



# CLEVELAND HAYES

JUNE 15, 1941  
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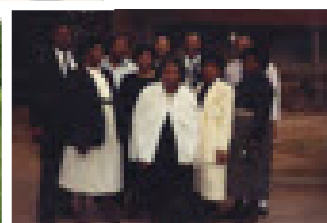
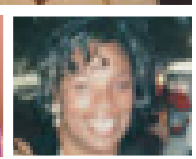
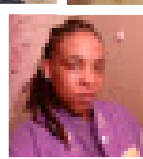
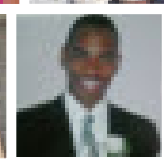
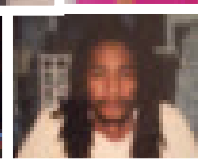
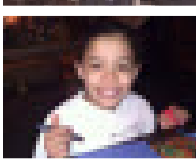
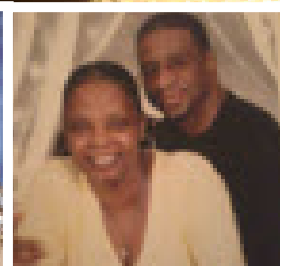
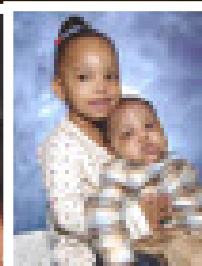
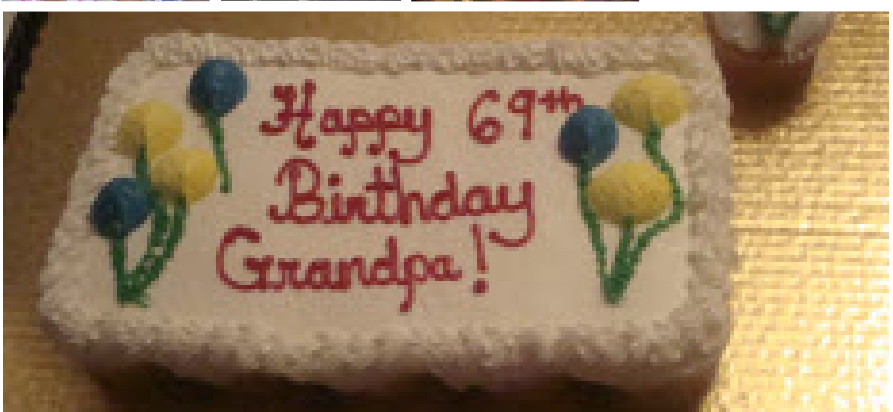
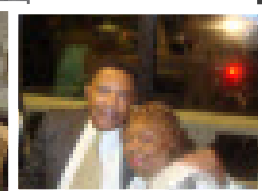
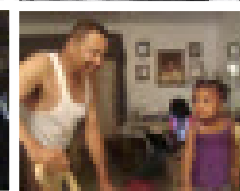
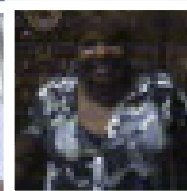
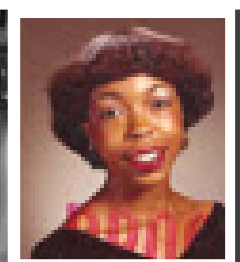
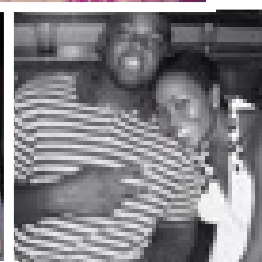
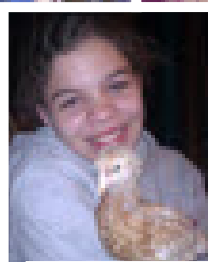
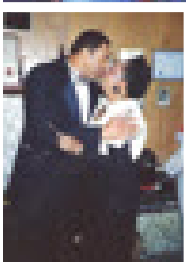
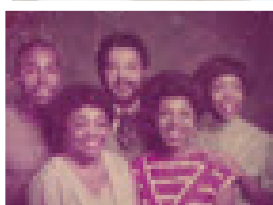
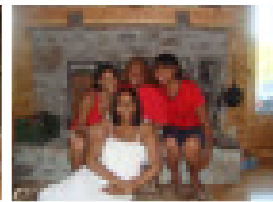
APRIL 12, 2011  
SUNSET

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011  
11:00 a.m.

