



## Mr. Clarence King Jr.

June 4, 1953 - December 19, 2022

Clarence Raymond King Jr. was known to many by many names. Whether it was Daddy, “Papa King”, (Uncle) June, Pop, King or his personal favorite... Grandpa, you knew exactly who he was the minute he walked into any room and flashed that smile! But no matter what you may have known him by, anyone who truly knew him knew that on December 19, 2022, after nearly six years of being apart, he was reunited with his rock and heartbeat of 40+ years, Joann. Clarence was born on June 4, 1953 to Clarence Raymond King, Sr. and Mildred Elizabeth Keelen King in New Orleans, Louisiana. He grew up as one of four children including two older sisters and a younger brother and attended high school at Joseph S. Clark where he graduated in 1971 with distinction. He loved his city, the food, the New Orleans Saints, and he loved to write. He was a very gifted poet and had a relationship with words that few others would have. In 1978, he would meet the woman that would help define the rest of his life and existence, Joann. They would go on to raise three beautiful children, Brittney Jamira, Melvin Joseph, and Bryan Romallis. Together they would become pillars of their church community, regardless of their residence with Clarence, serving on multiple deacon boards as he felt most comfortable serving the Lord in this capacity. Joann, their kids and the church would be the most important things in his life. In 2005, Clarence and Joann evacuated New Orleans, and settled in Lawrenceville, Georgia due to Hurricane Katrina. Here, he was able to reestablish his employment with the United States Postal Service, for whom he had worked for 20+ years at this

point and was able to find a new church home at Friendship Baptist church. His personality and humble disposition would help him settle in without skipping a beat. Once again, they became entrenched in the church community where he would serve on the deacon board and direct the Youth Ministry with his better half. His past experiences in New Orleans, and his subsequent migration to Georgia, would give him quite a story to tell. He began to write about his experiences and detail these experiences in the form of literary prose. He used the pain of having to leave his lifelong home in New Orleans and chronicled it in his poetry. His works would later be published, now adding the title 'Author' to his already extensive list of accomplishments. "Out of the Abyss: From Cradled Innocence to Caged Intolerance" is the result of multiple decades of hard work and pain. It is one of the accomplishments for which he was most proud. Clarence leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter Brittney of whom he was always very proud of, his two sons Melvin and Bryan, his two beautiful grandchildren whom he adored, Paris (10) and Preston (9), and his daughters-in-law Melinda (Bryan) and Belinda (Reginal). He also leaves siblings Anita Welch (Eli), Jacqueline Vaughn (Lloyd) and Elston King (Imogene) and a host of nieces and nephews including Joanna Kathryn Welch, Lloyd Christopher Vaughn (Nia), Eli Welch III (Allison), Lisa Anita Vaughn Riggs (Hubert), Michael Henderson Welch (Brynita) and Lori Elizabeth Vaughn. He also lives behind many other extended family, including brothers-in-law Lionel (Lottie) Marco, Allen (Cathy) Marco, Donald (Gwendolyn) Marco, Hal Marco, David Marco, Dean Marco, and Gregory (Kecia) Marco; sisters-in-law Diane Dexter, Barbara Duggan, Donna Marco, Gwendolyn Odom, Carolyn (Samuel) Richardson and Vanessa Salmon. He is also survived by a host of other great nieces and nephews, as well as other dear friends and family.

Clarence will forever be remembered in our hearts and minds after God has blessed us with him for 69 years. But God and "Mama King" needed him more. His love, smile, generosity, and compassion will never be forgotten. His

memory will live on through those of us that are left behind and will forever be immortalized in his book. We will love and miss him dearl

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory  
Lawrenceville 770-338-5558

# Cemetery Details

## **Peachtree Memorial Park**

5051 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard  
Norcross, GA 30092

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church  
3375 Church St  
Duluth, GA 30096  
(770) 497-8227

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Rhodes Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mr. Clarence King Jr..*



**The Rhodes Family** - January 06, 2023 at 08:40 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence King Jr..*



January 05, 2023 at 11:08 PM

ES

“ *Clearance was not only fully committed to GOD & his family, he was also committed to the U.S.P.S. he was a consistent & smart employee. I & my fellow postal workers at North Metro in Duluth, Ga send our heart felt thoughts and 🙏🙏🙏 to the family now and always.*

**Erick Strong** - January 05, 2023 at 05:24 PM

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“ *My very heartfelt condolences to the King family! I'm sure you will as I plan to Hold onto the smiles Deacon King always displayed no matter what he may have been enduring. We all here at Friendship will surely miss him but know He's now comfortable with the Lord!*

**Thomas Young** - December 28, 2022 at 08:43 PM

VD

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family. I called him papa; he called me my baby. I was shocked by the news. He will be missed. Rest in peace papa King!  
Your baby Violette Desruisseaux, from USPS North Metro P&DC*

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**Violette Desruisseaux** - December 28, 2022 at 06:33 AM

DC

“ *Sending my condolences to the family of Clarence King Jr. It was a joy and pleasure to have known him. As a special friend he will be missed but never forgotten. My sincere prayer is that God gives you (family) peace and comfort today and forever more, Clarence you are resting now.  
Darletha Cobb*

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**Darletha Cobb** - December 27, 2022 at 10:40 AM

MB

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire King family. Mr King as I called him was a joy to be around. That smile, well blushing smile, as I used to tease him everyday brought a smile to my face every morning. He was particular how he worked but efficient and did his job with pride. He will be missed and definitely not forgotten. Prayers for the family and all of the lives that he touched here at the post office. You have your reward Mr King, take your rest.  
MDO Bell, North Metro P&DC*

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**MDO L Bell** - December 24, 2022 at 03:28 PM

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“ One of the most thoughtful, sincere, gentleman I have ever met in my life. I'll never forget the book you wrote for me and my boys almost 20 years ago. Your smile, laughter, style just made it a pleasure to go to work. You've done so much but now it's time for you to rest in God's hands. Your work here is done. You will be truly missed but not forgotten! May God continue to keep your family uplifted.

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**La Jeune Smith MH Union Local 312** - December 24, 2022 at 12:48 PM