

Celebration of Life
for

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

575 E. 18th Street, Paterson, New Jersey
Rev. Dr. Randall M. Lassiter, Pastor



E. Clara (Thomas) Holloway

Sunrise
January 25, 1921



Sunset
March 11, 2018

Reflections of Life

E. Clara (Thomas) Holloway was called home from labor to reward on Sunday, March 11, 2018 following a brief illness. She was born January 25, 1921 in Camden, South Carolina. She was the third child of the late Zack and Barbara Thomas. Sister Holloway was educated in the Ridgewood New Jersey School System.

Sister Holloway was employed by the Curtiss Wright Aeronautical Corp. for 35 years. While working and raising her family she pursued her bachelor degree one course at a time, beginning at Tombrock College West Paterson and completed her degree at William Paterson College in 1981. She was later employed by the Paterson Board of Education as an Elementary School Teacher.

She loved to travel extensively around the globe, and went to many parts of the Caribbean and Europe with her beloved husband and children. She would play pinochle claiming she couldn't remember how to play while beating her opponents unmercifully. She was truly a social butterfly entertaining family and friends with plenty of food and good times.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church Paterson for more than 67 years. During her time at Calvary, she was President of the Women's Fellowship, a member of the Gospel Chorus and Chancel Choir. As a member of the Progressive Women she was one of the committee members responsible for bringing Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune to Calvary Baptist Church.

Sister Holloway was very civic minded, she lent her time and talent to several organizations which included being a member of the Bergen/Passaic Chapter of Jack and Jill of America; a life member of the Paterson Branch of the NAACP; Life member of Passaic County Section of National Council of Negro Women; Charter member of the Bergen/Passaic 100 Black Women Coalition; and a member of Paterson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Sister Holloway met her husbandman Arthur W. Holloway and was married on August 5, 1950 and from this union they were blessed with two daughters, Cynthia Holloway and Valerie Reels.

She is predeceased by her parents, Zack and Barbara Thomas, seven brothers Ernest (Billie) Alexander, Welton (WT) Thomas, Zack Thomas, Leonard Thomas, Miles (Mike) Thomas, Albert Thomas and Tyrone Thomas; 2 sisters Viola Thomas and Eva (Barbara) Pate.

She is survived by her beloved husband of sixty-seven years Arthur W. Holloway, three brothers Nathan (Edward) Thomas of Paramus, NJ, Harold Thomas and James Thomas of Paterson, NJ. Two daughters, Cynthia E. Holloway of Paterson, NJ and Valerie J. Reels (Darnell) of Morris Plains, NJ. Two grandsons, Darnell A. Reels III and Arthur W. Holloway-Reels of Morris Plains, NJ and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and caregivers.

Service of Triumph

*For I am ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand;
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith
2 Timothy 4:6-7*

- ORGAN PRELUDE.....Min. Scott Cumberbatch
- PROCESSIONAL.....Scriptural Passages
- INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
- HYMN OF COMFORT.....“Blessed Assurance” - Calvary Choir
- OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Psalms 27:4 (KJV) - Calvary Baptist Church
- NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....I Corinthians 15:55-57 (NLT) - Agape Ministries
- PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Rev. Dr. James A. Kuykendall
- WORDS OF COMFORT.....Deacon Leroy Coleman, Deacon Jeanette S. Lyde
Deaconess Annabelle Jones
Trustee Douglas Smith
Dr. Ursula Daniels, 100 Black Women Coalition
Jonine Deloatch, V.P. PAC Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Jackie Alexander, Family Member/Others
- SELECTION.....“For Every Mountain” - Dr. Michele R. Williams & Intercession Ministry
- RESOLUTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Deaconess Sandra L. Urquhart
- REFLECTIONS OF LIFE.....Deaconess Sandra L. Urquhart
- SELECTION.....“I Love The Lord” - Dr. Michele R. Williams & Intercession Ministry
- EULOGY.....Minister Cynthia E. Holloway
Deacon Valerie J. Reels
- SELECTION.....“C-Dub’s Praise Medley” - Dr. Michele R. Williams & Intercession Ministry
- RECESSIONAL.....Scriptural Passages
- INTERMENT.....Fairlawn Cemetery, 22-21 Maple Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Honorary Pallbearers

Darnell A. Reels III	Arthur W. Holloway-Reels
Ronald Profhete	Matthew D. Armstrong
Isaiah Kuziwanda	Teras Samuels

The Mansions Above

*We strain every nerve, We strive for the prize
Of our calling in Christ, A home in the skies.*

*The battles all fought the victory won
We have the reward "Good servant well done."*

Come enter thy home these mansions above

Rest in Heaven of infinite love

From sorrow and sin forever released

*Come sit with the guest at the Heavenly feast
All stains washed away in robes of pure white*

We bask in His rays we shine in His light

The crowns of rejoicing we ever more wear

The glory of Christ eternally shared.

Make me "O" father more grateful for life

More willing to bear the turmoil and strife

More anxious to serve more like him to be

Who gave his own life for answer, for me

That bearing Christ image here below.

My word done in him his glory may show

Fill the summer hear in accents of love

Daughter come higher and serve me above

What glories await the spirit set free

From fetters of earth untrammelled to be

The work begins here is continued above

And all that's left in life is service and love.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **E. Clara (Thomas) Holloway** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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