

Clyde E. Gook

Sunrise August 2, 1936 *Sunset* April 15, 2013

<u>Service</u> Monday, April 22, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

CHAPEL OF THE RESURRECTION 276 West 151st Street • New York, NY

<u>Obituary</u>

Clyde E. Cook was born in Selma, Alabama to the late Ira and Lottie Cook. Clyde was the youngest of four children. At an early age his family relocated to Harlem New York and Clyde received his education in the New York City Public School System, graduating from Clinton High School in the Bronx.

During his adult years Clyde fell in love and married Clarissa Harrison and resided in the Village of Harlem until she preceded him in death in 2006.

Mr. Cook entered the Auxiliary Police in the 1970's and graduated with honors. His professional career consisted of several managerial positions, beginning with, Harlem Hospital, the City Municipal Building on Centre Street, the Elections Polls and ending with the position and title of President and Building Manager of HDCF 206 West 121 St., in which he helped many and performed outstanding and exemplary service. Mr. Cook's leadership ability led him in becoming an active community affairs and activities advocate. His diligent work to improve the Village of Harlem spearheaded his joining forces with the 28th Precinct.

With every available effort, the two forces combined and cleaned up a crime infested neighborhood. Being such a lover of community, Mr. Cook participated in and later became the President of the Golden Awards Committee. The organization under the leadership of Mr. Cook has honored many of Harlem's Elite Professionals for exceptional and devoted acts of service within the community.

Clyde was a proud member of the Harlem Village and because of his inspiration and positive outlook; he was an optimistic figure in the community. His smile and kindness moved everyone that knew him; he was a strong pillar and role model. Mr. Cook took great pride and pleasure in "Helping" others. He loved writing poetry, going to the movies and was a **FATHER FIGURE and DEAR FRIEND TO MANY**. His direct involvement as a Harlem Community advocate, initiated the enhancement and enrichment of a stable family neighborhood.

Mr. Cook's presence will be truly missed by the lives he touched; his compassionate and gentle disposition was demonstrated by

"CARING FOR EVERYONE ELSE'S NEEDS BEFORE HIS OWN". "Harlem's Oldest Romeo"

Clyde E. Cook was preceded in death by Sister, Ruth DeLaine; Brother, William Cook. He leaves to mourn his loving family, Sister, Jean Cook & Brother in-Law, Calvin Cook; Son, Stephen Tyson, Grandson, Stephen "PAPO" Tyson Jr. & Granddaughter Rachel Tyson, Stepson Gerald Harris; Nieces, Barbara Stamps and Family, Cynthia Christovals and Family, Gloria Davis and Family, Carolyn Cook-McClain and Family, Kim Ricard and Family, Nephew, David Cook and a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, other close relatives and friends.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Musical Prelude	"Amazing Grace"
INTRODUCTORY RITES	
Greeting at Church Door and Call to Worship	
Blessing with Holy Water	
Processional Hymn "Jesus Keep M	Ie Near The Cross"
Entrance Procession	
Placing of Pall and Christian Symbols	
Opening Prayer	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading #1 (Old Testament) Isaiah 25 Pastor S. Ramos Responsorial Psalm "Shepherd Me O God" (Psalm 23) Reading #2 (New Testament) 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Stephen Tyson Gospel Reading and Homily - Celebrant General Intercessions Carolyn Cook-McClain

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn	"How Great Thou Art"
Eucharistic Prayer	
Communion Hymn	"Taste & See"
Communion Meditation	"Precious Lord"
Eulogy/Remarks	

Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer Silence Incensation and Song of Farewell Prayers of Commendation Dismissal *Recessional Hymn* "Soon and Very Soon"

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park Cemetery Paramus, New Jersey

J'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

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