

# ***In Loving Memory of***



## ***Earl Roger Clark, Sr.***

### ***Sunrise***

December 30, 1934

### ***Sunset***

December 18, 2013

### ***Service***

Monday, December 23, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

**MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

141 West 115<sup>th</sup> Street • New York, NY

# Obituary

God in his great wisdom has seen fit to call his servant, **Earl Clark** home on December 18, 2013, from grace to everlasting reward. He now joins his beloved wife, Shirley.

Earl was born in Harlem, New York to Aaron and Margaret Clark from Charleston, South Carolina. He was the fourth of nine siblings. Raised in a Christian home, he attended the New Testament Church of Christ where his father, the Reverend Dr. Aaron Clark, served as Pastor.

Earl attended public school and graduated New York Vocational High School. While attending high school, he met Shirley Powell who happened to live on the next block. They became friends and married on June 28, 1958. This fifty-two year marriage was a beacon of hope and encouragement for all who experienced it. Their favorite quote was "Some people search a lifetime and never find the love they are looking for some people find them, but don't know until it's too late. Only a few realize what they found and thank the Lord for the one true love of their life."

Earl joined the US Air Force before joining the U.S. Postal Service where he was appointed Regional Legislative Director for the American Postal Workers Union (APWU), NY Metro, U.S. Postal Service. While a member of the APWU, he also served as a "Shop Steward" where he represented many union members in grievance resolution. Earl was known for his organization, meticulous notes and being a true advocate for all workers.

Earl joined the Memorial Baptist Church where he served as Deacon under Reverend Preston R. Washington for many years. He was known as the ultimate family man. Earl was always willing to share his wisdom, provide encouragement and lend a helping hand to all. Earl was a true son of Harlem, known as a sharp dresser, a dignified man yet street-wise with a million dollar smile. Earl maintained many of his childhood friendships. Once a friend he remained a loyal friend for a life time.

Earl leaves to mourn his passing and cherish loving memories: daughters, Lydia J. Clark and Wanda L. Clark; son, Earl R. Clark, Jr.; grandson Denzel A. Clark; granddaughter, Bianca Cherry; sisters, Jennie Joseph and Mildred Gowan; brothers, Raymond Clark and Vincent Clark; sisters-in-law, Charlene Fuller and Martha Clark; nieces, Marie A. Hylton, Marva Richard, Valerie Clark and Halima Brown; nephews, Michael Clark, Kelsey Young, Scott Young, Gitau Brown, Daryl Clark and Jelani Brown; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends

# Order of Service

Processional

Viewing

Invocation

Selection..... *“God Will Take Care Of You”* - Marvin Hanley

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - 23rd Psalm

New Testament - John 16: 25 33

Comfort of Prayer

Selection..... *“How I Got Over”* - Mother Evelyn Williams

Acknowledgements.....Deacon Annie Alvarez

Reflections & Remarks.....Wanda Clark

Lydia Clark

Vincent Clark

Poem.....Wanda Clark

Obituary.....Vincent Clark

Eulogy.....Rev. Renee Washington-Gardner

Selection..... *“May the Work I've Done Speak for Me”*

- Mother Evelyn Williams

Committal

Recessional..... *“When We All Get To Heaven”*

## Interment

Calverton National Cemetery

Calverton, New York

# Psalm 112



*Praise the Lord.*

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord,  
who find great delight in his commands.  
Their children will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be  
blessed. Wealth and riches are in their  
houses, and their righteousness endures  
forever. Even in darkness light dawns for the  
upright, for those who are gracious and  
compassionate and righteous. Good will  
come to those who are generous and lend  
freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.  
Surely the righteous will never be shaken;  
they will be remembered forever. They will*

*have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.*

*Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.*

*They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn will be lifted high in honor.*

*The wicked will see and be vexed,  
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;  
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.*



