

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Thelma Claiborne*



*Sunrise*  
*January 13, 1926*

*Sunset*  
*July 13, 2015*

**Service**

Monday, July 20, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

**1<sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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## Obituary

*Thelma Leigh Claiborne* was born January 13, 1926 to Mr. James Leigh and Sarah Plenty in Halifax, Virginia.

*Thelma expired at St. Luke's Hospital on July 13, 2015.*

*Thelma married Alvin Claiborne, Sr. in May 1954, out of this union they had one son, Alvin Claiborne, Jr., who they loved dearly. They were one happy family until his father's demise in 1996.*

*Thelma resided in the New York City Public Housing (Lincoln Houses) since 1955. Thelma was a lovely woman, who enjoyed her family and friends. She joined First Corinthian Baptist Church and served as an usher for over 20 years. During her parishioning at First Corinthian, she became good friends with Marjorie Petterson Green, who loved her like a mother.*

*Thelma leaves to mourn: her only son, Alvin Claiborne, Jr.; his significant other of thirty years, Mable Wilder; three grandchildren, Shauna James and husband, Nathan James (North Carolina), Kamilla Claiborne (Rochester, New York), and Willie Boatright (Orlando, Florida); five great grandchildren, Kendra, Keenan, Jaden, Jayden and Elisa; and a host nieces, nephews and a good friend, Evelyn Stephens.*

*Submitted by the family, in deepest sympathy.*

# *Order of Worship*

*Processional*

*Congregational Selection*

*Scripture Reading*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Song of Comfort*

*Acknowledgement of Resolutions*

*Reflections*  
*(Limit 3 minutes)*

*Song of Celebration*

*Eulogy*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Calverton National Cemetery*  
*Calverton, New York*

# *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!*

## *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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