

Celebrating the Life of



Cleese Lewis

Sunrise
February 14, 1921

Sunset
November 13, 2011

Service

Thursday, November 17, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

THESSALONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

951 Rev. James A. Polite Avenue
Bronx, New York 10459

Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson, Officiating

Order of Service

Processional Clergy and Family

Opening Prayer and Statement

Hymn "How Great Thou Art"
Delores Taylor

Invocation

Scripture Psalm 23
Stephanie R. Smith

Selection "The End Of My Journey"
Shirley Flemings

Obituary..... Stephanie R. Smith

Reflections

Acknowledgements Michelle Jackson

Selection

Eulogy Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

<p><u>Final Resting Place</u> Long Island National Cemetery Farmingdale, New York</p>
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Reflections of Life

Elease Lewis ninety, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 13, 2011. She awoke to the sound of Angels with our Heavenly Father. She was born on February 14, 1921 in Ludowici, GA to William and Alice Carter.

Elease received her early education in GA and later attended secondary education in the Harlem School system of New York. She worked at many jobs which included home maker, seamstress, and after many years of working hard and saving her money, she was able to establish herself as an Entrepreneur by opening her own business. In addition and most significantly, Elease devoted her life to her Creator where she worshiped at First Thessolonia Baptist Church and then later at the Brooks Avenue Church of Christ in Raleigh, NC. No matter where she worshiped, her heart remained committed to her church family at Thessolonia Baptist Church.

Elease was lovingly known as "Cowboy Jones" due to her tenacious spirit and the way she handled her 98 Rocket Oldsmobile(s) burning up and down I-95 to GA, NC and all other states north and south. She gave the troopers a run for their money! Elease, the unselfish Matriarch of the family as she was the backbone; Go-to person, who you could depend on in times of need. Who was always there to whip up a hearty meal and always offered her couch to sleep on.

Elease was the devoted wife of nineteen years to the late Charles Lewis; beloved mother to her devoted son, Arthur R. Smith; proud grandmother to Stephanie and Daryl (Wendy) Smith and their mother, Florence Smith; four siblings, Edna King; and is preceded in death by her brother, William Carter, Jr.; sisters Helen Lee and Lois Saunders; preceded in death by Brian Smith; and great-grandchildren, Shadee, Stephan, Prophet, AJ and Comfort; She also leaves to cherish her memory Chavone William and Deon Carter - predeceased by niece, Cheryl Carter and children of Eddie Sumlin; Joyce and Cheryl Harper; children of Janice Lee - (Larry) Thompson and beloved nephews, Arthur "Candy" (Gail) Mizeil, Theodore "Teddy" (Cynthia) Haywood, children of Lois; Allan King; and is preceded in death by Raymond King, children of Edna; and whole host of great-grand nieces and nephews, spiritual and surrogate family members and friends.

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*Our family extends deep appreciation for the many kind expressions
of sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement.
May God bless and keep each of you in his care.*

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