

*Celebration of Life For*

*Sunrise  
January 1, 1934*

*Sunset  
November 9, 2010*

*Mother*

*Elena (Graham) Mc Clam*

*"Love One Another"*

*Service*

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.*

*Deliverance Holy Tabernacle*

*2 Barnert Place • Paterson, New Jersey*

*Apostle Walter L. Scott, Officiating*

# Obituary

*"Beloved if God so love us, we ought, also love one another"*

**Mother Elena (Graham) McClam "Nang"** was born on January 1, 1934 in Lake City, South Carolina to the late Max Wayne Graham and Louise (McMillian) Graham. She was a woman of Strength, Character, Integrity and Love. For the scripture says, *"Who can find a Virtuous woman for her worth is far above rubies."* Proverbs 31:10.

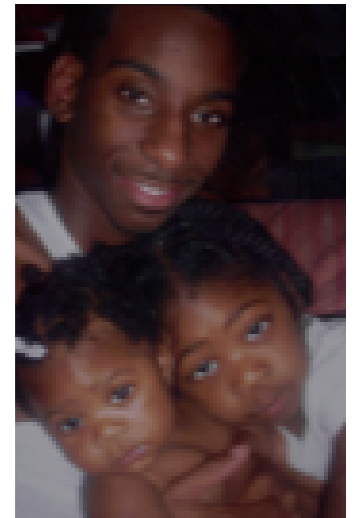
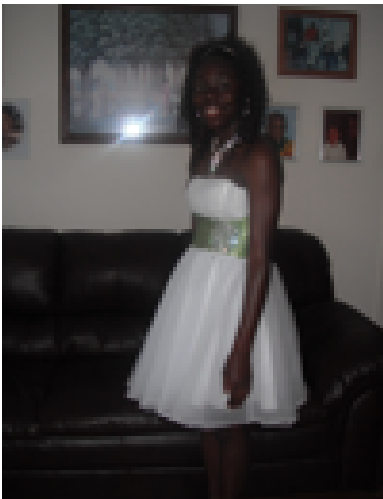
In the early 1970's, she gave her life to God and became a member of Creech Temple United Holiness Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Elder Creech. In 1979, she became a member of Deliverance Holy Tabernacle of Paterson NJ, under the leadership of Apostle Walter and First Lady Verleen Scott where she served as President of the Mother's Board.

While growing up, Mother attended Glendale Elementary and Middle Schools in Lake City, South Carolina. In those days, school was completed upon 8th grade. However, Mother loved learning and desired to continue her learning experience. Upon her 8th grade completion, she would continue going back to class for another four more years.

Mother McClam was employed for twenty-five years as a Domestic Worker for The Kaplan's Law Firm in Wayne, NJ. In her spare time, she Loved Shopping, Basketball, Soap Operas, Cooking and spending time with family and friends . Her favorite saying was "If you see me crying, just know that these are not tears of sorrow, these are happy tears." Love one another.

She was predeceased by her husband, Wilbur McClam Sr., her youngest son, Pastor Michael McClam, her parents, Max Wayne Graham, and Louise (McMillian) Graham Green, three brothers, Walter Graham, John and Willie Wilson as well as two sisters, Viola Graham and Ruth Wilson.

She leaves to cherish her memory: five daughters, Dorothy (Wilbert) Clark, Rosa (Henry) Reams, Laura (Bishop Carswell) Jackson all of Paterson NJ, Eloise Brown and Lena (Peter) White, both of Lake City, SC; three sons, Wilbur Jr. (Angelite) McClam, Ervin (Janet) (McClam) and Tony (Berlinda) McClam, all of Paterson, NJ; twenty-two grandchildren; twenty-six great grandchildren; one daughter-in-law, Joeann McClam; two sisters, Verlease Wilson and Christine Graham of Lake City, SC; one aunt, Christine Singletary (Tang) of Lake City, SC; three brothers-in-law, Jay Wilson, Samuel Graham and Hoyt McClam of Lake City, SC; two sisters-in-law, Donna Wilson, and Hazeline Graham of Lake City, SC, Willia Mae Nelson of Miami, Florida; one spiritual daughter, Verleen (Apostle Walter) Scott, and the Deliverance Holy Tabernacle church family; and a host of God children, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.



# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
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 or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've now found peace at the end of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times,  
a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now-He set me free

**Author: Shannon Lee Moseley**

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

*God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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*Order of Service*  
*A Service of Celebration*

*"Beloved, if God so love us, we ought, also love one another"*

*Bishop Carswell Jackson, Presiding*

Organ Prelude

Processional ..... Clergy

Prayer of Comfort ..... Elder Pernell Applewhite (*grandson*)

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 91 verse 1-4 ..... Assist. Pastor Keith Carey

New Testament St John 14 verse 1-6 ..... Elder Benjamin Chestnut

Selection ..... Deliverance Warriors

Solo ..... Sister Felicia Farrar

Remarks ..... Ministries

Solo ..... Sister Keisha Cohen

Acknowledgements & Reflections of Life ..... Evangelist Rita Carey

Solo ..... Sister Melissa Bell

Family Remarks

Selection ..... Deliverance Warriors

Words of Comfort ..... Apostle Walter L. Scott

Recessional

**Interment**

Fair Lawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

## Mama

Mama I know that you stepped on the shores of Heaven and have been welcomed by the loving hand of God, but it hurts so badly. You are the best mother that God could have given to us. When he called your name I knew that you were qualified to answer His call. You said here am I God take me home.

Love Eloise Brown.

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I said to my mom sometime ago, mama if you get sick and can't take anymore, before you suffer I'd rather you go home to be with the Lord. She said to me, "I understand." On November 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 the Lord said to me "get up and praise me." I obeyed. He said, "I am going to take your mother but I will be with you." I said ok Lord I trust you!" On November 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 the Lord took my mother to be with Him.

It's ok Lord I trust you!

Lena White

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Mom, thank you for the many years that we've shared together. You have been a good mother. When I think of you, so many memories come to mind, how we used to food shop together, go out for lunch and dinner. Whenever I ordered something you would say I want the same thing. We were inseparable, whenever you saw one, you saw the other. You were always there for me, and I tried my best to always be there for you. You gave me life ma. You loved me unconditionally God blessed me with a beautiful mom, a woman of love, faith courage and strength. You will always be in my heart. One day we will meet again.

Love your daughter Dorothy

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I Love you mom, you are the greatest Mother anyone could ever be blessed with! You strength, Encouragement, Integrity, Character and Love. Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Proverbs 31:10

I Love You, Your Daughter Laura

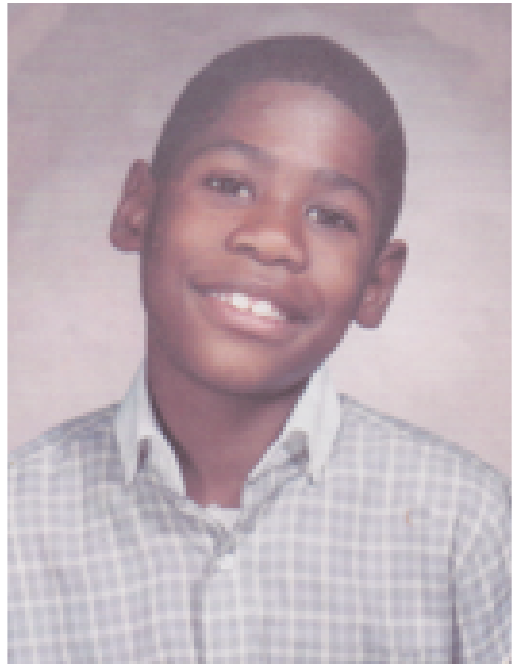
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There are so many memories that mom and I shared together. She was always a happy person and she was not afraid to let me know when I was right or wrong about something. I remember when mom and I were downtown and I wanted some Old Maid Cards and mom, told me no I could not have them. So I went to get them anyway and I got caught, mom slapped me so hard I never stole anything again and I still have her hand print on my face. Mom I love you so much

Love Squeaky





# *Grandmother*

*We had a wonderful grandmother,  
One who never really grew old;  
Her smile was made of sunshine,  
And her heart was solid gold;  
Her eyes were as bright as shining stars,  
And in her cheeks fair roses you'd see.  
We had a wonderful grandmother,  
And that's the way it will always be.  
But take heed, because  
She's still keeping an eye on all of us,  
So let's make sure  
She will like what she sees.*





When I think about Mother, I remember how she would always say “Junior, Keep praying, God will make a way”. I remember when I would come to your house to clean for you and you would always sneak money in my pocket. I knew that, that was you and God making away and I love you for that. Ma, I love you, and I’ll never say good bye. So until we meet again

Love Junior

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Jesus and my Mom had one thing in common Jesus fed the multitude with five loaves and two fish and my mom had two fried chickens. She fed nine kids, three sons in laws, 3 daughters in laws, 4 grandchildren and they all got full Except for Ervin!

I Love You Mom!

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Mom, in life, you may not have what you want, but God’s love is what you need. People say that no one is perfect. But in my eyes mom you are a true exception. A cherish Blessing, who made something out of nothing. One can only imagine the sacrifices you made, the headache endured and the strength to overcome. And now I say unto you the Lord has extended his hand and now you must follow through.

I love you Mom

Tony



# Precious Memories