## Acknowledgement

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

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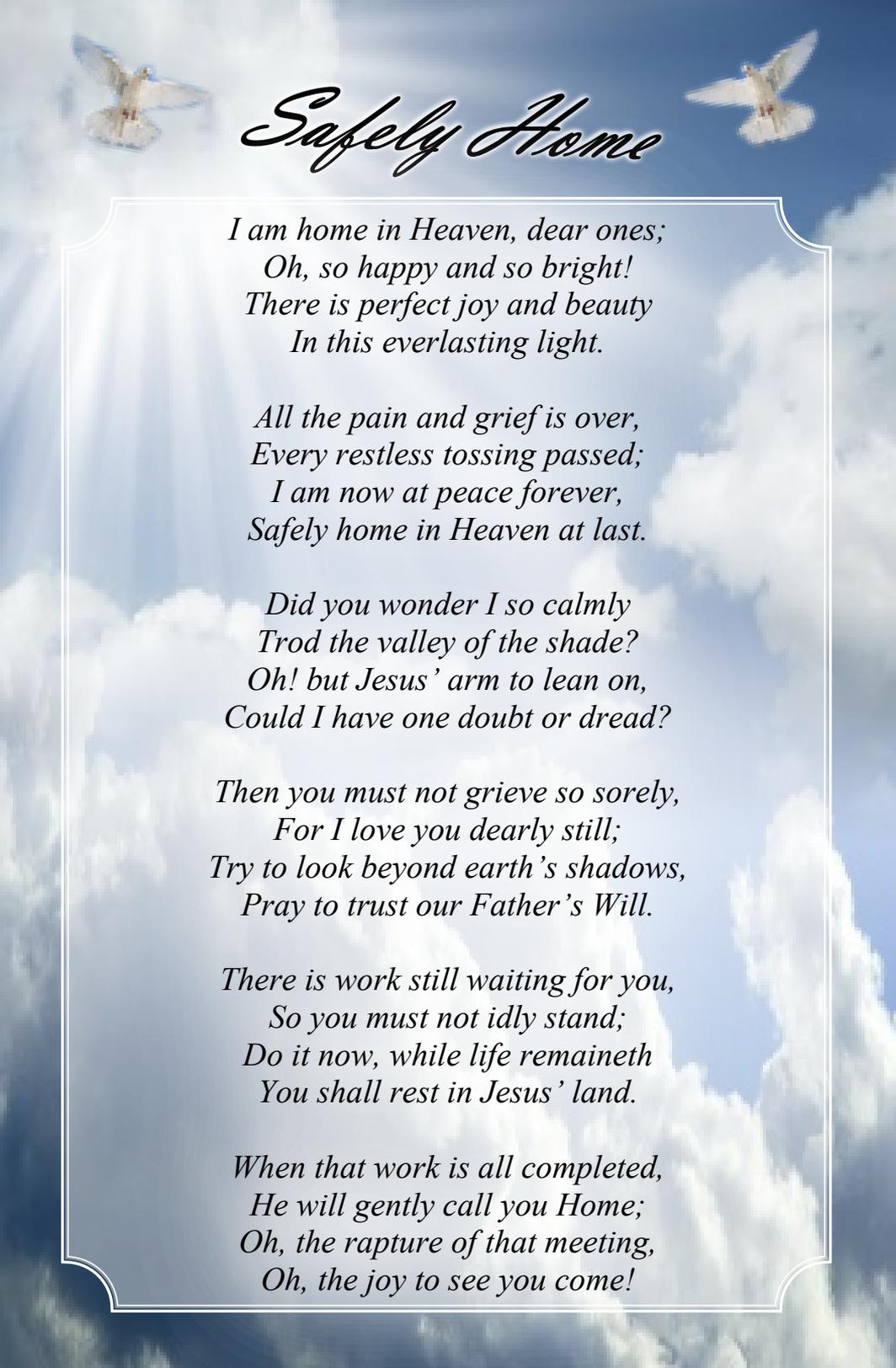
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*Together Again*





