

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Benjamin Clanton*

*Sunrise*  
*January 31, 1933*

*Sunset*  
*August 23, 2015*



*Saturday, September 5, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.*

**FIRST A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**

*326 Ellison St.*

*Paterson, NJ*

*Elder David Thomas, Officiating*

## Reflections of Life

*Benjamin Clanton of Paterson, NJ , born January 31, 1933 , the son of the late Lewis Clanton and Pearlene (Clurkley) Clanton.*

*He attended and graduated Eastside High School. He then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. After serving in the Air Force with an honorable discharge, he worked for the United States Postal Service. Then he worked for the Paterson Public Schools as a custodian at PS#6 and then became Chief Custodian at PS#6 and PS#13. Ben was also a president for the Custodial Maintenance Workers Union. Finally he became a Sector Supervisor and retired in January 2008.*

*Benjamin was very loving, caring, thoughtful and generous, yet very firm and serious at times. He took on a no nonsense policy with others around him. He stayed to himself, loved reading the newspapers, keeping up with current events and sports.*

*He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Eleanor Clanton, his loving father, Lewis Clanton, his loving mother, Pearlene (Clurkley) Clanton, his sister, Onnie L. Wilson, his brothers, Henry and Fletcher Clanton and daughter, Cynthia (Kim) Richardson, brothers-in-law, Sylvester Mays and Tyler Johnson.*

*He is survived by his brothers-in-law, Larry and James; sisters-in-law, Felicia, Lorrie, Louise, Jessica, Shirley, Kim, Cathy; daughter, Zina; sons, Frank, David, and Joe; sons-in-law, David and Ron from Maryland; daughters-in-law, Tracy, Alia and Comeritica; grandchildren, David, Chad, Joey, Jania, Rejean, Deja, Mona, Niffy, Meocha, Sheldon, Absolute, Jahi, Quinton, Xavier, Jonathan, Kennedy, Kai, Darius from TX, Javon, Shanice, Shamir, (Ramin, Bethany and Kyle from Silver Spring, MD) Lanasa, and Mogna from Camden, S.C.; Great Grandchildren: Shani, Justice, Ja'kai, Desiree, Rayne, Narzoni, Jada, Jazzi, Hannah, Hezekiah and Gabby. Also survived by a host of nieces and nephews: Takesha, Kwashaea, Elgin III, Demetrui, Nina, Nikita, Michelle just to name a few along with friends: Stanley, Joyce, Mame, Tony, Jordan, Virginia, Ailice, Gloria, Lillian, Vivian, Fannie, Pastor Hodge, Collie and others.*

*We will always have you in our hearts. . . . .*

# Order of Service

*Prelude*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Reading*  
*Old Testament*  
*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements & Remarks*

*Reflections of Life*

*Selection*

*Words of Comfort*  
*Elder Davis Thomas*

*Recessional*

*Final Disposition*  
*Cedar Lawn Crematory*  
*Paterson, 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*

*The family of the late Benjamin Clanton 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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