

# Grandma's Eulogy



I am the resurrection and the light. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. He that liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made Heaven and earth. Like as a father, pities his children so the Lord pities those that fear him. He will keep them in perfect peace. His mind will stay with them because they trust the Lord.

*Let not your heart be troubled.  
Ye believe in God, believe also in me.  
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

James 14: 1

## Prayer

And now almighty and everlasting God. The Lord of our life and death, we desire to acknowledge thee in all our ways and in all the events which befall us . . . in sorrow of heart, yet in quietness and comfort. We have gathered in these last tender opportunities of faith and love. Lift us above the shadow of sadness of this mortal life . . . into the light of thy comfort of thy presence. Speak to us thy word of peace as we stand now in the presence of death. For this is thine own hour. The loneliness and silence thy has make. Thee can do thy children no harm. In sorrow as in joy, in lost as in gain, life as in death, we acknowledge . . . we confess you to be good. For you are the Lord of light . . . and we trust in you . . . through Jesus Christ . . . our Lord and our Redeemer.

Amen

Let us give our prayerful attention now to the reading of God's word from the Old Testament Scripture. As written for our comfort and our strength.

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Leon sang :            *What a Friend We Have in Jesus.*

*I've been asked by the family and by Mother Flinchum many times if I would partake in her service. I count it a privilege to have known her. I've traveled a lot. I've been in the ministry for several years. I've met people all over the country . . . in meetings and I must say this with honesty I've never met an individual who loved as much as Hallie Flinchum. Never a harsh word . . . she loved her husband. I know she loved her children and the grandchildren that are here you were never below her children . She loved you as much as she loved her own children. She always had time for everyone that came by and she loved. Even by children were blessed to have had a grandmother like Hallie Flinchum. And we were blessed to have a mother in law like Hallie Flinchum who loved us and always looked forward to seeing us.*

*Today she says, "I fold my hands and wait nor care for winds nor tide nor sea I raid no more against time or fait for low my own shall come to me asleep, awake, day or night."*

*"What matters if I stand alone, I look with joy to the coming years. My heart shall reap for joy it has sown. The stars come nightly to the sky. The tidal wave comes to the sea. There is no dept. There is no height which can keep my own away from me."*

*Inscribed on a picture that we have is: "In my Fathers house there are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there you may be also."*



As we come today to remember **Hallie Mae Young Flinchum**, our beloved friend and member of this family, born April 5 1895, passed away January 22, 1986 making her age 90. We remember many things about **Hallie**. First of all we know that she belongs with the Lord and she has like all other believers gone to be with him . . . and to life forever in his blessed presence. And also we remember the debt of the love which was in her heart for all people. That she gave of herself continually through that love.

And then I need also to mention this very important thing about **Hallie**. She is . . . are was, the only living person who is a living charter member of the church here. For if my figures are correct and I believe they are . . . for 74 years. From the time she united with the church her heart was with this church. We think that's still true.

So we remember that she is a living example of all the things all of us need to remember as we are here today. We need to remember, as we read a moment ago in the gospel of John, that as we believe and those that believe in Christ there is a place that he has prepared for those who believe. and the important thing for us is to live so we will also live so that we will find that glorious inheritance which is ours in Christ. and I think this is the message which comes to our hearts today. This is the vital concern for each of us. We must look for that blessed assurance which is known and comes to us through our Lord and our Savior. He is the dearest friend of our life as he has prepared a place for us. We shall indeed go to be with the Lord, as believers in Christ. This is the vital thing for our concern.

There is an eternal reward ahead for those who are believers. We need, in our life to look at the things which are unseen because these are the things that make the eternal quality of our life which shall carry us at last to find that blessed assurance and that reward that comes to the believers, then to the things that are eternal. Our goal might be to live, so we might also know that same peace which **Hallie** knows today. Even now, we might claim that for ourselves, as we think about it. We remember that the things of this earth cause us pain, but there is a crown of righteousness laid up for us. So we are to live by that eternal quality of live.

I would read for our thought today some of the beautiful poems that was written about this which is prepared for our strength and for our comfort as we think about it.

