

*In Loving Memory of*



*Patricia E. Clerk*

**Sunrise**  
*March 2, 1931*

**Sunset**  
*August 4, 2014*

*Monday, August 11, 2014 -11:00 a.m.*

**MONUMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

121-127 Lafayette Avenue  
Jersey City, New Jersey

*Reverend Joseph L. Jones, Pastor*  
*Reverend Nathaniel B. Legacy, Officiating*

# Obituary

**Patricia E Clerk (nee Williams)** 83, of Hillside NJ, peacefully departed this life at her home on Monday, August 4, 2014. Born March 2, 1931 to the late Frank and Angelina Williams of Jersey City. She resided much of her life with her family in Hillside, NJ.

Patricia retired after 35 years of service with the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company. Upon her retirement she continued her commitment towards the well-being of her family.

She is pre-deceased by her loving husband Ervin Clerk Jr; a marriage lasting 55 years. From that union two devoted sons were born, the late Ervin "Skippy" Clerk III and Arthur (Artie) Clerk.

Coming from a family of eight, she was pre-deceased by her siblings, Irvin Harris Sr., Franklin L Williams (Lillian), Richard Williams, Noel Williams, Loretta Viney (Leroy), and Shirley Butler. Brother in-law Matthew Clerk Sr. and daughter in-law Diane Clerk McGhee.

Sadly, she leaves behind a sister Geraldine High, Grandchildren Rhonda Clerk-Jackson (Davion), Terence Clerk (Clarissa), Darrell Bankston, Najee McGhee, and Balenciaqua Griffin, Great-Grandchildren Xavier Griffin, Jamal Jackson, Saadiya Muhammad, Jahmir Bankston, Wyatt and Chase Clerk, Future daughter in-law Pam Wright, Great niece Wanda "Sissy" Dutton, Sister in-law Hattie Mae Stancil, Melrose Harris, Hazel Williams, and brother-in-law Kenneth Butler. She is loved by a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins stemming from New Jersey to Georgia.

Lovingly known as "Patty" she made sure all of her family and friends felt welcomed and accepted in her home. She was always excited about attending the next family gathering and just being with the family. She was the type of grandmother that could hold an in depth conversation from Obama's presidency to what happened on the last episode of "The have and have Nots". She loved reminiscing about the good ol' days, Ervin and her grand's. She didn't miss a beat! She was always in the know on all the latest fashions and never left the house without being a full complete diva.

If you knew Patty, you knew she was a great cook even though she would never except that title! Her giving came in the form of her love of family.

The holiday season was definitely a treat for anyone who rang her bell. Tender and sweet with caramel cake, homemade vanilla ice-cream over hot sweet potato pie. AND GOOD GRACIOUS...her collard greens, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, potato salad. My goodness, who's going to do the cooking now?

She was a gracious and phenomenal woman and she will be missed deeply! Her legacy will live on in the hearts of all.

# *Order of Worship*

*The Parting View..... 10:00 am until 11:00 am*

*The Musical Prelude.....The Musician*

*The Processional .....Ministers, Family & Friends*

*Solo .....Michelle White*

*Message of Scriptures..... Xavier Griffin & Saadiya Muhammad*  
*Old Testament*  
*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Solo..... Michelle White*

*Obituary .....Wanda (Sissy) Dutton*

*Poem.....Balenciaqua Griffin*

*Solo .....Michelle White*

*Eulogy..... Rev. Nathaniel B. Legay*  
*Pastor, Metropolitan AME Zion Church, Jersey City, New Jersey*

*Recessional..... Minister, Family & Friends*

## ***Interment***

*Evergreen Cemetery*  
*Hillside, New Jersey*

*After the interment Family and Friends are invited to the repast*  
*at the Knights of Columbus*  
*1220 Liberty Avenue • Hillside, New Jersey*

## *Pallbearers*

Family & Friends

### *Legacy of Love*

*A wife, a mother, a grandma too.*

*This is the legacy we have from you.*

*You taught us love and how to fight,*

*You gave us strength, you gave us might.*

*A stronger person would be hard to find,*

*And in your heart, you were always kind.*

*You fought for us all in one way or another,*

*Not just as a wife not just as a mother.*

*For all of us you gave your best,*

*Now the time has come for you to rest.*

*So go in peace, you've earned your sleep.*

*Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep!*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family of **Patricia Clerk** expresses their heartfelt gratitude for the comforting prayers, words of encouragement, abounding support, flowers, cards and the many acts of kindness we have received.*

*May God richly bless each of you.*

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