



Mr. Claude Hope Allen

September 21, 1929 - April 19, 2016

Mr. Claude Hope Allen, 89, of Peoria, IL, passed away Thursday, April 19, 2016 at his residence.

Claude was born in Rose Hill, Manchester, Jamaica, West Indies to Clement and Irene

Agatha (Reddish) Allen on September 21, 1929. Claude was the third of twelve children in this family union.

Claude attended the Rose Hill Elementary School. His concentration there was agriculture. After graduating from school, he continued to work in the field of agriculture with his father until he migrated to the United States of America where he continued in that field of employment. His line of work caused him to travel from state to state, and it was during that time that he met Melweda Beard who later became his life-long marriage partner for the past 50 years.

Their devotion to each other was admired. The marriage vow, "In sickness or in health, till death do us part," was truly demonstrated in their union. Melweda was nursing home bound for the past year. During that time, Claude would visit her daily with her favorite food and spent many hours by her side.

Claude's death came as a surprise to all of us since he visited Melweda a day or two before his passing. When she realized he was gone, she too succumbed a few days later. They both will be missed by all relatives, friends and acquaintances.

Claude leaves to mourn one daughter - Norma Allen of Texas; six sisters - Salome Crawford-Bailey, Joyce Allen, Gloria Allen, Eslyn (Gene) Williamson,

Madge Connell all of Florida; Bernice Miller of Canada; one brother - Edward Allen of New York; Brother-in-law - Delbert Connell of Florida, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and other well wishers.

Rest in peace until resurrection morning.

A double memorial service for Claude and Melweda will be held at 10 am, Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at Simons Mortuary with a visitation to begin at 9:30 am. Rev. Arthur Williams, Sr., will officiate. Inurnment of Claude and Melweda will be in East Lawn Cemetery in Bloomington, IL.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

1002 Airport Rd.
Bloomington, IL 61704

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-2638
info@simonsmortuary.com
<https://simonsmortuary.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Patrick Bowens lit a candle in memory of Claude Allen



Patrick Bowens - January 12, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ Mr. Claude Hope Allen

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ Mr. Claude Hope Allen

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ Abigail Barnett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Claude Hope Allen



Abigail Barnett - May 17, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ Prayers to the entire Allen family, may God keep you and strengthen you through this loss.

Yvette McNary - May 01, 2016 at 10:15 PM