*God only knows just where and when the will of mortal life will all stand still. We'll go to dwell on Zion's hill. We don't know when, but the thing about death is that we can know that our sins are forgiven, that we are born again, the blood has been applied for the remission of our sins and when our summons comes we do not have to be like a driven slave towards a dungeon. We can wrap our cloak around us and lay down in pleasant dreams. Knowing that we have answered to God all the questions, knowing that's our hearts are right and I too can die in peace. For its goodnight here and good morning up there.*

*There's nothing that we can do about the situation today. This is but the house in which she lived. Its going to go back and meander with the elements. Ashes to ashes and dust to dust . . . awaiting the final resurrection. All the earth shall give up its dead of the sea that we shall meet her in the air and so shall we ever be.*

*And I, if you'll let me, I want to give a scene of my life in the last 33 years . We would call and I'm sure that all of her children would call Hallie and say, "we're coming, we'll be there at such a time." I remember that we used to top the hill there, going down across the cattle guards and my children and I myself would say, there she is, she's sitting on the porch waiting." I could see that white hair. As soon as we arrived we would cross that little stream and come up, she would get up from that chair and she'd walk over, and I'd get hugged just as tight as any of my family and my children. "I'm so glad to see you! I'm so glad you made it!" Then when we'd leave and go back to our home, as we went up over that hill we would look back and my children would always say, "Do you think we will ever see Grandma again . Will we ever be back to see Grandma again? Do you think the Lord will let her live so we can see again?" And he did all the years. Ninety years !*

*I would like to tell the family. This may be away from what you may think . I would think that at the pearly gates of heaven there's a rocking chair there and she's waiting to welcome you there, and she's looking for you! Don't disappoint her! Don't disappoint her! Prepare your life so that when your summons comes you'll be able to meet her in the air.*



*Thomas said, "How can we know the way where you go. . ." Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the light no man comes unto the father but by me." Heaven is a prepared place for prepared individuals.*

*Hebrews in the 11 chapter talks about our faith . He says, "faith is the substance of things hoped for . The evidence of things not seen."*

*Today her faith has become a reality. For when I spoke to her and talked with her in her home anytime she would say "Oh Leon! I'm so anxious to go to be with the Lord!" She always said that! And then she began to tell me of all of her loved ones that she had there. First of all she would mention her mother. How she must have loved her mother. Then her father and then the others of her family . . . that she loved so well. She would say, "I, I can't wait to sit down with them!" And so this morning or this afternoon she is rejoicing in that glad reunion . She is at home with the father . She is shining with the stars of the morning . She is walking on streets of pure gold. They transparent a beauty that could never be held by our eyes only until death ask us to, bid goodby to this world and good morning there. So she walked the blood sprinkled wrath. She gave her life to Jesus Christ at an early age and she lived for him. The blood was applied for the remission of her sins. Her hope through her life has become the joy and the reality today and to you the family and friends one day.*



*Uriah was sent into battle and David went in with his wife and she bear a child. She beared David's child. God struck the child that Uriah's wife bore and it was very sick. David went in and laid upon the earth and would not eat. For seven days he laid upon the earth and would not eat. He fasted and the servants were so worried about him. They thought he would die because he hadn't eaten. God struck the child and it died. They were afraid to tell David that the child was dead. So they went over and began to whisper and David perceived that the child had died. As David arose from the earth, he said to them . "Go and make me a keel and he changed his apparel and said come bring me something to eat. He washed himself. His servants were very troubled. They said, "why is it that when the child was sick you laid upon the earth and fasted and prayed and now the child is dead and you say make a big feast and make merry!" "Why is this, we don't understand it." David said, "while the child was alive I wanted God to be merciful enough to let the child live. But now the child is dead. Can I bring him back? No, but I can go to be with him.*

*That's our hope. To go to be with Mother Flinchum. I'm sure, that's my hope. It makes heaven more real to me than ever in my life. If we could see beyond today, as God can see. All the clouds shall roll away and the shadows flee. Each sorrow we would soon forget for many joys are waiting yet for you and me.*

