



Clara Hayden-McCoy

December 17, 1923 - March 25, 2020

Clara Hayden-McCoy was the 3rd child born to Joseph & Isabel Bledsoe-Hayden on December 17, 1923 in Chickasha, OK.

She traveled extensively all over the World. Leaving a positive influence wherever she resided.

Clara was an Lincoln Alumnus, graduating from Lincoln High School in Chickasha, OK. She furthered her education by receiving a bachelor's degree from Houston Tillotson University in Austin, Texas.

Work experience includes, but not limited to: Director of Service Club in Fort Chaffee, AR; Pre-school Teacher in El Paso, TX; Pre-school Teacher at Singer Learning Center in Columbia, MO; Pre-school Teacher at Head Start in Chickasha, OK where she retired.

Clara was a life-long member of First Baptist Church, located on 1st Street and Dakota Ave in Chickasha, OK. She served on numerous committees, some simultaneously, which include: Finance Committee, and the Mission Board. She was a faithful Servant till the end.

Clara was a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for 74 years; this May would have been her 75th year of active membership. She was also a member, from 1986 until present, of the Purity Chapter #34 Order of the Eastern Star, a Prince Hall Affiliation in Chickasha, OK. While an Eastern Star member, she was a past President and Treasurer.

Clara Hayden united in holy matrimony to Lieutenant Colonel Author Lee McCoy; to this union, they had one son, Gerald.

Clara was preceded in death by husband, Lieutenant Colonel Author Lee McCoy; parents, Joseph & Isabel Hayden; grandparents, John & Francis Bledsoe; sisters: Juanita Hayden-Beatty, Marquite Hayden-Johnson, Johnnie Hayden-Strout, Janell Hayden-Daily, and Johnetta (Fran) Hayden-Carter. Brothers who've preceded Clara in death: Howard Hayden and Lawrence (Willie) Hayden.

Survivors left to cherish the memories of Clara are one Son Gerald & Carol McCoy of Waianae, HI. grandchildren: Jillian Marie Oragon of Olalia, WA; Keawe Jose' Redia, Jazlyn Mahealani McCoy of Waianae, HI.

Great-grandchildren include: Jaxon, Arcega, and Carter Cu. Surviving brothers: Edgar Hayden and Willard Gene Hayden both of Chickasha, OK; Leo Wayne Hayden of Oakland, CA. Sisters: Wanda Hayden-Davis and Arvella Hayden both of Oakland, CA.

A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, Church family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Fairlawn Cemetery

Chickasha, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
102 E. Dakota
Chickasha, OK 73018

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*

Aunt Clara
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
It broke our hearts to see you go,
God only takes the best

Brown Thomas Funeral Home - April 30, 2020 at 12:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Clara Hayden-McCoy.



April 01, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Clara Hayden-McCoy.



April 01, 2020 at 12:11 PM

LO

“ *Lawton Alumnae Chapter, Lawton, OK purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Clara Hayden-McCoy.*



Lawton Alumnae Chapter, Lawton, OK - April 01, 2020 at 11:08 AM

MS

“ *My cousin Clara always had a smile on her face, when I moved to Oklahoma City, she would always have me to come and spend the weekend and some holiday 's whenever I couldn't get to Texas. My cousin will truly be missed. Rest in Heaven my Cousin Clara.*

Marilyn Penns Scott - March 31, 2020 at 09:35 PM

EW

“ *I didn't want to exclude Greg's wife Necol who is a part of our family and she knew Clara.*

We all miss you!

Eric E, Williams - March 31, 2020 at 08:23 PM

TK

“ *The Williams Family in Wichita, Kansas purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Clara Hayden-McCoy.*



The Williams Family in Wichita, Kansas - March 31, 2020 at 08:10 PM

RW

“ We will miss you Clara. You always treated us so good and you were an excellent cousin and friend to our mother Bernice Williams. Mother gave Rita your name for her middle name. You loved the Lord and he has received unto himself another angel.

On behalf;f of the Williams Family:

Bernice Williams (deceased) Stephen Williams (deceased) Rev. Eric Williams, Randy Williams (deceased), Rita Clara Williams, and Gregory Williams

Rev. Eric E. Williams - March 31, 2020 at 07:55 PM

DH

“ David Humphrey purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Clara Hayden-McCoy.



David Humphrey - March 31, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Clara Hayden-McCoy.



March 30, 2020 at 09:20 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Miller lit a candle in memory of Clara Hayden-McCoy*



Brenda Miller - March 30, 2020 at 05:15 PM

DA

“ *DanaJohnson lit a candle in memory of Clara Hayden-McCoy*



DanaJohnson - March 30, 2020 at 05:07 PM

DA

“ *I will miss Me Clara so much,no more weekly chats. A beautiful spirit gone on to be with our Father. God bless her family.*

DanaJohnson - March 30, 2020 at 05:04 PM

JT

“ *I will truly miss you Aunt Clara, I have fond memories of your time spent here in Columbia, Maryland. This was during my college years at Morgan and coming to your house on weekends was a wonderful experience. The conversations between you , myself and friends was memorable. I will truly miss you rest well and tell my uncle hello. 🥺*

janice m talley - March 30, 2020 at 11:54 AM

VL

“ My condolences. Mrs. McCoy was a beautiful lady inside and out. I loved her dearly. She will truly be missed. My heart is filled with sorrow.

veronica Lolar - March 30, 2020 at 11:11 AM

JJ

“ To the family of Clara Hayden-McCoy, although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. May God provide you enough strength to face these difficult times, although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. My Condolences, I will continue to pray for the family.

John Jefferson - March 30, 2020 at 09:18 AM

KB

Edgar B., Theresa and the Hayden Family: I was very fond of Ms. Clara. She always greeted me with a smile, positivity and/or encouragement. I saw her last at Fran's homecoming. Ms. Clara has been a pillar to the Chickasha community and her presence will be truly missed. As Ms. Clara Rests In Peace, my heartfelt sympathy and prayers extend to your family. Sincerely. Kathy Brown-Taylor

Kathy Brown-Taylor - April 14, 2020 at 07:59 PM

RO

“ Mrs. Clara was one of my life's mentor. Small in stature but Great in Spirit. She was the Director at Chickasha's HeadStart. I appreciate her guidance and wisdom. A special prayer and offering of Love for the family.



Roberta - March 30, 2020 at 08:02 AM

TM

“ Where do I start.....I'm forever grateful for the time I spent personally with Mrs.Clara from a lil girl to now an adult. She was a great neighbor, a woman of class and humility. I can remember her sitting me down talking to me about marriage(life) as I was in preparation to marry. Everything that she spoke with me about was words of wisdom yet encouraging. I will forever carry those moments in my heart. It will not be the same when I come home to visit with her presence gone. To the family know that were praying for you all at this difficult time. Please accept our condolences. Regards,
William/Tamara Thompson



Tamara Maloney-Thompson - March 29, 2020 at 10:39 PM

AB

“ My Deepest Sympathy. Gods blessing of Comfort and Peace over the Hayden-McCoy Families. Rest in Peace Mrs. Clara.



Angelia Blunt - March 29, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ My name is Lisa brown I was her aide for about a year now and enjoyed going to see her .i will miss her dearly she was so sweet to me. The family are in my prayers in this time of need .i will miss her
Thanks lisa

Lisa Brown - March 27, 2020 at 08:58 AM