

A HOME GOING CELEBRATION FOR  
*Mr. Sammie Lee Clayton*  
"HIPPI" | 1952 ~ 2020

FUNERAL SERVICE  
Saturday, May 2, 2020 | 11:00 a.m.  
Chapel of Barnum Funeral Home, Inc.  
217 Ashby Street | Americus, Georgia 31709  
Officiant ~ Bishop Melvin McCluster  
Pastor | Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

*Order of Service*

Processional led by Bishop McCluster

*Last Glance | Final Closure*

Prayer Bishop McCluster

Scripture Bishop McCluster

Words of Comfort Bishop Melvin McCluster  
Pastor | Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Committal Prayer Bishop McCluster

Acknowledgements and  
Presentation of the  
Heirloom Family Bible Barnum Staff

Recessional

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off  
or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.*

"For I am waiting for you in the sky."  
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HONORARY PALLBEARERS  
Friends of the Family  
HONORARY FLOWER ATTENDANTS  
Friends of the Family

*Acknowledgements*

*Jesus promised us they who mourned would be comforted. During our hour of bereavement, this promise has been fulfilled by you, our kind and loving "friends and neighbors". Thank you each for coming to help us bear our grief. Your calls, visits, prayers, and kindness in acts and deeds during the passing of our loved one shall never be forgotten.*

*~The Family*

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:  
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A HOME GOING *Celebration* FOR  
**SAMMIE LEE CLAYTON**

Sunrise: April 15, 1952 Sunset: April 23, 2020

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me,  
I'm right there in your heart.*

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# Mr. Sammie Lee Clayton

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## Obituary

MR. SAMMIE LEE CLAYTON, affectionately called “Hippy”, was born in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia on April 15, 1952 to the parentage of the late Mr. Walter Lee Newsome and the late Ms. Dollie Mae Clayton. He received his education in the public schools of Sumter County. At an early age, he joined the Friendship Baptist Church. He worked with several businesses, including, Georgia Power, IMC, Davidson Rubber Company and J & M Truck Line.

He is preceded in death by a brother, Mr. Joe Cleveland Clayton.

Hippy leaves to cherish his memories: a son, Mr. Tavaris Dice, Atlanta, GA; two daughters, Mrs. Andrea (Travis) Pace, Americus, GA and Ms. Treniece Lashay Eleby of North Carolina; his brothers: Mr. Jessie (Gwen) Clayton, Mr. Lorenzo (Carlisa) Clayton, Mr. Jerome (Deborah) Clayton, Mr. Clarence (Barbara) Burts, Mr. John (Erma) Fish, all of Americus, GA; Mr. Calvin (Vivian) Newsome, Mr. Walter Newsome, Jr. and Mr. Kevin Newsome, all of Tampa, FL; his sisters: Mrs. Jacquelyn (Randy) Johnson, Mrs. Margaret (Kelvin) Pines, Mrs. Sebrina (Alonzo) Waters, all of Americus, GA and Ms. Cassandra Bledsoe, Tampa, FL; ten grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.



Your life is a beautiful memory.  
Your absence is a silent grief.  
You sleep in God's beautiful garden  
of sunshine and perfect peace.

You left a beautiful memory.  
A sorrow too great to be told.  
But to us and friends who loved and lost you,  
your memory will never grow old.

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FOREVER IN OUR *Hearts*  
*Sammie Lee Clayton*

Father | Brother | Grandfather | Uncle | Friend

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## *When I Must Leave You*

*When I must leave you for a little while,  
please do not grieve and shed wild tears,  
and hug your sorrows to you through the years.*

*But start our bravely with a gallant smile*

*and for my sake and in His name,*

*live on and do all things the same.*

*Feed not your loneliness on empty days*

*but fill each waking hour in useful ways.*

*Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,*

*and in turn, I will comfort and hold you near.*

*And never, never be afraid to die,*

*for I am waiting for you in the sky.*