

In Loving Memory of

Shirley Clark

Sunrise
February 6, 1935

Sunset
November 7, 2010



Friday, November 12, 2010 -11:00 a.m.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

141 West 115th Street
New York, New York

Rev. Renee Washington-Gardner, Officiating

Obituary

God in His great wisdom, has seen fit to call His servant, **Shirley Clark** home on November 7, 2010 from grace to everlasting reward.

Shirley Clark was born in Pensacola, Florida to Irma and Emmanuel Powell on February 6, 1935. She was the third of four daughters.

The family moved to New York in 1940, settling in Harlem where Shirley attended public school and graduated New York Vocational High School. While attending High School she met Earl Clark who happened to live on the next block. They became friends and married on June 28, 1958. This 52 year marriage was a beacon of hope and encouragement for all who experienced it. Their favorite quote was: "Some people search a lifetime and never find the love they are looking for some people find them, but don't know until its too late. Only a few realize what they found and thank the Lord for the one true love of their life."

Shirley returned to school to train in the Montessori method of teaching and became a child care administrator. She devoted twenty years to the NYC Day Care system and retired in 1996. She had a genuine passion for children which was evidenced by the fact that many of the young people that passed through her centers became extended family. Children flocked to Shirley for her kindness, generosity and ability to make them feel understood.

Shirley's family joined Memorial Baptist Church in 1947 where she was baptized, attended Sunday school and worship service for many years under pastors W.W. Monroe, George Polk and Preston Washington. In later years, health issues prevented her from attending regular service however she was spiritually attended to and communed by her husband, Deacon Earl R. Clark of Memorial.

Shirley leaves to mourn her passing and cherish loving memories: husband, Earl R. Clark; daughters, Lydia J. Clark and Wanda L. Clark; son, Earl R. Clark Jr; grandson, Denzel A. Clark; granddaughter, Bianca Cherry; sister, Charlene Fuller; nephew, Marcus Fuller; nieces, Maria A. Hylton, Dr. Tiffany Powe, Imani Frances and Fadiya Perry; sister-in-law, Jennie Joseph; sister-in-law, Mildred Brown Gowan; brother-in-law, Vincent Clark; sister-in-law, Martha Clark; brother-in-law, Raymond Clark; nieces, Valerie Clark, Nicole Clark and Marva Richard; nephews, Michael Clark, Scott Young and Kelsey Young; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Eulogy Rev. Renee Washington-Gardner

Selection

Committal

Viewing

Recessional



Interment

*Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York*

Proverbs 31

The Wife of Noble Character

Who can find a virtuous wife?
She is worth far more than rubies.
Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.
She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.

She gets up while it is still night;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants.

She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.

She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.
When it snows, she has no fear for her household;
for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

Her husband is respected at the city gate,
where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
“Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all.”

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation
and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.

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