

A portrait of Clara Lee Grier, a woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a red top. She is smiling slightly. The background is a soft-focus image of pink and yellow flowers, possibly irises, with green stems. The text is overlaid on the image.

*In Loving Memory of*

*Clara Lee Grier*

*Sunrise: August 9, 1939*

*Sunset: August 6, 2017*

**Service**

*Saturday, August 12, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.*

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# Obituary

**Clara Lee Gaymon Grier** was born in New York City, New York to the proud parents, Johnny and Jessie Gaymon on August 9, 1939. She had two brothers, John and Alphonso Gaymon and one sister, Geneva Weir whom all preceded her in death along with her late husband, John Grier and daughter, Cecile Simmons.

Clara received her high school diploma and took advanced studies in Mental Health. She worked as a Mental Health Therapist while receiving upgrades at her position at Wards Island until she retired.

She always encouraged her family to do well in life by receiving their education to reach their highest potential. She often purchased materials for them to learn different languages and update their skills to compete with the job market.

Clara enjoyed her family and staying at home. She enjoyed her favorite television shows such as the Sci-fi Channel, Castle, QVC, CNN and Bones. She also enjoyed going to Atlantic City winning lots of money and not letting anyone know because she feared her luck would be broken.

Clara was married to the late John Grier for forty-eight years and resided in the Grant Houses since their union. From their union six children were born.

She leaves to mourn her passing: John Grier, Jeffery Grier, Lana Brown, Rachelle Grier and Stephanie Grier; twelve grandchildren, Latanya (Shawn), John (Maritza), Lataisha (Alex), Josh, Lana (Reginald), Leslie (Keisha), Lajuan, Shantelle (Darnell), Priscilla, Chanel's, Briana and Shaqueena; nineteen great grandchildren, Blake, Shawn, Andre, Chloe, Jason, Alex, Amelia, Latavia, Lela, Reginald, Lanisia, Deja, Dominick, Darnell, Xadin, Xyion, Kayla, Malachi and Mason; one daughter-in-law, Marcia Grier; one niece, Marvena Stanley; five nephews, Charles, Johnny, Irving and Scotty Codrington and Alphonso Gaymon; cousins, Wilhelmena, Donald, Dickey and Eric Benson; and also a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Clara touched many lives and will be greatly missed. She showered her family with love until the end while teaching them to be strong, and putting God first in their lives.

# Order of Service

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

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*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Final Disposition*

*Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York*

# To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author unknown\*

## Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank their friends and family for many acts of kindness during the time of their bereavement. May God bless you all.

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