



Clara Bray

January 5, 1918 - December 8, 2012

Clara Lee Floyd Bray was born January 5, 1918 in Northampton County, Virginia. She was educated in the Public Schools in Northampton County, VA. Clara was married to Ralph Thomas Bray, Sr. They were blessed with two children; Ernestine Bray Custis and Ralph Thomas Bray, Jr. Later in life, Clara birthed three additional children, Betty Lou Bray Thomas, Emily Mae Bray and Clara L. Bray Bell with Alfred Alfonso Sisico.

Clara moved her family to Delaware and began her employment history. Her main employment was in the poultry industry with Swift Co., Perdue, and ConAgra. Clara was a warm caring person to everyone and was known by many as Mom Clara. She happily invited people into her home. She loved to cook, listen to the radio and sing. All of her grandchildren were dear to her heart. Shortly after moving to Delaware, she became a member of Mt. Plymouth AME Church and sang in the Senior Choir.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Thomas Bray, Sr.; two daughters, Clara L. Bray Bell, and Ernestine Bray Custis; one son, Ralph Thomas Bray, Jr.; two sisters, Ethel Bailey, and Emma Bailey; two brothers, Willie Floyd and Walter Floyd; one granddaughter, Machita Custis; one grandson, Wendell Denoon Bell and two great grandsons, Craig Custis and Keymouria Custis.

She is survived by a devoted friend and caregiver, Gilbert W. Warner of more than 35 years; two daughters, Emily M. Bray and Betty Thomas (Lorenzo), both of Felton, DE; 42 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren, 52 great-great grandchildren, four great-great-great grandchildren; blessed adopted sons, Calvin Burris, Jr., Allen Summers, Robert Scott and Ralph Scott.