

# LIFE STORY



**CLEO PATRICIA HOKE**, affectionately known as “Cle,” was born to Tevis L. S. Hoke and Margaret Hoke on May 23, 1942, at Harford Memorial Hospital and went home to be with the Lord on July 23, 2020.

She grew up in Havre de Grace; where she attended Havre de Grace Colored School and graduated from Havre de Grace Consolidated School. She furthered her education by attending Bowie State Teachers College and Cortez Peters Business College. Cleo’s professional career was spent as a federal civilian employee at Aberdeen Proving Ground until her retirement in 1999.

Becoming restless with retirement life, she took a job at Harford Community College, where she worked from 2001-2014. It was in adulthood that she received the precious gift of salvation. She was a faithful and dutiful member of St. James A.M.E church located in Havre de Grace, MD. During her years of service in God’s house, she was President of the Women’s Missionary Society and a member of the Chancel Choir.

In this life, Cleo enjoyed baking, shopping, and gardening. Around town, Cleo was known for her pound cake, chocolate chip cookies, and sugar cookies. Holidays and her children’s lunchboxes were always brightened up with these treats. She enjoyed shopping trips to malls and outlets in the company of her sister (who was also her best friend). Cleo also had a way of making sure the house was decorated with seasonal flowers.

Cleo was predeceased by her mother, Margaret Hoke and sister, Charlotte Hoke.

She leaves in celebration of her life, her father, Tevis L. S. Hoke; sister, Margaret S. Fluitt; son, Tracy Brown, Sr. (wife, Jamie); daughter, Nicole Hoke Wilson (husband, Timothy); grandsons Tracy Brown, Jr. and Elijah Wilson; niece, Kim F. Fluitt; nephew, Kevin L. Fluitt; great-nieces, Charlotte Fluitt and Maya DeSouza; great-nephew, Quinton Fluitt; and first cousins, Lois Smith, Marlene Speights, Yvonne Smith, and Vanessa McDaniels. She also leaves to cherish her memories a host of extended family and friends.

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE

OF

*Cleo P. Hoke*

Thursday, July 30, 2020

10:00 a.m.

*Reverend Dr. Baron D. Young, Officiating Minister*



Opening Hymn .....

Prayer of Comfort..... Reverend Young

Scripture Readings..... Reverend Young

Selection .....

Words of Comfort/Family Reflections.....

Acknowledgments, Condolences  
& Church Resolutions .....

Reading of Life Story..... Reverend Young

Selection .....

Eulogy..... Reverend Cordell Hunter  
Presiding Elder Eastern District, Baltimore Conference

Benediction.....Reverend Cordell E. Hunter

Recessional..... Clergy & Family



**'On the Wings of Prayer' by Helen Steiner Rice**

*Just close your eyes and open your heart,  
And feel your worries and cares depart.  
Just yield yourself to the Father above,  
And let him hold you secure in his love.  
For life on earth grows more involved,  
With endless problems that can't be solved,  
But God only asks us to do our best,  
Then he will take over and finish the rest...  
So when you are tired, discouraged and blue,  
There is always one door that is open to you,  
And that is the door to The House of Prayer,  
And you'll find God waiting to meet you there.  
And The House of Prayer is no further away,  
than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray.  
For the heart is a temple when God is there  
As we place ourselves in his loving care.  
And he hears every prayer and answers each one  
When we Pray in His name – Thy will be done.  
The burdens that seemed too heavy to bear  
Are lifted away on the wings of a prayer.*

The family would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy, words of comfort, and prayers during our time of bereavement. May God forever bless and keep each of you in his tender loving care

**INTERMENT**

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Darlington, Maryland 21034

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**LISA SCOTT FUNERAL HOME, P.A.**

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**Sunrise: May 23, 1942**

**Sunset; July 23, 2020**



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