

Active Pallbearers

Wendell Broussard
Yapphet Chambers
Anthony Jackson
Paul Holland

James Cerf
Vernon Chaisson
Derrick Holland
Theodore Victor

Honorary Pallbearers

Cedric Clayton, Jr.
Cedric Clayton III
Donald Gaut
Treyvon Auzenne
Lebron Clayton

William Clayton
Jaylan Guidry
Ronald Gaut
Greg Clayton
DeAndre' Clayton

Zach Magotti

Acknowledgements

The Clayton family would like to thank everyone for your kind expression of sympathy. The love you have shown has given us great comfort. During this difficult time, we realize how much our family and friends mean to us. From every phone call received, food cooked, prayers said and every visit made Thank You, Thank You, Thank You. Special thanks to her bestie Shirley Kelly, for always being available to sit with her during the day while Inetta worked, and Special thank you to Doctor's Choice Hospice, Robin Masters, Megan Burns and Amy Culpepper for taking great care of our loved one during her transition.

The Family of Willie Lois Clayton

She Shall Rest At

Greenlawn Memorial Park
3900 Twin City Hwy.
Groves, Texas 77619

Professional Care Entrusted To:

Hannah Funeral Home, Inc.
3727 Lewis Drive
Port Arthur, Texas 77642
Joseph Johnson, Funeral Director
Barbra Hannah-Keys, Owner

Repast to follow at Eastern Star Baptist Church

Programs Entrusted to Anointed Hands by Felicia

Celebrating THE LIFE OF



GOD SMILED ON ME
JANUARY 22, 1945

GOD SET ME FREE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Willie Lois Beard Clayton
"Memi"

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

EASTERN STAR BAPTIST CHURCH
548 15TH STREET
PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS 77642
VESTER THOMPSON, PASTOR
DR. JOHN R. ADOLPH, OFFICIANT

Don't Grieve For Me"

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

~ Memi



Tribute To Our Grandmother

Memi,

Today we gather to celebrate your life. Although it pains us to see you go, we can't help but thank God for the time we had with you. Thank you for loving each of us, cherishing us, showing up for us, and being the grandmother we all needed in our lives.

You taught us the value of kindness, the strength in perseverance, and the beauty of laughter. Your wisdom guided us, your encouragement inspired us, and your hugs and kisses made us feel safe. We will forever cherish the lessons you imparted and the memories we created together.

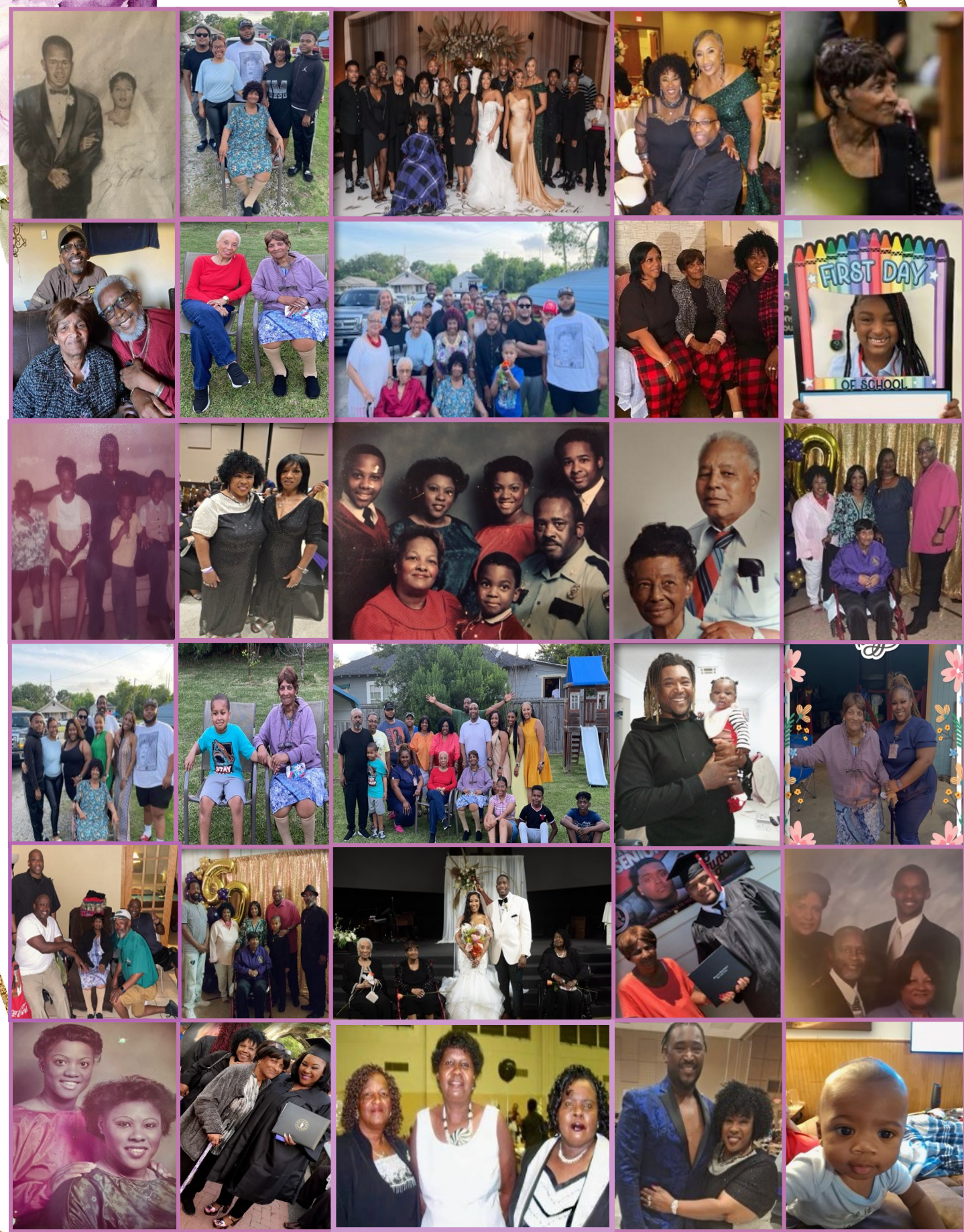
Though you may no longer be with us, your spirit lives on in each of us. We promise to carry your legacy forward, to share your stories, and to spread the love you so freely gave.

