

Celebrating the Life of

A portrait of an elderly African American woman with short, wavy, light-colored hair. She is wearing glasses and a dark, patterned top. The background is a soft-focus image of white lilies.

Mrs. Clydia C. Grayson

Sunrise

October 31, 1913

Sunset

July 22, 2013

Service

Friday, July 26, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY

Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr., Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Clydia Conley-Grayson was born October 31, 1913 in Millington, Tennessee. Clydia was the eldest of six children born to the late Walter and Fannie Conley.

Clydia was raised and educated in Louisville, Kentucky. Clydia attended the Madame C.J. Walker Beauty School and earned her cosmetology license. Clydia worked as a beautician in Louisville, Kentucky where she met and married Johnny Grayson in 1938. Clydia and Johnny relocated to New York in 1947 and started a family, to this union four sons were born, John Jr., Willard, William and James.

Clydia opened her first beauty salon in 1958, on 127th Street and Lenox Avenue in Harlem, NY and operated that salon until the mid 1970's. Clydia returned to Kentucky and operated a beauty salon until 1985, then she returned to NY. When Clydia retired she continued to do hair at the Hudson "Senior Center" in the Bronx.

Clydia is preceded in death by her husband, Johnny, sons, Willard and William, brothers, Wilbur Conley, Adell Conley, Walter Conley and Alfred Conley.

Clydia leaves to cherish her memory: one brother, Frank Conley of Louisville, KY; two sons, John Grayson Jr. (Lila) of New York, NY and James Grayson (Valerie) of Bronx, NY; three granddaughters, Denise Grayson of Queens, NY, Khrystie McLeod of Union City, NJ and Jillian Grayson of Bronx, NY; two great grands, Darius Dailey of Bayside, NY and Maxamillian Escobar of Union City, NJ; a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Special thanks to the dedicated health aides, Vickie, Darly and Alicia. We appreciate all your efforts to make Mother Grayson's Golden years filled with comfort.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr.

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Internment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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