



## Reverend Earnest L. Clayton Sr.

September 22, 1945 - April 23, 2025

Rev. Earnest Lee Clayton Sr. was born on September 22, 1945 to the late Lee and Georgia Smedley Clayton in Cecil, Alabama.

Rev. Clayton departed this life on April 23, 2025 at Yale New Haven Hospital. Earnest confessed his faith in Christ at an early age and was actively engaged spreading the gospel throughout his life.

Earnest moved to New Haven, Connecticut in 1962 and began working at Olin Winchester and Southern Connecticut College. He graduated from Hillhouse High School in 1969.

In October 1978 Earnest later united in Holy Matrimony to Evelyn Anderson Clayton.

Earnest was predeceased in death by his parents, two brothers James and Albert Clayton, one sister Dorothy Ruth Henderson.

Rev. Earnest Clayton leaves to cherish his memories; Two sons Earnest (Sherena) Clayton Jr. and Steven Clayton; Two granddaughters; Laila and Vanessa Clayton. His two brothers; Johnny Lee Clayton (his twin) and Joshua (Betty) Smedley; all from New Haven, Connecticut.

Three sister; Susie Mae (Jimmy) Cleveland, Patricia Ann (Jesse) Madison; all of Montgomery, Alabama, Mary Annette

Campbell; College Park, Georgia.

A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Straightway Church  
37 Market Street  
New Haven, CT 06513

# Tribute Wall

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“❤️🕊️ *Earnest(Bee); i have so many GREAT MEMORIES of you! Time can never erase them. I hold them dear to my heart. 🕊️❤️ Your dearest sister; Mary Annette Clayton Campbell.*



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**Mary Campbell** - May 02, 2025 at 02:49 PM

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“ *Uncle Earnest (Bee) I always told you Thank You for everything you talked to me about mostly the Bible! I will continue to study and serve the Lord like you'd want me to! I Love You Forever! Tell Mom I said Hey! Love Always... Your nephew (PeeWee)*

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**Floyd Upshaw** - April 30, 2025 at 08:01 PM

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“ *May GOD bless our family. LOVE YOU ALL. YOUR BABY SISTER PATRICIA MADISON*

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**Patricia Madison** - April 30, 2025 at 06:28 PM