Ms. Helen Chance Clayton

May 9, 1927 - May 24, 2024

On May 9, 1927, God blessed the late James and Annie Gibbs Chance of Hyde County, NC with their first daughter, Helen Kathleen Chance, in Fairfield, NC. God peacefully called Helen home to glory on Friday, May 24, 2024, at ECU Health Medical Center, Greenville, NC.

Imagine growing up in the early ‘30s and ‘40s as a sharecropper’s daughter, 60 years post slavery. During this time, the world was at war, Wall Street crashed, triggering one of America's greatest depression eras in history. She would have watched all of these things happening in the world at that time on the community televisor. Through all this, Helen Kathleen Clayton, affectionately known as “SIS” made the world her oyster.

She spent most of her early years in Fairfield and Scranton, NC, where she attended Hyde County Training Vocational School. Later in life, she would move to New Jersey, back to Scranton, then to Swan Quarter, NC, where she became a Certified Nurse’s Assistant and a long term employee of Rose Bay Oyster Company. Shortly before her call to glory, she relocated to Winterville, NC. She joined Weeping Mary Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, where she served faithfully as church mother. She played the guitar, love to travel, cook, and host family gatherings. She also loved to fish at the Mattamuskeet Lake.

Helen leaves to cherish her memories: Children: Lillian Clayton Burrus of Ayden, NC; Clifford Clayton Jr., Scranton, NC; Carolyn Davis (Dennis) Winterville, NC; Curtis “Donnie” Clayton, Scranton, NC; Linda Barrow, Washington, NC; Bonus Children: Robert Cooper (Brenda), Sladesville, NC, Edward “Randy” Clayton (Tonya), Greenville, NC; and Nicola Clayton Gibbs (Kevin), Greenville, NC; Siblings: Woodrow Chance, Garner, NC; Garland Chance, York, PA; Lydia Lewis, Hillside, NJ; Lucille Barrow, Colonia, NJ; Wilson Chance (Nancy), Raleigh, NC; Josephine Chance, Greenville, NC; Sixteen (16) grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN **1**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church
1295 Mumford Road
NC 27834

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

SC

This was so hard for me. From the day your grandson took me to meet you, you've been in a special place in my heart. You showed me kindness, gentleness, compassion and nothing but love from that day until I saw you a month ago. You never treated me any different, always with love. You gave as if I was one of your own. Even you and my Grandmother became good friends when you met. You will be truly missed but always loved. I will cherish my memories and the old stories Ronnie tell me of when he was young. Never will we forget you. With Love, Your Granddaughter Sherri 🕊️ ❤️

Sherri Canady Clayton - June 04, 2024 at 07:21 PM

CS

Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.

Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - June 03, 2024 at 04:58 PM

GS

My heartfelt Condolences to the Clayton Family. I remember her kind demeanor and smile. Rest In Heavenly Peace, Woman of God.

Gracelene Shelton - June 01, 2024 at 12:34 PM

JE

Love you Grandma Sis. Nothing but good memories from my younger years coming out to visit you. Such a kind and gentle soul. Til we meet again...

Jena Epenesa-Davis - June 01, 2024 at 12:08 PM

EB

May the greatest of memories be with you now and in the days ahead.

E Ramona Brown - June 01, 2024 at 10:28 AM

JN

Praying for comfort for all in this loss. But happy that you are now in everlasting peace. 🕊️ Love you always, Jeffery, Natasha, Josiah & Natalia McNair

Jeffery & Natasha - June 01, 2024 at 07:02 AM

CL

My Grandmother, our Matriarch, was kind, loving, giving, and a true Lady. She was strong, beautiful and loved her family and friends. She cooked, fished, took ca re of the sick and downtrodden. A True Grandma. We will continue your legacy as long as we live. Get your rest, your job is done here. I love you Queen Sis.

