

Celebrating the Life of
Norman Henry Clark, Sr.

Sunrise
January 4, 1935

Sunset
May 25, 2023



Friday, June 30, 2023

Family Hour: 10:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

*From the Heart Church Ministries®
Annex at 5055 Allentown Road
Suitland, Maryland 20746*

Bishop John A. Cherry, II ~ Pastor

Obituary

Retired U.S. Army Sergeant Norman Henry Clark was born on January 4, 1935, to the late William McKinley and Elsie Leah Clark. Norman was the youngest of five; Carlos, Althea, Mary, and Elsie "Mutt" of whom preceded him in death. Norman lovingly and patiently cared for by his adored wife, Laura M. Clark, until he peacefully passed away at the age of 88, at their home in Stockbridge, Georgia, on May 25, 2023.

Norman was raised with his siblings in the big red and black house on the corner of 1st and Rhode Island Avenue, which is still owned and cared for by family. He attended and graduated from William McKinley High School in D.C. Before his enlistment into the U.S. Air Force in 1952, he married his young and beautiful bride Eliza Mae "Ms. Liz" Clark and began his family of five while touring in the service. He retired back in Washington, D.C. in 1972 with honors with the rank of E7/Sergeant First Class from the U.S. Army, serving a total of 20 years in the military. As Norman continued to care for his family and raise his kids in true military style, he required them to address him as "sir" and their mom as "ma'am" when called; otherwise, they were called Mommy and Daddy.

Norman became a business, property owner, and entrepreneur, running several laundromats and multi-unit apartment buildings. He also tried his hand at running for city council, where his campaign slogan was, "Clark is great for Ward 8," which he had printed on bumper stickers and buttons. Norman had a penchant for looking sharp, in which much of his wardrobe was sewn by his wife Liz, for whenever they entertained at home or stepped out on the town. Norman held countless interests and hobbies, as he enjoyed skating and bowling. He was an avid fisherman and an amateur tennis player, to the point in which he tried to interest and teach his whole family how to play at one time or another.

Norman later in life got re-married to Joan N. Clark, where he was gainfully blessed with two bonus stepdaughters Chrissy and Tiffany. Norman worked for the United States government Department of Education for a listed number of years, as well as a D.C. public school auditor, and a banquet waiter at the Bolling and Andrews Air Forces bases where his two sons later followed suit and joined him, learning the intricacies of fine dining and serving.

Norman became a member of From the Heart Church Ministries in 1986 in Suitland, Maryland, where he gave his life to Christ. There he vigilantly served as a volunteer in various capacities, particularly in office support ministry, the men's worship group, and dishwasher in the From the Heart Christian School. He was a dedicated member and follower of Christ, even after his move to Georgia over a year ago, where he joined their sister church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Norman is survived by his wife, Laura M. Clark, Stockbridge, Georgia; his five children, LaVonne "Bonnie" Shorts, Norman "Duckie" Clark Jr., Norman Jean "Jeannie" Matthis, deceased; two remaining children Kim Greenwell and Darrell Clark; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, a bevy of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, dear extended family, friends, brothers and sisters-in-service, Uncle Mac and Aunt Carol Holmes, Aunt Delores and James Jeffries, and countless others.

Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Mr. Darrell Clark, Son
Ms. Kim Greenwell, Daughter
Mr. Jermaine Shorts, Grandson
Ms. Denise Brighthaupt, Great-niece

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

Message of Hope *Minister Bonnie Rampersaud*

Call to Christ

Benediction

Recessional



Family Sentiments

**“GRIEF IS THE LAST ACT OF LOVE WE
HAVE TO THOSE WE LOVED.
WHERE THERE IS DEEP GRIEF,
THERE WAS LOVE.”**



Family Sentiments (continued)

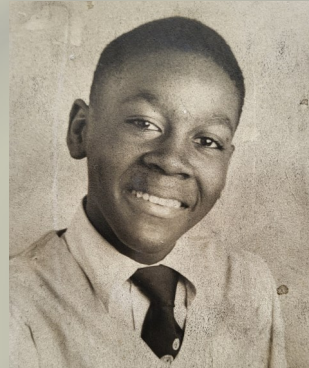
To Our Precious Family of Norman Clark, Sr.

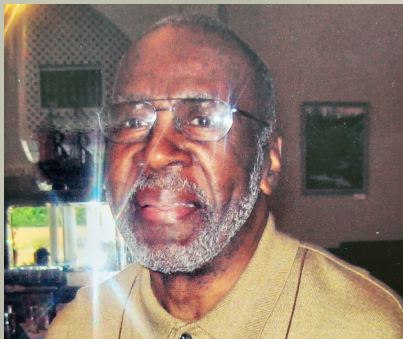
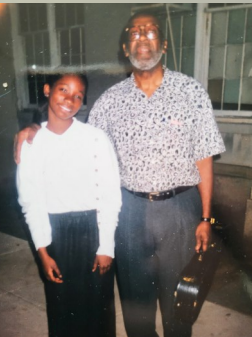
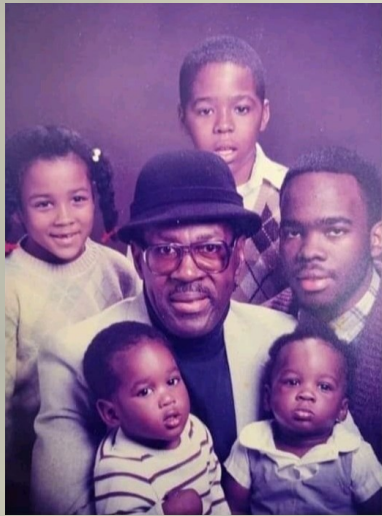
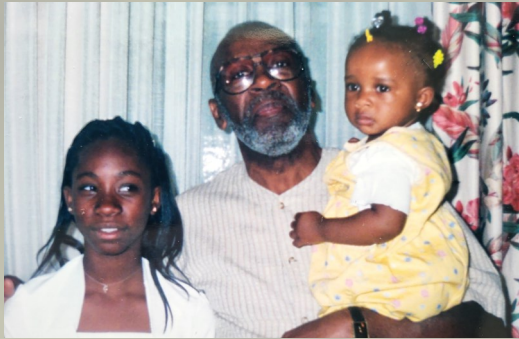
We extend to each of our cousins: Kim, Darrell, Jermaine, Aisha, Jai, John, Jason; the great and great-great grandchildren, our deepest love and heartfelt sympathy. Continue to reflect back on the joy that he brought to each of you during his time here on earth. Let every memory of what he meant to each of you remain in your hearts. Continue to walk in faith and know that God is the great Comforter, especially at times like these.

In Sympathy and Love,

*Your Cousins: Sandee, Jan, Martha, Helyn, Jack
and Families*







Congregational Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

REFRAIN

***This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long,
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.***

*Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

REFRAIN

*Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*

REFRAIN



Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

*We the Clark family sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support.
Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the
Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!*

Services Entrusted to:

*Willie Watkins Funeral Home
1003 Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard, S.E,
Atlanta, Georgia 30310*