



Sunrise: October 2, 1932 Sunset: May 14, 2017

Service: Monday, May 22, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

UNION CHAPEL CHURCH
1424 Gustan Avenue • Union, New Jersey
Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Wright, Jr.

Obituary

Clara B. Haynes was born on October 2, 1932 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Reverend Lawson and Kisiah Haynes. She was raised in a loving Christian home and was the ninth of twelve children. The family later moved to Union, New Jersey where Clara attended public schools and graduated from Union High School.

Clara accepted Christ as her Savior at a young age and was baptized by Reverend Edward Jones the Pastor of Union Chapel Church. Throughout her life, she was actively involved in various ministries of the church. She taught Sunday School from the "Cradle to the Teens" and was a member of the Kisiah Haynes Missionary Circle which was named after her beloved mother. She also held the positions of Director of the Young Adult Choir and a member of the Willing Workers Ministry. During the summer, she assisted in many sessions of the church's Vacation Bible School. She was as a devoted member of the Trustee Board, which included many valuable responsibilities such as the upkeep of the church.

Her employment career began immediately after high school at the R.C.A. Corporation. She eventually had a successful twenty-year career with New Jersey Transit. Upon retirement Clara worked another thirty years for the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services – Disabilities Division. In this capacity, Clara opened her home and created a family for numerous clients of the state. She took pride in her role as "mother" and she encouraged their inclusion into society, the community and church.

Clara loved her family and was known for initiating many family gatherings. Holidays with family and friends were special to her. Clara's faith and strength demonstrated the last few years was a testament to her relationship with God. In spite of what she was going through she often spoke of God's goodness. She never lost her sense of humor or concern for others and was grateful for the assistance she received from family and friends. Her famous quote to her dearest friends and associates was: "Meet me at the bottom of the hill".

In the early morning of May 14, 2017, after a lifetime of loving the Lord, Clara B. Haynes peacefully surrendered to the will of God.

She leaves to cherish fond memories two sisters, Nellie Cyrus of Union, NJ and Reverend Luciel Hatchett (Deacon William) of Palm Bay, Florida. She was predeceased by her siblings, Evangelist Alberta Carrington, Lawson Haynes, Samuel Haynes, Viola Hodge, Deaconess Charlotte Tate, Lillian Thomas. Also sharing precious memories are Godchildren, nephew, William Cyrus, and nieces, Tracey Brooks and Beverly Spruill. Clara has a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that she loved dearly.

Order of Service

| Officiant |
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| Hymn of Praise"Because He Lives" |
| Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8Rev. Theodore Jenkins |
| New Testament – John 14:2-6Evangelist Ronnell Booker |
| Prayer of Comfort |
| Selection |
| Time of Remembrance |
| The Haynes Family |
| Selection |
| Acknowledgements and CondolencesDeacon Lula Young |
| Reading of the ObituaryDeacon Lula Young |
| EulogyRev. Dr. Samuel M. Wright, Jr. |

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. John 11:25."

INTERMENT

Graceland Memorial Park 1900 Galloping Hill Road Kenilworth, NJ 07033



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God has laid you see. 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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee God wanted me now: He set me free.

Pall Bearers

George Creekmur
William Cyrus
Russell Spruill
David Williams

Jeffrey Creekmur
Travis LeSeur
Cyrus Venable
David Williams

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The Family of **Clara B. Haynes** Wishes to thank each of you for every expression of love given to our beloved Clara during her illness and to the family during this time of bereavement. A special thank you to Jholyndia Bunion for your loving care and companionship, and to the ministries of Union Chapel Church for your participation in the service. We hold on to God's promise with the understanding that joy will come in the morning.

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