

In Loving Memory of

Cleo Chavis

Sunrise
August 17, 1904

Sunset
January 26, 2011



Monday, January 31, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

GREATER REFUGE TEMPLE

2081 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard
New York, New York

Bishop Charles Wright, Officiating

Obituary

Cleo Nowell was born on August 17, 1904 in Barbados, West Indies. She was the daughter of Josephus Beresford Nowell and Christine Marshall Nowell and the youngest of two children.

She was educated in Barbados where she received her highest level of education.

She came to the United States in 1922 and went to live with her aunt, Clara Benskin and her family.

She became a faithful member of the Refuge Church of Christ of under the leadership of pastor and founder Bishop R C Lawson. It was there that she met and married her husband, Joseph Benjamin Chavis on August 18, 1939. It was a fifty-four year union. To this marriage was born a son, Richard Nowell Chavis in 1940. He died tragically in 1943. In 1950 she and her husband found new joy when their adopted son, Americo Maldoonado Chavis came into their lives.

She was employed for most of her life caring for the children of a prominent New York family. She became the official manager of the household and stayed with them until the very end of their lives.

Cleo has been an active member of the Refuge Temple since 1939. She was a member of the Junior Choir, the increased Attendance Guild, the Carrie Lawson Foundation, the Radio Extension Guild and the Foreign Mission Board.

Cleo touched many lives and will be sorely missed. She leaves to mourn her beloved son, Americo; her loving niece, Diane; her nephews, Terry and Graham; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted
The Family

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Eulogy Bishop Charles Wright

Selection

Committal

Viewing

Recessional



Interment

*Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York*

Your Gentle Face and Patient Smile

*Your gentle face and patient smile,
With sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.*

*The voice is mute and stilled the heart
That loved us well and true,
Ah, bitter was the trial to part
From one so good as you.*

*You are not forgotten loved one
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.*

*We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by, we miss you more,
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can take your vacant place.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

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

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