



## Clarence Clay

March 5, 1952 - October 9, 2017

### A Time to Be Born

Born March 5, 1952 at  
Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta Georgia.  
Fourth child to Willie James and Lizzie Mae Clay

### A Time to Learn

Attended Atlanta Public Schools  
Transferred from Carver H.S. to Decatur H.S., Class of 1970  
Bethune-Cookman College, Sociology Major

### A Time to Love

Married to Sandra Smith from Washington D.C., July 15, 1978. Dated,  
traveled, and continuously spent quality time together.

### A Time to Worship

Baptized at Beulah Baptist Church, Rev. J. Smith  
Visited Christian Fellowship Baptist Church  
Private relationship with God prayed in his favorite chair looking  
out the window. Listened to gospel music in his computer room,  
especially by the Reverend Phillip E. Knight.

### A Time to Work

Caddy at East Lake Golf Course, Georgia Regional Hospital, Metro Correctional Facility, The United States Penitentiary, Atlanta – Retired Correctional Counselor. Respected and a true counselor to prisoners and correctional officers.

Entrepreneurship-Lawn service called A to Z Lawn Care. Also owned a convenient store in the 1980's.

#### A Time to Play

Clay played Offensive Lineman at Bethune-Cookman Wildcats and Chicago Bears.

He enjoyed dominating chess, pool, cards, horseshoes and computer games

He loved all of the Atlanta sports teams, "Go Falcons!"

#### A Time for Hobbies

As Clay created patentable inventions, he remained intellectual and dominating over the inventive process. His life dream was to invent things that never existed and to better life for others.

His determination lead him to accomplished that dream with two patented inventions; leaving a legacy that his family could enjoy.

Cooking/Grilling/Ethnic Foods - Always created his own recipes dishes, marinades, and deserts; never needing to followed a cookbook. Being a great cook, one of his favorite thing to do was grocery shopping, also love traveling here and abroad. Many other hobbies include dancing, photography, fishing, painting, gardening, landscaping, and building a pond in the yard.

As a Craftsman/Carpenter he made shelves, dressers, cabinets, storage rooms, and built an additional room onto the house.

Enjoyed television, movies, and making music CDs with your favorite playlist. One memorable hobby was coaching Little League at Glenwood Hills.

#### A Time to Care

Family and Friends can remember as he entertained with cookouts and slow jams.

Precious moments were shared as he fed his mother-in-law dinner and enjoyed her company as a TV partner as she was comforted by his voice. As a volunteer, he gave rides to complete strangers, homeless and the meek. His love did not stop there, he loved pets (birds, fish, dogs, etc.); caring not only for the big exotic fish in the tank inside, but for ones in the back yard pond as well.

A special hand for raising fish.

#### A Time to Mourn

He leaves to cherish his memory, a legacy of deep love for family and friends. Preceded in death by brothers James Clay, Bruce Clay and sister Shonda Clay. Surviving him is his loving and adoring wife of 39 years, Sandra V. Clay. Two children, Quarvis Clay and Chimere Wilson (Bruce). He will always have a special place in the hearts of his grandchildren, the twins, Saundre and Chirelle and Ariyana

Wilson. One sister, Barbara Jean Clay and brother, Sylvester (Bear) Clay. Godchildren, Carlos Leek, Sean Jordan, and Victoria Adesanya.

Sister in law, Winnie Smith (Rickey), brother in laws, Major Smith, Jr. (Beth) and Gregory Smith. Two aunts, Pearlie Mae and

Earnestine Watson and Mrs. Frances Smith his 95 year old mother in law.

Nieces and Nephews, James, Jr., Laciana, Ryan (Julie),

Demarcus (Erica), Braun, Bennie, Shunena, William, Austin (Tashiba),

Satchel, Dennis, Chris, Tiffany, Jamar, and Shane. A host of great nieces and

nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

Memorial service for Mr. Clarence Clay was held on Friday, October 20, 2017, 2pm at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, 1500 Norman Dr., Riverdale, GA. Gregory B. Levett & Sons, Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur, GA., 30034. 404-241-5656 in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ *Hi i am Clerence clay granddaughter i remember when he had took me and my sister to QT every day and every time he will get sweet tea i miss you so much granddaddy love you*

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**saundre** - May 28, 2023 at 07:51 PM

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**Quarvis Clay** - January 15, 2019 at 08:03 AM

MA

“ *There are no words to express the grief I felt upon learning of the passing of my dear friend. No more pain, no more stress. You are free to rest in peace. You will always be a precious, precious memory to all who knew you.*

*To my BFF, Sandra I know that he loved you so much. I am thankful for the friendship and love I have for you both and the love you have for me. The relationships we built together over the years are priceless and will continue to be always.*

*I am here for you always.*

*Marilyn Hinson Jordan and Family*

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**Marilyn** - October 15, 2017 at 09:32 PM

CA

“ *Those we hold Closet to our hearts never truly leave Us  
They live on in Kindness they have shared  
and the love they brought into our Lives  
Clay was an Exceptional Person and We will Miss you.  
And he will miss us also  
Love you Always your Sis Carolyn*



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**carolyn** - October 12, 2017 at 04:29 PM

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“ *To the Family and Friends of Mr. Clay:  
We extend sincere condolences to you. Jesus encourages us...”Do not let your hearts be troubled...Exercise faith in God; exercise faith also in me.” ~John 14:1. Keep in mind: “God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might gain life through him.” ~1 John 4:9. Jesus assures us: “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.” ~John 11:25*



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**Parks Family** - October 10, 2017 at 04:38 PM