**THE NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**PASTOR JOE A. CARTER**  
106 SUSSEX AVENUE \* NEWARK, NJ 07103

REVEREND JOHN BAKER, PRESIDING  
REVEREND LULA A. BAKER, EULOGIST



## *Obituary*

**Cleveland Hayes, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, friend.....the epitome of a family man.....**

God loaned Cleveland to the late Lewis Hayes and Marie Johnson Gaines on June 15, 1941 in Mitchell County, Georgia. Sixty-nine years later, a death angel returned early Tuesday morning, April 12, 2011 at 12:41am to call in the loan. The battle was fought, victory won, well done thy good and faithful servant. Come home to get your rest!

### ***Life and Legacy.....***

Cleveland received his education in the Mitchell County, Georgia school system.

On November 30, 1961, Cleveland was united in Holy Matrimony to the one true love of his life, Lila M. Jones; with whom he shared the institution of marriage for the next 49 years. To this union three children were born – Mark DeWayne, Kym Michelle and Katrina Lynette.

Cleveland relocated his family to Newark, New Jersey in 1966. After relocating, Cleveland was employed in the construction industry with W.D. Snyder & Sons located in Kenilworth, NJ. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and personal Saviour and was baptized at The New Hope Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Charles E. Thomas.

He was preceded in death by three siblings, Tommy Gaines, Jr., Sammy Gaines and Rosa M. Perkins.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving, devoted and caring wife, Lila M. Hayes; his children, Mark

(Kimberly) of Chesterfield, VA, Kym M. Hayes, Katrina L. Hayes, Juanita (Tyrone) Samuels all of Irvington, NJ, Tyrone Heyward of Stroudsburg, PA, Vicky Johnson of Louisville, Kentucky, Dale Hayes of Atlanta, GA; his step-mother, Doretha Hayes of Burlington, NC; his nine siblings, Thomas Gaines (Dorothy) of Hopeful, GA, Carolyn Johnson of Hastings, NE, Milton Gaines, Patricia Gaines, Marion Tyler all of Bainbridge, GA, Lacey Gaines of Mableton, GA, Dorothy J. Rogers of Hillside, NJ, Ray L. Gaines (Alexandria) of Fort Worth, TX and Calvin L. Gaines of Bainbridge, GA; five sisters-in-law, Emma Gaines of Washington State, Angela Gaines of Camilla, GA, Clarethia Riggins of Camilla, GA, Jacquelyn Freeman of Trenton, NJ and Carolyn L. Kelson (Philip) of Camilla, GA; one brother-in-law, Bennie Lee Jones, Jr. of Lithonia, GA; three cousins raised like brothers, Glenn Johnson, Raymond Nickelson and Donald Jones; sixteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, Jayla, Ta'Mia and Noree; two god-daughters, Latrissia M. Smith and Nakiya Closs; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.....including a special set of friends, his everyday "Breakfast Crew".



*"I Love You Flea"*

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Hymn of Comfort**

**Scriptures**

***Old Testament***

*Minister Harry Brown*

***New Testament***

*Rev. John H. Baker*

**Prayer of Comfort**

*Pastor Joe A. Carter*

**Solo**

*Dr. Emily “Cissy” Houston*

**Remarks** (*limited to 2 minutes please*)

**Acknowledgements, Condolences &  
Resolutions**

**Solo**

*Indera Thomas*

**Obituary**

*Granddaughter, Eboni B. Hayes*

**Solo**

*Rev. Donnie Harper*

**Eulogy**

*Reverend Lula A. Baker*

**Recessional**

**Interment**

*Fairmount Cemetery Mausoleum*

*Newark, New Jersey*

~ The repast and fellowship will follow the interment  
at The New Hope Baptist Church – Fellowship Hall ~

## TOMORROW

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, and each time that you think of me I know you 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 that my place in heaven was ready far above; and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turn to walk away a tear fell from my eye,  
for all my life I'd always thought,  
I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, so much yet to do,  
it seems almost impossible that I am leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday just for even a while, I'd say good bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile; but then I fully realized that this could never be, for emptiness and memories, would take the place of me

So when tomorrow starts with out me, don't' think we're far apart for every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*The family of **Cleveland Hayes** extends their eternal appreciation to everyone for your prayers, presence, and acts of kindness during our time of sorrow, that will forever be remembered. May God continue to bless and keep you all in his loving care.*

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