

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Raymond A. Clark, a Black man with short dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark green and grey striped button-down shirt. The background is a bright blue sky with soft white clouds.

Raymond A. Clark

Sunrise
August 23, 1945

Sunset
April 8, 2015



Service

Friday, April 17, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

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Obituary

Raymond Allen Clark was born in New York City to Aaron and Margaret Clark from Charleston, South Carolina. Raised in a Christian home, he attended the New Testament Church of Christ where his father, the Reverend Dr. Aaron Clark, served as Pastor.

Raymond was a gifted artist specializing in textile design and canvas paintings. After attending public school and graduating from Central Commercial High School, NY, he attended the Parsons School of Design where he enhanced his talent as a professional artist.

Serving in the US Army in the late 1960's, Raymond was stationed in Germany where he was able to travel to other European countries during his leave time. There was one European city, in particular, in which Raymond fell in love: Paris, France. As an artist he was quick to make friends there with other designers of similar interests and talents. Upon his honorable discharge from military service and return to New York City, Raymond continued in his chosen profession as an artist working for a number of major fashion designers and stores on Fifth Ave. including Henri Bendel. It wasn't long however before his love of Paris called him back to this enchanting city. In Paris again in the 1970's, he reunited with old friends and worked for a number of years at major fashion houses of Paris before finally returning to New York.

Raymond was very much a trendsetter throughout his life, always ahead of his time in wearing fashion styles before they caught on widely with the general public. His close family members often remarked that many of the styles you see popularly worn today was something Raymond envisioned or wore himself years before they became popular.

Although a professional artist, Raymond will best be remembered for his gentle spirit, encouraging words, and his mission to enrich the lives of others through his art. In his last days with us, Raymond gave verbal expression to his brother Vincent that he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into his heart and received the new life offered to him by faith in Christ.

Raymond leaves to mourn his passing and cherish loving memories: sisters, Jennie Joseph and Mildred Gowan; brother, Vincent Clark; sister-in-law, Martha Clark; brother-in-law, Abraham Gowan; nieces, Marva Richard, Valerie Clark, Lydia Clark, Wanda Clark and Halima Brown; nephews, Michael Clark, Kelsey Young, Scott Young, Gitau Ankobia, Jelani Brown and Darryl Clark; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Reverend John Fils-Aime, Officiating
Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Viewing

Invocation

Hymn Selection “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 18:1-6 Abraham Gowan

New Testament - Luke 23:39-43 Mildred Gowan

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. John Fils-Aime

Hymn Selection “The Solid Rock”

Acknowledgements Vincent Clark

Reflections & Remarks..... Jennie Joseph
Martha Clark
Vincent Clark

Obituary Vincent Clark

Eulogy Rev. John Fils-Aime

Hymn Selection..... “All The Way My Savior Leads Me”

Committal

Benediction

Recessional..... “When We All Get To Heaven”

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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