

*“Let the Life I Lived, Speak for Me”*

*In Loving Memory of*

*Dr. Clemmie Barnes Hatchett*

December 31, 1921 – July 21, 2020



Services  
Friday, July 24, 2020  
10:00 AM

# *Order of Service*

## Prelude

Officiant .....	Reverend Dreem Penn, Granddaughter
Hymn .....	Claflin University Choir (Virtual) "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Scripture.....	Attorney Christopher Johnson, Grandson & Ms. Taylor Hatchett, Granddaughter
Medley of Favorite Songs .....	Ms. Kimberly Grimes, Violinist "I Come to the Garden Alone" "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" "Just A Closer Walk with Thee"

## Reflections

Attorney Michael Tyler, Providence Missionary Baptist Church (Virtual)

Dr. Henry N. Tisdale, *Claflin University (Virtual)*

Mr. Paul L. Hatchett, Jr., Son

Mr. Kolen S. Hatchett, Sr., Son

Mr. Charles Johnson, IV, Grandson

Medley of Songs ..... Milk Shake Mayfield, Trumpeter

Eulogy..... Judge Glenda A. Hatchett, Daughter

Pastoral Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Dr. Gerald L. Durley

Medley of Songs ..... Claflin University Choir (Virtual)  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"Lead Me, Guide Me"  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Benediction ..... Reverend Damon P. Williams, Ph.D. (Virtual)

Recessional ..... "God Be with You"

## Dr. Clemmie Barnes Hatchett - Life-long Educator and Community Activist

Known for her fierce resolve and unwavering determination, Clemmie Barnes Hatchett traveled the world, took flying lesson at the age of 91, zoomed around Atlanta in her little convertible until two years ago, and dedicated countless hours helping others, especially through her church, Providence Missionary Baptist Church, and her alma mater, Claflin University.

Born, December 13, 1921, in Florence, SC, to Leon Barnes, Sr. and Hattie Holloway Barnes, Clemmie was the seventh among nine children, William, Sarah, Joanna, Ruth, Carrie, Alberta, Leon Jr. and Frank. She graduated cum laude from Claflin College in 1943 and returned to Florence to begin her career as an educator. She continued teaching after moving to Atlanta, GA in 1949. It was there that she met and married the love of her lifetime, Paul Hatchett, Sr. They were married for 44 years until the time of his death. Together, they raised three children, Glenda, Paul Jr., and Kolen.

Throughout the 34 years that Clemmie worked for Atlanta Public Schools, she was known for her extraordinary classroom teaching, her work with Teacher Corps, and her service as coordinator of the first Head Start in the Model Cities Program. While teaching, she also earned her master's degree from Atlanta University and an Ed.S degree from Georgia State University. She retired in 1983 as an assistant high school principal.

A woman of deep unwavering faith in God, Clemmie became an active member of Providence Missionary Baptist Church in 1949 and remained a member until her death. She was one of the first women to serve on the Board of Trustees, serving as Vice Chair, and devoted a great deal of time developing, opening, and volunteering at Providence Manor, the church's senior care facility. Clemmie also is credited for starting the church's first AIDS ministry over four decades ago. She loved Providence because of its strong belief that the work of God's people must be out in the community.

One of the joys of Clemmie's life was her role as Queen Mother of the Providence Missionary Baptist Church Clemmie B. Hatchett Red Hat Society. The founding members unanimously voted to honor Clemmie who inspired every Red Hatter to live life to its fullest and the chapter was named in her honor.

Clemmie and her husband Paul were passionate supporters of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In 2004, Clemmie was inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame. She was a staunch advocate and volunteer for her beloved Claflin University. She was one of the first women to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee. She also created and launched the University's annual Corporate Breakfast, assisted as an alumni captain for the advancement office, helped to organize the Atlanta Alumni Chapter and served two terms as its chair. Her alma mater conferred upon her an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree in 1999. In appreciation for and recognition of "her energy, enthusiasm, able advocacy, and a legacy of opening doors for Claflin University and her students in Atlanta" she was honored with a Visionary Award and a Presidential Citation. Clemmie served as a Trustee Emeritus until the time of her death. In addition to her contributions to Claflin, Clemmie was a Charter Member of the Clark Atlanta University (CAU) Guild that raises money for the Performing Arts program, and she remodeled a conference room at the CAU Alumni Conference Center in memory of her late husband Paul. She later established an academic scholarship in his honor.

Clemmie loved her family and inspired each generation with her presence, wisdom, values and faith in humanity. She is predeceased by her husband Paul L. Hatchett, Sr., and survived by her children, Glenda Hatchett, Paul Hatchett, Jr. and Kolen Hatchett, Sr.; grandchildren, Dreem Penn, Charles Johnson, IV, Christopher Johnson, Kolen Hatchett Jr., and Taylor Hatchett; great grandchildren, Adyn Watts, Charles Johnson, V, and Langston Johnson; her nephew Karl Barnes; and a host of relatives and friends.

A private service, attended by her children and grandchildren, was held graveside in God's natural cathedral with the ceiling being His magnificent endless sky. Friends and extended family were provided live streaming information to participate virtually. Considering the global pandemic, the family requests that friends refrain from visiting, or sending flowers, gifts or food. Tributes can be made to the Paul and Clemmie Hatchett Scholarship Fund at Claflin University, <https://alumni.claflin.edu/hatchett-memorial>.

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Karl Barnes

Kolen Hatchett, Jr.

Leon Bradley

Jeffery W. Hicks

James Brown, Jr.

Anthony Johnson

Marcus Burgess

Charles Johnson, IV

Christopher Johnson

The Board of Trustees of Providence Missionary Baptist Church

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The Brotherhood of Providence Missionary Baptist Church

## *Acknowledgments*

The family of the late Clemmie Barnes Hatchett acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many comforting messages, prayers, and other expressions of kindness and concern shown to them.

## *Services Entrusted To:*

