found peace on Monday, December 29, 2014 at the Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, New Jersey with her grandson, Kai Rainey by her side.

Clara was one of nine children, born to the late George Kelly King and Annie Lucille Walker on November 22, 1936 in Statesboro, Georgia.

Clara, who was given the nickname “Toni” by her father, graduated from William James High School of Statesboro, Georgia in 1955. After graduation, she moved to Glen Rock, New Jersey where she lived with her Uncle and Aunt, the late William and Elizabeth Hamilton.

Clara loved the Lord and was a member of the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church of Statesboro, Georgia. She later became a member of the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church of Ridgewood, New Jersey under the leadership of Reverend Jesse Turvillion. She was a Sunday School Teacher, Willing Worker, Missionary, and former President and member of the Gospel Choir.

Clara became the wife of the Daniel Hines of Pine Brook, North Carolina on July 24, 1982. They lived together in Paterson, New Jersey until his death in May 1990.

Clara worked in the 60’s and early 70’s as a Domestic Worker. She later was employed for IBM, in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey as a Cook, Security Guard and a Phone Operator. Clara retired from IBM after thirteen years on December 16, 1988. Even after retirement, Clara continued to work as an Imports Coordinators for Toys R Us, in Paramus, NJ. She later went to work as a School Bus Driver for Rinaldi Co., of New York. Clara, once again tried retirement where during this time she received her certificate in Computer Accounting from Phillips Business School in May 1991. Clara, finally retired from Home Depot in Montvale, New Jersey in 2010.

Clara is preceded in death by two sisters, Betty McNeil and Alfreda Shirley, three brothers, Albert James, Alphonso, and Harold King.

Clara loved to sing, bowl and sew. She especially loved her family, who will cherish her memories. She leaves behind her daughter, Betty Rainey; a son-in-law, Melvin Rainey of Paterson; four grandchildren, Jamar, LaToya, Kai and Kallee Rainey all of Paterson, New Jersey; one great grandson, Luis Hurd, Jr. of Paterson, New Jersey; two sisters, Louise Hendrix of Stateboro, Georgia and Elizabeth King of Savannah, Georgia; a brother, Harry King of Paterson, New Jersey; two aunts, Louise Hamilton of Sicklerville, New Jersey and Harriet Bradley of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, and an uncle Harold Bradley of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Ramon Daniel

Presiding Reverend Lemuel Brown

Processional #418 “We’ll Understand It Better By And By”

Invocation

Musical Selection #193 “Soon And Very Soon”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-5

New Testament - St. John 15:1-5

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Gloria Nobles

Prayer Hymn #431 “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Solo by Brother Jean Thomas

Remarks Harold Bradley (Chairman of Deacon Board)
Felicia Smith (President of the Deacon Board)
Doreen Williams (President of the Missionary Board)

Acknowledgements

Resolution

Reflections of Life (Silent Reading)

Solo Sister Toni Sumler
Community Baptist Church, Englewood

Eulogy Pastor Thomas Johnson

Recessional “Going Up Yonder”

Committal Service Fair Lawn Cemetery, Fair Lawn, NJ

*“The Gift was given, and now it must be returned because it was only on
loan until the true owner came, “God”!!!”*

-From your Loving Daughter, Jane

To My Mother

Mom,
The mortar that binds the family together.
The spirit that motivates us to excel in all we do.
It is your words that heal.
Your acceptance that comforts.
You are our haven in times of trouble.
It is you we seek out first in times of joy.
Just a squeeze of your hand gives us courage.
Your compliments make us swell with happiness.
It is your words we take to heart before all others,
And this will always be.
We conduct our lives
So that you can speak of us with love and pride,
Each of us blessed to call you-Mom
~By Joni Scrivani

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Clara Mae Hines** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!

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