

*A
Homegoing
Celebration for*



Cleophus H. Chance
“Clee”

“May the work I’ve done speak for me.”

Sunrise

July 29, 1922

Sunset

August 19, 2013

Friday, August 30, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN’S COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

1066 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

Pastor Philip Gilmore, Pastor

Evangelist Dennis Davis, Officiating

Walt Sorey, Organist



Precious



Memories



Obituary

Cleophus H. Chance was born on July 29, 1922 in Fairfield, NC, the second eldest of 12 children, born to the late James and Annie Chance. He departed this life on August 19, 2013.

In 1937, the Chance family moved to Scranton, NC, where Clee attended the Hyde County Training School. It would be on this same campus that he met Edna Pearline Spencer, who would eventually become his wife.

Clee and Pearline were married in 1944, in Harlem, NY during his service years in the United States Army. Upon his return from Germany, the handsome couple settled into married life in Brooklyn, NY while raising their six children Cleophus Jr. aka (Dickie), Pamela, Michael, Barbara, Kathy and Cheryl.

Years later he moved his family to Newark, NJ to pursue a truck driving career, which became his passion. He was a skilled driver, who trained not only his two sons, but his brothers, nephews, and other family members many of whom would go on to start their own businesses. Upon his retiring from the trucking business, he embraced his second vocation which was auto mechanics by opening his own auto repair business.

Clee was generous almost to a fault, he was such a giving and loving man, with a heart and spirit that seemed as big as the universe itself. He was very charismatic and people from all walks of life gravitated towards him. He was "THE MAN" right up until the very end. He was an advisor, problem solver, and possessed perseverance, fortitude, faith and strength.

As one family member would say, Uncle Clee (as he was affectionately known) was dropping pearls of wisdom on us. He was truly a great humanitarian, who loved people and that love was reciprocated by those who knew and respected him. He would give anyone the shirt off of his back if asked.

He was our unsung hero, who throughout his life, fought for any cause when he felt that someone was being unjustly treated. He possessed the gift of gab and had an uncanny ability to captivate and entertain family members as well as friends with his colorful stories of his life experiences, which included war stories and humorous exploits.

His love of God and his deep faith would sustain him through some very difficult times throughout his life. He and his siblings were introduced to the lord at a very early age by their mother Annie, who instilled in them, good Christian values. As a young man Clee accepted Christ as his lord and savior. He acknowledged God in every area of his life. In more recent years Clee resumed his Christian walk while attending Light of the Sprit Ministry, under the leadership and guidance of Pastor C. Beal-Richards. His perseverance and no nonsense approach to life helped him to overcome many of life's challenges.

Clee was an extremely handsome man who turned heads everywhere he went. He was a man with a unique sense of style all his own. He loved good music, his favorite gospel songs include "Rough Side of the Mountain", Deitrich Haddon's "Well Done" and his favorite R&B songs include the late Marvin Gaye's "Pride & Joy" and Al Green's "For the Good Times". He was a good husband and family man who doted on his children and grandchildren. We had a rare jewel among us, never to be replaced. He will be greatly missed by all of those who knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory; his beloved wife of 68 years Edna Pearline; his sons Cleophus, Jr. and Michael; daughters, Pamela and Kathy; grandson, Will Stover; granddaughters, Tonya Garland, Wadidrah Scott and Myesha Scott; great-grandson's Antoine, Jihad and Jalen; brothers; Woodrow, Garland, Wilson & wife Nancy; sisters, Kathleen Clayton, Lydia Lewis, Lucille Barrow & husband Willie, Josephine Chance and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughters Cheryl and Barbara, his mother & father, Annie & James, baby sister, Rose and two brothers, Bobby and James. On August 27, 2013, his older brother Marshall soon followed in death. May he Rest in Peace as well.

Order of Service

Pastor Philip Gilmore, Officiating

ProcessionalClergy & Family

Hymn of Consolation

Scripture Readings

Old & New Testament Minister Martha Stephens

Prayer of ComfortPastor Philip Gilmore

SoloMs. Umira Campbell

Acknowledgements

Reflections Mr. Walt Sorey

TributeWill Stover

Remarks limit 2 minutes

Obituary..... Ms Kathy Chance

Solo..... Mr. Jason Brown

Eulogy..... Evangelist Dennis Davis

Recessional SoloMr. Jason Brown

Interment

New Jersey Veterans Cemetery
Arneytown, New Jersey

Repast

*Immediately following the service friends are invited to
join the family for the repast in the Church Dining Hall.*

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

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May God bless each of you is our prayer.

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