Home Going Service for



Clara Mae Allen

Sunrise March 26, 1929 **Sunset** July 19, 2016

<u>Service</u>

Friday, July 29, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Church

593 18th Avenue • Newark, New Jersey Rev. Cedric McCoy, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Clara Mae Allen known as "Aunt Clara Mae" to most, "Grandma/ Sugamomma or Nana" to her grandchildren, and "Mom" to not only her children, but everyone who she embraced as her own. She was born March 26, 1929 in Comer, GA. to the Late Bishop Moon and Vera Appling. Clara was the eldest of two children. Her brother preceded her in death as youth, Nealis Barnett Jr.

Clara was educated in the Colbert, GA Public School System. She was raised by her grandparents the late Channel and Annie Appling. Before she returned to live with her mother, she lived in Chicago, IL and Chattanooga, TN. She moved back to Georgia at age twelve, at that age she developed a strong relationship with Christ. She was a long member of Martin Grove Baptist Church. Clara finished School and started her journey as a working woman. She was a woman of many trades working as a; housekeeper, seamstress, a funeral home hairstylist, and then a Teacher's Aide in the Georgia Public School System.

She later met her Late husband Bennie Louis Allen Sr. in 1947, whom she married in 1950. Married for twenty-five years, to this union, she gained a son and they had seven children together. She moved to Newark, NJ in 1960. She joined Beulah Grove Baptist Church in Newark, NJ. Later, she became the President of The Usher Board, an active member of the Missionary Board, and sang in the choir. Clara worked as a Teacher's Aide the Newark public schools system (along with a host of Secondary Jobs), retired in the year 2000 after thirty years.

It goes without saying that Clara was a loved woman and there are not enough words to even explain her. She was the type of person that would capture your heart without you even knowing. You knew she loved you because she showed it in everything she did. She was and still is "Our Rock" It was a pleasure to be in her presence and that is something that will truly be missed.

Clara was preceded in death by; Bennie Louis Allen Sr. (husband), J.C Fahim Allen (son), two sisters-in-law, Hilda Mae Allen and Arlene Allen; three brothers-in-law, George Lee Allen, JC Allen and Donald Saunders Sr., and a Long Life Companion of thirty years Frederick D. Armstrong.

She leaves to cherish her seven children George Bennie Elbaheart (wife Gloria Jean) of Elberton, GA, Deborah Elaine Allen (fiance Anthony Peoples) of Newark, NJ, Vera Lou Allen of Newark, NJ, Bennie Louis Allen Jr. (wife Valerie) of Newark, NJ, Adrena Allen Loring (husband Paul) of Scranton, PA, Shontia Allen, and Kenneth Allen both of Newark, NJ, one sister-in-law, Carrie Saunders, one brother-in-law, Luther C. Allen Sr., and two cousins, Margarie Blackwell and Corneila Williams. She also leaves twenty-three grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, and five great great grandchildren, three Godsons, Pastor Jeffery Watkins, Grover Young, and Juan Addison, a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Opening Prayer

By Rev. Cedric McCoy

of Beulah Grove Baptist Church

Scripture Reading

Speaking on Behalf of Grandchildren By Xraxrang Allen

Selection
By Tamika Marshall

Poem by Kasheena Allen

Reading of the Obituary

By Kim Hayes

Special Words

By Pastor Jeffery Watkins

Acknowledgment and Comfort Family and Friends (2 minutes Please)

Selection
By Valerie Black

Eulogy Rev. Cedric McCoy

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery Hillside, New Jersey

















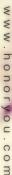














<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in time of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, telephone calls and other acts of thoughtfulness will be greatly remembered. We pray that blessings will continuously be bestowed upon you.



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