

*Home Going Service*  
*for*  
*Clarence R. Drayton, Sr.*



*Sunrise*  
May 22, 1925

*Sunset*  
April 23, 2010

*Service*  
*Tuesday, May 4, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.*

*Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church*

88 Lyons Ave. • Newark, NJ 07112

*Rev. Allen Potts, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Clarence Rufus Drayton, Sr.** was born on May 22, 1925 in Mill Haven, GA to Rufus and Mamie Draytom. At an early age, he and his family moved to Jacksonville, Florida where he attended the local schools. He was a faithful member of the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dallas Graham and was a lead soloist in the choir.

On March 20, 1945 he married Faytha Sykes and they were blessed with seven beautiful children, four sons and three daughters.

In the year of 1958, Clarence and his family relocated to Newark, New Jersey where he joined the Abyssinian Baptist Church pastored by the late Rev. R.P. Means. As a member of this church he served as a Trustee and sang in the choir. He was featured as a soloist on the choirs album with Alex Bradford, entitled "Shaking the Rafters". Drayton later became a member of the Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church and was ordained as a deacon. As a professional contractor, he played a major role in the initial building of this church.

Big "C" loved deep sea fishing!

Clarence leaves to cherish his memory: seven children, Faye C. Taylor of Orange, NJ, Clarence Drayton Jr. of Pasadena, CA, Claxton Drayton of Fort Washington, MD, Vernella C. Peele of Whitehall, PA, Timothy Drayton of East Orange, NJ, Valerie Riles of Houston, TX and Vincent Drayton of Lake Mary, FL; surrogate father to Damone Smith of Jacksonville, FL; one sister, Catherine Mazon of Jacksonville, FL; three daughters-in-law; one son-in-law; seventeen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection ..... Greater Abyssinian Choir

Prayer ..... Pastor John Riles

Scripture ..... Reverend James Berry  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Selection ..... Pastor Jason Alvarez

Reflections ..... Reverend Clarence Drayton, Jr.  
Minister Gavin Taylor

Remarks ..... Family & Friends  
(2 minutes)

Obituary ..... Kara Drayton

Selection ..... The Late Clarence Drayton

Eulogy..... Reverend Potts

Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Interment</u></b> Forest Green Cemetery Morganville, New Jersey</p>
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

*Following the interment, family and friends are invited to return to the church for the repast.*

# *Miss Me But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family of Clarence R. Drayton, Sr. gratefully acknowledges  
with sincere appreciation your expressions of love, support,  
kindness, comforting messages and prayers during this  
challenging time of sadness and reflection.*

Professional Services Provided By

**CHAPELS OF EDEN FUNERAL HOME**

110 South Munn Avenue • East Orange, NJ 07018  
ph (973) 674-6100

[www.honoryou.com](http://www.honoryou.com)