

A woman with short dark hair, wearing a yellow long-sleeved top and a patterned skirt, sits on a white bench. Behind her is a large, colorful butterfly with orange and purple wings. To the left, there are vibrant red and yellow flowers. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a bright sky.

*In Loving Memory of*

***Bernice Chislum***

**Sunrise**

*January 29, 1949*

**Sunset**

*March 5, 2013*

*Service*

Friday, March 15, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

**Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr., Officiating**

**Emory Lee, Organist**

## *Obituary*

**Bernice Chislum** the youngest of thirteen children was born to Fannie May Adams and Richard D. Chislum on January 29, 1949 in the State of Alabama. She was raised in Morris County, NJ where she was educated in the Morris County Public School System. She moved to Newark, NJ in the early 70's.

Bernice Chislum was a loving, very devoted, tough, kind and generous mother with a heart of gold. If you were ever in need, she would give it to you if she had it. She had a great love of music and dancing.

Bernice Chislum was not only a mother of five children and a mate to the late Fred White of thirty-four years but she also helped raise her nieces and nephews.

Bernice leaves to cherish fond memories: her children, Clarence Chislum, Darnell Davis, James Hudley and Michelle Chislum; eleven grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Bernice Chislum left this earth on March 5, 2013 to join Fred White her son, Quincel Hudley and her grandson, James Hudley, Jr.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

*Emory Lee*

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Remarks (*2 minutes please*)

Poem

*Melissa Thompson - "God's Garden"*

Obituary

*Shirelle Chislum*

Selection

Eulogy

*Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr.*

Recessional

## **Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid 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 found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever

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