# *Safely Home*

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.*

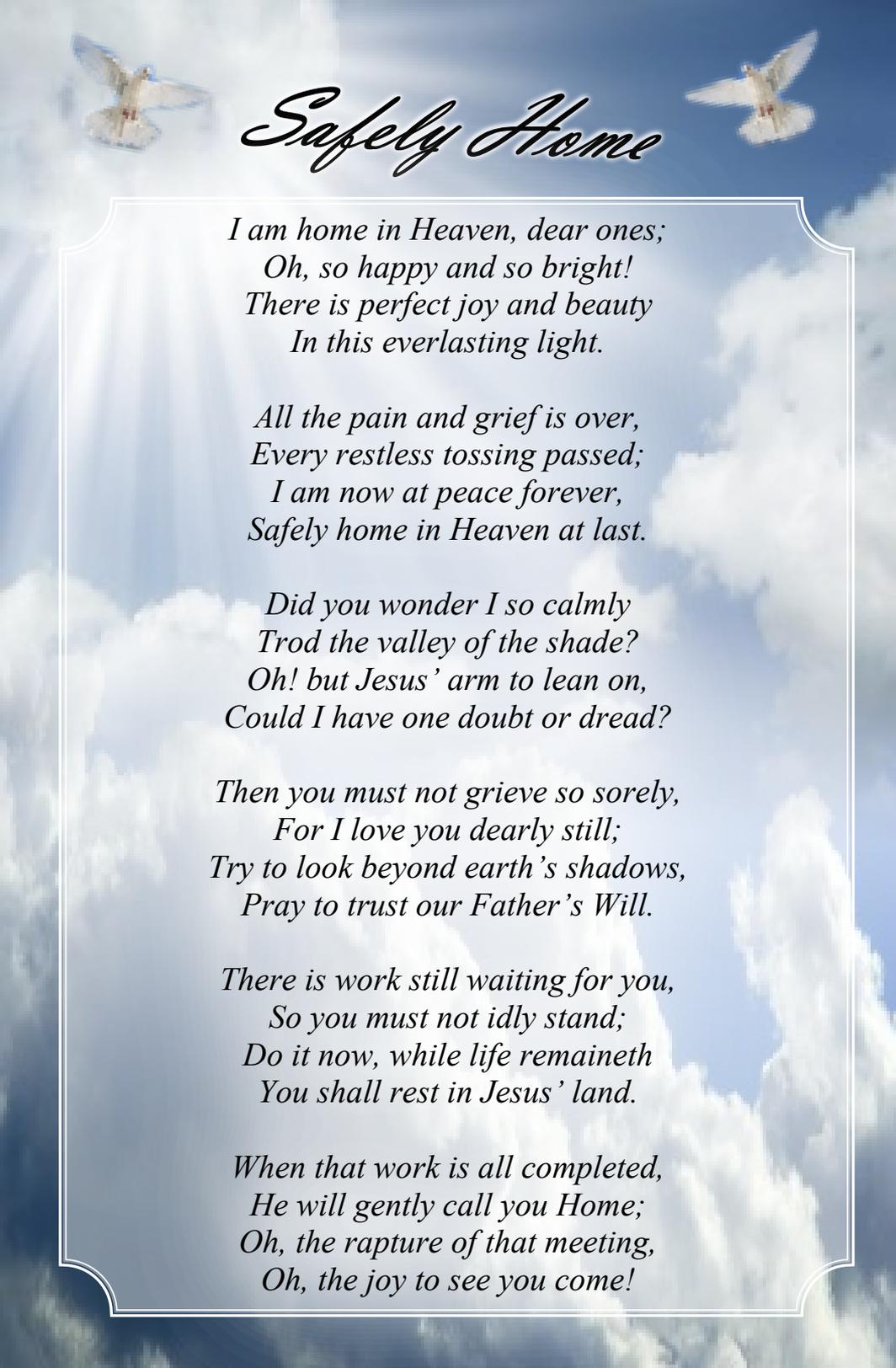
*All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trod the valley of the shade?  
Oh! but Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home;  
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