*If we could know beyond today as Jesus knows.*

*Why dearest treasures pass away and tears must flow.*

*Why the darkness leads to dying.*

*Why deary days will soon grow bright someday lifes wrong will be made right.*

*Faith tells us so.*

*If we could see . . . if we could know . . . we often say . . . God in love.*

*We cannot see what lies before us,  
so we cling to him the more.*

*He leads us till this life is over.*

*Just trust and obey.*

*We pray*

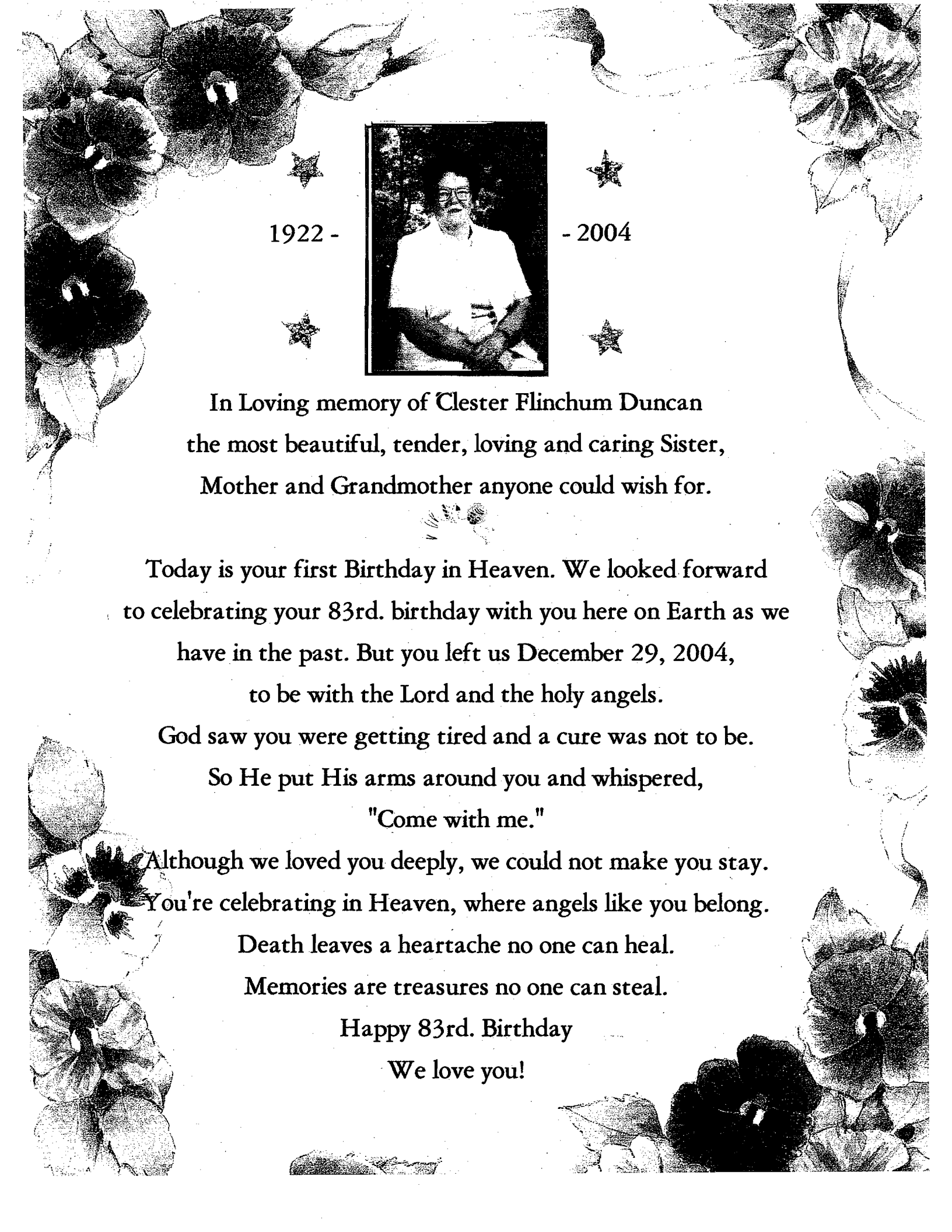
*Almighty God our heavenly Father. As we are here in this sanctuary of sorrow we realize our utter dependence on thee and realize that you can take the shadow of death and turn it into a shadow of mourning. We do wait upon thee with reverent and submissive hearts. We pray for the family today, for the husband, the children, the grandchildren, the brothers and sisters. We pray that you would comfort them. Draw them close to you. We thank you because there is a healing bond for our sorrow. We pray that as we wait upon thee with reverent and submissive hearts, our God that rules the universe shall come and take thy place in our lives, and draw us close to thee. We thank you for the life that has been lived in Mother Flinchum. We thank you for the memory. We thank you Father, because it has been a light for all of us. It has given us guidance and courage through dark places. Through her prayers and her concerns. And now Father we commit everything to thee. We pray that you will bless us in this service for its in thou name we pray*

*Amen.*

*Benediction*

*An now may the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord bestow his blessings upon you and give you peace both now and in the life everlasting.*

*Amen.*



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In Loving memory of Clester Flinchum Duncan  
the most beautiful, tender, loving and caring Sister,  
Mother and Grandmother anyone could wish for.

Today is your first Birthday in Heaven. We looked forward  
to celebrating your 83rd. birthday with you here on Earth as we  
have in the past. But you left us December 29, 2004,  
to be with the Lord and the holy angels.

God saw you were getting tired and a cure was not to be.

So He put His arms around you and whispered,

"Come with me."

Although we loved you deeply, we could not make you stay.

You're celebrating in Heaven, where angels like you belong.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.

Memories are treasures no one can steal.

Happy 83rd. Birthday

We love you!