

Celebrating The Life Of
Bluease Godwin

Sunrise
June 28, 1943

Sunset
May 9, 2020

A portrait of Bluease Godwin, a woman with dark hair, wearing a light-colored jacket, centered in the lower half of the page. The background is a soft-focus field of pink and white flowers.

Graveside Service
Wednesday May 20, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

LAUREL GROVE CEMETERY

95 Totowa Rd.

Totowa, New Jersey

Elder Moses McKenzie, Officiating

Precious Memories



Reflections of Life

Bluease "Bea" Godwin began her journey in the Garden of Life on June 28, 1943 in Florence County, SC. She is the daughter of the late Eddie McClam, Jr. and Gracie B. Singletary McClam.

Early on in her life's journey she heard the voice of the Lord and confessed her belief in Christ with a beautiful shout and praise at the Garden of Little Star Holiness Church in Coward, SC.

Throughout her teen years, she served in the church with a vibrant and energetic spirit. She was a youth leader, choir director and was a great inspiration to everyone around her.

Bea's journey in education led her to Carver High School in Lake City, SC where she developed a great love and passion for music. She played the clarinet horn and marched in the high school band.

Her journey of adulthood led her to Paterson, NJ in the early 60's where she met and married the love of her life, David " Sonny Boy" Godwin. In their union, they were blessed with two children; son, Davey and daughter, Barbara.

While their two children became the loves of Bluease and David's life, she always made time for her younger brothers and sisters. Bea was never afraid to love and spend her time and resources with her family. She was trained professionally as a cosmetologist, but chose a career in healthcare until

her retirement. Bea chose healthcare because she enjoyed helping others.

On her journey from 1968-1973, she enjoyed great happy times traveling and singing back lead with her sisters in a group called the "Gospel Enchanters." Gospel music has always been her passion and the songs of praise gave her great comfort. She enjoyed listening to the Canton Spirituals, Marvin Winans and the Gospel Hi-Lites which she loved very much.

As all journeys must come to an end, Bluease "Bea" Godwin's heavenly journey began on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at the home of her loving daughter Barbara. She left peacefully surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

Bluease leaves to cherish wonderful memories: son, Davey Godwin and wife Stacy; daughter Barbara Franklin and husband, Kenneth; 4 grandchildren: Dazhon and wife Maria, Nehemiah and twins, Keenan and Kenneth; 2 great-grandsons: Cameron and Sinclear; one great-granddaughter, Kailani better known as "Little Bea Bea;" 2 brothers: Author McClam and Woodrow McClam and wife Demetia; 3 sisters: Tina Woods and husband Richard, Eadie Wiggins and husband Steve and Elder Verleen McKenzie; 2 aunts: Mennie B. Brown and Hazeline Graham; one uncle, Frank Nelson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Our hearts are deeply saddened by Bea's passing, but we will take courage in knowing that our life on earth is temporary and we thank God for the time and years we shared with her.



Order of Service

Scripture Reading
Psalm 91

Prayer of Comfort

Selection
“The Beautiful Garden of Prayer”
Elder Verleen McKenzie

Brief Word of Comfort
Elder Moses McKenzie
Pastor, New Creech Temple United Holiness Church
of America, Paterson, NJ

Committal



We Are Family

We can be ourselves with each other. We share family and memories and know each other completely, We share secrets and dreams and accept each other just as we are. We can laugh and giggle about anything; we share a sense of humor that is unique to us, we count on each other and help one another. In the darkest hour, we can see the light as long as we're looking for it together, we understand one another as no one else can. We listen and care, we accept, even when we don't agree. We're a special combination of friends and family, and the bond of love we share is forever.

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Bluease Godwin** 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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