

A black and white portrait of a woman with dark, curly hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark, heavy jacket over a light-colored, button-up top and a matching skirt. The background consists of horizontal wooden planks.

In Loving Memory of
Clementine Headen

Sunrise
August 26, 1941

Sunset
April 13, 2013

Service
Friday, April 19, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
132 Odell Clark Place • New York, NY

Obituary



Clementine Roundtree Headen, the only daughter of Jannie Roundtree and Jesse Nelson was born on the 26th day of August 1941, in Harlem Hospital in New York City. “Clem” as she was commonly known was raised and educated in New Bern, North Carolina where she attended Pleasant Hill Elementary School and New Bold High School from which she graduated in 1958. She was raised by her

grandmother, Nellie, whom she affectionately called “Mama”, in the house with her uncle, “Bud”. Looking back, Clementine shared that regardless of the age difference she thought of her “Big Brother Bud” as her playmate and “she did not know what she would have done without him”; until he and his wife Janie gave birth to her younger siblings, William “Buster”, Gayle “Sister” and Caral “Neecey”.



After graduating from high school Clem returned to New York City to live with her parents, continue her education, unite with her older brothers Kenneth “Chubby” and Reginald “Butch”; first cousins “the twins” Rosie and Sarah, Walter, Monroe, Charles and Emily. Her love of math embarked her career as a Certified Bookkeeper for a number of businesses until her retirement.

While still a teen Clementine met the one true love of her life, her late husband Arthur Headen. Together they raised their beloved daughter, Cheyanne who blessed them with their only grandchild and joy of their lives, Zachary Sekou.

Although Clementine gave birth to one child she was a mother to many; nurturing them with her gentle spirit, encouraging words, wisdom and sense of humor. Her relationship with God and walk of faith was evidenced by her love and care for others. She was known to inspire others with a Bible verse and offer her time and/or service to those in need. Clementine was a long standing member of Abyssinian Baptist Church where she drew comfort from her church family in her later years.

Clementine went to be with God in the early morning hours of Saturday, April 13th, 2013. Left to cherish her memory: her loving daughter, Cheyanne Headen; step-daughter, Cherese Headen; grandson, Zachary Sekou Headen; uncle William Roundtree; brother Kenneth Nelson; sisters, Gayle Wiley, and Caral Harrod; in-laws, Timothy Bouknight, James Harrod, Shirley Nelson, Carol Roundtree, Terry Wiley, Samuella Williams, Sue Williams and Mary Williams; Clem’s “other children”, Paris Nelson, Nadine Green, Darren Nelson, Audrey Parks, Antoine Butler, Robert Parks, Jr., Billie Burney-Scott, Jaylynn Roundtree and Sherronna Rucker, Clem’s “girls”; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Congregational Hymn
"Bless Assurance" #508

Scriptures
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - Matthew 5:3-12

Prayer of Comfort

Solo
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

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Solo
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Eulogy
Reverend Dr. Violet L.D. Lee

Benediction

Recessional
"Going Up Yonder"

Interment

Mt. Holiness Memorial Park
Butler, New Jersey



From Me To You

You are so loved.

You have been both blessed and a blessing. You will truly be missed Mommy. See you on the other side My Beloved.

Love never dies so you will always be with us and for that we are comforted and grateful. Be happy, be free.

Thank you again for being the best mother and grandmother ever imaginable. Thank you for all of the love you gave, lessons you shared and the authentic way in which you lived life.

The world is truly a better place because you were here. Now you've moved on but you left your legacy, you touched the hearts and lives of many.

Tell Daddy and all the rest I said "what's good, good people? She has joined you all on the other side so I expect you'll take good care of her."

I know they will and that as always GOD has you, so you're good for sure. I thank you for the extra guidance and protection you will now provide Zachary and myself now that you are an angel, As always we have you, in a different form yes but we still have you and GOD, so we too are good for sure and I take solace in knowing that.

WE LOVE YOU, BE WELL, NOW FLY!!!! Muah!

Cheyenne and Zachary

Acknowledgement

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