



Clarene Watts

April 10, 1932 - June 10, 2015

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

We are here to celebrate the life of Clarene Watts, born to the proud parents of James Hampton and Beatrice Wilburn in Stevens Arkansas on April 10, 1932.

Clarene migrated from Arkansas with her mother to Richmond California at a young age. After being married once she met and fell in love with her true Soul mate Chester Cain Watts on June 19, 1962. They possessed a marriage of commitment and unconditional love for forty-seven years. They were the matriarch and the patriarch of the Watts Family. During their union they moved from Richmond CA to Berkeley California at 2226 7th Street where Clarene resided for fifty- two years nurturing our family with love, memorable conversations and legendary meals. They lived a modest and humbling life as they gave generously without question to family and friends in need.

Clarene confessed Christ at an early age, uniting with the Saint Mathews Baptist Church in Oakland California, under the leadership of the late Reverend Milton Wise. She served in the kitchen, and sang in the women's chorus on first Sundays. Most of all she enjoyed being on the Usher board. She was a dedicated servant for God. Clarene diligently spoke about the goodness of God", often saying, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalm 34:1 even through her darkest days of sickness she would praise God with the tap of her feet, or the waving of her

hands. Thanking God for all that he has done.

Clarene worked at Sun Garden Cannery where she retired October 19, 1995. She became a stay home wife as she assisted her husband daily as he worked and retired from Boiler Maker located in San Francisco Ca. This gave Clarene more time with her family which she enjoyed most of all. She was an awesome seamstress and cook. Clarene would use her time to create new recipes and teach novice family members how to cook over the phone. She was well known for her legendary Lemon Cake; Pancakes from scratch and her spaghetti just to name a few. Clarene could create patterns for dresses, suits and almost anything. She loved teaching her nieces and their friends how to save money by making their own clothing. She often sat observing her nieces for countless hours cutting out patterns. She possessed many talents that she shared with family and friends. Clarene was always giving without thinking about receiving anything in return.

Clarene was diagnosed with Dementia several years ago and this year she suffered a stroke. Months later she was diagnosed with the dreadful disease Cancer. Through it all she continued to persevere and Thank God for her family and her life. One of her many favorite scriptures was, "Weeping May Endure for the Night" , But Joy Comes in the Morning" Psalm 30:5 On Wednesday June 10, 2015 God called her home. With a peaceful smile with family and friends by her side she surrendered. She completed her earthly journey and has started her eternal journey. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Chester Watts, her sister Patricia Moore, brother Jimmy Wilburn.

Cemetery Details

Rural Cemetery

2350 Cemetery Lane
Stockton, CA 95204

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
1331 San Pablo Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94702
(510) 525-1331
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomelegacycenter.com>

Service

JUN 18. 10:00 AM (PT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
1400 8th Street
Berkeley, CA 94710

Tribute Wall



“ *Houston Family lit a candle in memory of Clarene Watts* ”



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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clarene Watts.* ”



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