

Celebration of Life
for
Joyce M. Clark

Sunrise

April 21, 1951

Sunset

June 6, 2015



Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Home Going Celebration

Friday, June 12, 2015 ~ 11:00 A.M.

Viewing: 8:00 A.M. ~ 11:00 A.M.

Mt. Zion C.M.E. Church

701 Felton Avenue (Felton & Orange Aves)

Sharon Hill, PA 19079

Reverend Bonita R. Collins/Hobbs, Pastor



Life Journey of Joyce Marie Clark

On June 6, 2015, the Lord is His infinite wisdom called our loved one home to rest.

Joyce Marie Clark née Anderson, was born on April 21, 1951 and Philadelphia, PA; she was raised and grew up in Darby Township, PA. She was the third child of five children born to Gwendolyn née Brown and the late William Anderson.

Joyce received her formal education in the Derby Township public school system. After graduating from Darby Township High School she attended Cheyney State University where she received her Bachelor Degree in Education in 1975.

Joyce was united in Holy Matrimony on June 5, 1971 to her high school sweetheart, Clarence Edward Clark, Jr. From this union, three children were born: Candace Evett, Camille Elaine and Clarence Edward Clark, III.

She was a faithful servant of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; Joyce along with her husband, raised more than fifty foster children. Although she cared for them all, she had a special place in her heart for Tamika and Mia (Ellis) and Shanoa and Elise (Toodles).

She was a school teacher for over thirty years; twenty-five of those years was with the Philadelphia School District; she retired June 1, 2013. Throughout her life, she attended Sharon Baptist Church in Philadelphia PA as her health would permit. Joyce was a breast cancer survivor. Joyce was an avid supporter of the Susan G. Koman foundation. She was a member of Princess Adah Chapter No. 95, Prince Hall Adopted, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Joyce loved to walk early in the morning and enjoyed grooming her garden daily. Joyce loved to travel especially the time she would travel to Florida, Virginia and Georgia to spend time with her children; but most of all, she loved the dates she shared with her husband.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her mother whom she loved dearly, Gwendolyn Anderson; her devoted husband of forty-four years, her best friend, the love of her life Clarence E. Clark, Jr.; three loving and devoted children: Candace E. Clark of Florida, Camille E. Pope (James, Sr.) of Virginia and Dr. Clarence E. Clark, III (Kyra) of Georgia; one daughter-in-law, Dr. Kyra Clark; one son-in-law, James Pope, Sr.; three loving brothers: Morris, Douglas and Kenneth Anderson; a very special and loving sister, Sylvia Castro; three loving sisters-in-law: Denise Dixon, Paula Clark and Linda Anderson; two brothers-in-law: Keith Clark, Sr. and Julian Dixon; fourteen grandchildren: Clarisse, Olivia, Orion, Chanel, Siani, Shaniyah, Essence, Elliot, Jordan, Gavin, James Jr., Zoe, Zakia and Weston; four great-grandchildren: Jayla, Emoni, Dante and Demetri; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional ~ Ministers, Clergy & Family

Final Viewing / Closing of the Bier, Claude J. Edney F. H. Staff

Opening Hymn / Hymn of Praise ~ "I Will Trust In The Lord"

Prayer of Comfort

Ministry of the Written Word

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: St. John 14:1-6

Ministry of Song

Acknowledgement of Cards & Resolutions ~ Bruce Benson

Reading of the Life Journey (Obituary) ~ Bruce Benson

Family Tribute ~ Dr. Clarence E. Clark, III

Words of Comfort: (2 Min. Limit Respectfully)

Ministry of Song

Pastoral Tribute ~ Pastor Bonita R. Collins/Hobbs

Ministerial Tribute / Recessional ~ Rev. Marilyn Gerald

Benediction / Interment: Mt. Lawn Cemetery

REPAST

*Following the Interment, Family & Friends will be received in:
the Fellowship Hall for Refreshments & Fellowship*



Pall Bearers ~ Floral Bearers

Family & Friends



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me And I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me, I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today. While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say, I know how much you love me as much as I love you; and each time that you think of me I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand... And said my place was ready in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But when I walked through heaven's gates I felt so much at home when God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity and all I've promised you; Today for life on earth is past but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow; For today will always last and since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past." So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart For every time you think of me I'm right there in your heart. © David M. Romano

A Note Of Thanks & Appreciation

The family of the late Joyce M. Clark wishes to express their humble gratitude to the many family and friends who have shared their sorrow through cards, telephone calls, visits and other acts of kindness. May God bless you all in His loving grace and care.

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