

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



CHARLES CLAY

SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 1, 1929

SUNSET: MARCH 30, 2019

Service

Friday, April 12, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Bishop Charles Wright, Officiating

Rev. Dr. J. G. McCann, Sr., Organist

OBITUARY

Charles Carter Clay was born on September 1, 1929 in Savannah, Georgia to Ms. Cornelia Clay. He was the youngest of six siblings all whom preceded him in death.

He was known to his family as "Surgum" because he was a sweet guy and he loved to dress. He migrated to New York City where he met and married his wife, Marjorie Ivey.

He was drafted to the Army and served four years as a Medic. He worked making hand bags for many years until the company went out of business. He then worked for the public school system as an Aide in the lunch room, until he retired.

He loved to listen to jazz. He used to sing songs by Nat King Cole and Billy Eskstine. He would often sing as he would be getting dressed to go out. (He loved to dress and wear his shades.) He looked good doing it.

Basketball was a passion of his. He played up until his mid 60's. He taught a lot of young boys in the neighborhood how to play. He would get up on the weekends especially Sunday mornings and go out to the courts. Michael Jordan was his favorite player, he would talk for hours about him and the game. In his eyes Michael Jordan was the greatest player ever. (Don't bother him when he was watching a game.)

He will be greatly missed, especially his smile and his laughter (when you were able to catch him doing it due to the fact that he was a somewhat serious guy).

He leaves to mourn: his wife of 61 years, Marjorie Clay; three daughters and a son, Felitia Bearden-Shaw, Victoria R. Clay, Chandra Clay and Charles C. Clay; four grandkids, Jermaine Mason, Ebony L. Clay, Treyvon C. Clay and Zariah R. Clay; eight great grands, Jenelle Mason, Jenae Mason, Jeneen Mason, Jurnee Mason, Zayon J. Clay, Londyn R. Clay, Lauryn E. Clay and Sklylar H. Clay; his favorite niece, Ms. Sharon Mathews; and a host of extended family and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Selection

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop William Wilkins, Jr.

Scripture Readings

Old and New Testament.....Minister Willie Cobb

Selection.....Bishop William Wilkins, Jr.

Reflections.....Family and Friends

Reading of Obituary.....Zariah R. Clay

Selection

Eulogy.....Bishop Charles Wright, Sr.

Final Viewing

Committal

Recessional

INTERMENT

Calverton National Cemetery

Calverton, New York

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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