Cynthia Burrus- Lane - May 31, 2024 at 11:18 PM

VA

1 file added to the tribute wall

vanessa - May 31, 2024 at 10:41 PM

VA

My Deepest condolences to my beautiful Aunt Sis .. glad I got to spend some time with her last year..I will cherish the great memories of her..RIP Auntie.. Your niece Vanessa 🙏🙏❤️❤️🌸🌹

vanessa - May 31, 2024 at 10:39 PM

CT

To Carolyn, Dennis, & Family: My Deepest Sympathy. Neighbors Cassandra Tyson & Son, JimmyJr

Cassandra Tyson - May 31, 2024 at 05:51 PM

LB

My heartfelt condolences to the Clayton family. May God give you all the strength & comfort you need during this difficult time.

Laurie Boyd - May 31, 2024 at 12:28 PM

SM

From Sallie McClary, Brandon & Cedric, Dexter & Shannon, David & Terrie

Wishing you comfort

To love is to remember. Hoping you will find some comfort in the warm memories your heart will always hold on to.

Sallie McClary - May 30, 2024 at 06:49 PM

KC

Kerry Canady lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helen Chance Clayton

Kerry Canady - May 30, 2024 at 10:19 AM

GD

I shared many memorable moments with my Grandma Sis! From teaching us to pray and babysitting us as youngsters, to riding you out and spending the night with you just a year or so ago, I thank God for the unconditional Love and closeness we shared. You knew how to make each of us feel special and unique to you; a rare quality it seems only Grandma's seem to possess. I will cherish your memory for my lifetime, and look forward to seeing you, G2, Zeek, Zealon and all of our family members at that great reunion in the sky!!! I will always Love you, Your "Greggie"

Greg Davis - May 30, 2024 at 08:43 AM

AE

Sending our condolences and prayers to the family. May God wrap you in his arms in your time of need and turn your tears into great memories.
Love, Marcus and Angela Ellis, Jacksonville Florida

Angela Ellis - May 29, 2024 at 06:50 PM

BS

Offering deepest and most sincere condolences from the Spencer family

Betsy Spencer - May 29, 2024 at 05:46 PM

EH

May Jesus Christ Continues To Comfort And Strengthen The Family

Evangelist Gwen Hudson - May 29, 2024 at 05:42 PM

TB

Tabatha Butler lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helen Chance Clayton

Tabatha Butler - May 29, 2024 at 05:12 PM

OD

Your Somerset, New Jersey Family and extended families are sending heartfelt condolences and continued prayers. Memories of you will forever live in our hearts! Claytons, Thompsons, Simmons and Taylors

Odessa - May 29, 2024 at 01:17 PM

JJ

Grandma, we love you girl. You exceeded your mission ❤️

Jamillah And Jayla Johnson - May 29, 2024 at 12:44 PM

DC

So sorry for your loss

Deborah Cradle - May 29, 2024 at 12:07 PM

LC

We are sending sincere condolences to the family.

Louise Cooper & Cynthia Crudup - May 29, 2024 at 09:13 AM

CD

Mom was a sweet & supportive mom for her children & step children.
She loved to fish, cook and ride.
She would cook and anyone could come and eat at her table.mom enjoyed going to church until her health prevented her from attending.she never complained about her health.she left behind many notes of her thoughts that I will cherish forever.
I miss mom but I know that she had a personal relationship with the Lord.
Mom you went to sleep and peacefully left us.
See you on the other side!!
Dennis & Carolyn Davis

Carolyn Davis - May 29, 2024 at 01:39 AM

Our Grandmother was our Madea. She loved to spread Love. She often fed people (and animals) home cooked meals. She gave others a home and treated them like royalty. It felt like she would be here forever. I love my Sissy Pooh. REST IN PEACEFUL PARADISE Grandma
Love,
YOUR HEART BROKEN GRANDDAUGHTER
GINA❤️ 🖤

Regina Davis - May 29, 2024 at 12:18 AM

PF

Pastor Milton& Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helen Chance Clayton

Pastor Milton& Delorse Staton Family - May 28, 2024 at 06:04 PM