Thank you for being our everything. We love you always and miss you dearly.

Rest In Peace, Memi, you will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Love your Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Organ Prelude
ProcessionalMinister and Family
Selection.....Every Praise
Scripture Readings
 Old Testament Appointee
 New TestamentAppointee

Prayer.....Dr. John R. Adolph
Selection.....Roushaunda Giron

 Resolutions/Acknowledgments
 Obituary Read Silently

Solo.....Roushaunda Giron

 Moments of Reflection/ Remembrance
 Classmate - Vernita Gunner
 Siblings - Donald Ray Bonnie
 The Clayton Family - William Clayton

Eulogy.....Pastor Vester Thompson

Recessional

Tribute To Our Mother

As we stand here today, we reflect on the incredible woman we were fortunate enough to call our mother. Words can never fully capture what she meant to us, but we will try to honor her in the way she always deserved. Rest in peace, Memi, knowing that your sons and daughters will carry your love with them always.

*Love you always,
Inetta, Cedrena, Cedric Jr and William*



Tribute To Our Mother-In-Love

From the moment we met her, she welcomed us with open arms and an open heart. Her kindness knew no bounds, and her generosity was a testament to her character. We are grateful for the countless memories we shared, from family gatherings to quiet one on one conversations. While we will miss her dearly, we find comfort in knowing that her spirit lives on in our hearts and in the lives of those she touched.

Rest in peace Memi, we will see you in the morning.

Love your Daughters-In-Love

Her Story

Willie Lois "Memi" Beard Clayton was born on January 22, 1945 to the late William Beard and Annie Bobb Beard. On Monday, September 16, 2024, the Lord with His loving kindness, came to her bedside and whispered, " You have fought a good fight, you have finished your course, come home and rest".

"Memi" as she was affectionately called by all, was educated in the Port Arthur public schools and graduated from, none other than, the illustrious Abraham Lincoln High School class of 1963, where she was a member of the Honeybees.

She was a member of TPOA (Texas Peace Officer Association), where she was crowned Queen of the organization three times.

She met the love of her life, the late Sgt. Cedric Clayton Sr., at Abraham Lincoln High School, soon after meeting they married on his birthday, October 28, 1960 and to this union five (5) children were born (name the children).

She gave her life to Christ at an early age and was baptized by the late Reverend Sparks at First Sixth Street Baptist Church, which later became Mount Sinai Baptist Church. She remained a member until she joined New St. John Baptist Church with her husband and raised her children under the leadership of Reverend Claude Comeaux. At the time of her demise she was a member of Eastern Star Baptist Church with her daughters.

She was employed at the United Board Of Missions for 20 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents William and Annie Beard, daughter Karen Clayton, granddaughter Alexis Janay Clayton, husband Cedric Clayton Sr., bonus grandchild Roderick Gaut and brother Glenn Alexander.

Left to cherish her memories are: two daughters, Inetta Clayton and Cedrena Clayton, both of Port Arthur, TX; two sons, Cedric Clayton Jr (Tammy) of Port Arthur, TX, William Clayton (Pamela) of Beaumont, TX; two bonus sons, Donald Gaut (Gwen) of Shreveport, LA; Ronald Gaut (Sue) of Atlanta, GA; one brother, Rev Donald Ray Bonnie (Sherri) of Baytown, TX; one sister, Carol Guillory (Eddie) of Port Arthur, TX; two sister-in-laws, Yoshi Alexander and Savannah Clayton (late Earl) of Port Arthur, TX; and one brother-in-law Arstell Clayton (Johnnie Mae) of Port Arthur, TX.; 15 grandchildren, 25 great- grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends to carry on her legacy.