



Mr. Clarence Preston Davis, Jr.

June 22, 1948 - June 22, 2015

Clarence Preston Davis, Jr., was born in Brooklyn, New York to Thelma Padmore Davis and the late Preston Davis, Sr., on June 22, 1948. He was the second of four children from that union.

While growing up in Brooklyn, he attended St. Gregory's Catholic School and George W. Wingate High School. He later graduated from Pine Forge Academy, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. At Pine Forge, Clarence blossomed. Honing both his athletic skills and musical talents.

For a time thereafter he attended classes at Brooklyn College where he starred on the football team while performing in the college symphonic band. He also fought successfully as an amateur heavyweight boxer in the New York Daily News Golden Gloves Tournament, and anchored the Brooklyn Golden Knights semi-professional football club.

His marriage to the late Beverly Sapp produced three daughters: Denice Hammond, Natasha Davis, and Kimberly Davis. Later in life he met, and on February 14, 2003 married, "the love of his life", Elaine Archibald, welcoming her three sons, Andrew, Anthony and Aric; and two daughters, Anissa and Kyiesha into his heart as well as earning a new "handle". Clarence would forever after be affectionately known as Popo.

Through their union, Clarence with his family attended Faith Mission Grace Baptist Church in Yonkers, New York. With the fellowship and his personal leadership skills, Clarence rose to the position of Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

Clarence was an accomplished musician and singer. He enjoyed the outdoors. He loved to travel as well. But most of all he was the consummate fisherman. "Fish On", he would cry out on his fishing trips. More often than the others aboard which was much to their consternation. Besides being well known in the local waters for landing blues and stripers, Clarence caught porgies and sea bass at Cape Cod, Massachusetts; grouper in the Gulf Stream off of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and even landed giant halibut and king salmon in Cook Inlet off of Homer Alaska.

Nevertheless, at heart, Clarence valued most of the time he could spend cooking, collecting rare coins, and most of all - spoiling his grandchildren. grandchildren.

Popo was known for his captivating smile, movie-star looks, and hearty laugh. Nicknamed "Big John" and "Heavy" by long time friends in Brooklyn, his larger-than-life stature was intimidating to those who did not know him. Yet to those who did he was described as generous, loving, knowledgeable, and never at a loss for words. He was a community leader along with his boyhood friends, John "Pumpkin" Johnson and Clifford "Buttons" Barrow.

After years of working as a Cosmetology Instructor, Clarence took on the challenge of becoming a licensed practical nurse. After successfully completing the training, he work for many years at the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation - Coler-Goldwater Specialty Hospital and

Nursing Facility on Roosevelt Island until an automobile accident forced him into an early retirement. Thankfully, not before he made his mark there as an union delegate fighting for the rights of his fellow LPNs and affiliated health workers.

Clarence is survived by his wife, Elaine; his children: Denice, Natasha, Kimberly, Andrew, Anthony, Aric, Anissa, and Kyisha; his mother, Thelma; his siblings: Wonda, Michael, Michelle, and Janelle; and a long list of grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear close friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Clarence Preston Davis, Jr.*

November 11, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Grace Funeral Chapels - December 08, 2015 at 02:17 PM



“ *Father in heaven, words cannot describe our gratitude for Your Son Jesus, who bore the weight of our sins. Thank You that to be absent from this body with its heavy burdens is to be present with You forever.....*

Deacon Leslie Patterson - Mt. Vernon, NY - July 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Kim, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I know all too recently what you are going through. Stay strong and in the comfort of family, faith and friends. Always think about the good times, those tears will turn into a smile. -Melonie*

Melonie - NY - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Elaine and family, sorry for your loss. May God Bless you with the love, strength and peace only He can give you. Love you with the love of God. Love, Shirley and George Walker.

Shirley Walker - Lynchburg, VA - Friend - June 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I remember 'BJ' as being a perfectionist, he never did anything half way..it was all or nothing. From raising & supporting his girls to teaching the skills of Beauty Culture; even in his singing. I pray he is now singing in the heavenly choir.

Anna Morris-Smith - Beckley, WV - Sister-In-Law - June 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ To: Denice, Natasha & Kimberly, I pray you all know how much I love you & that I would be there with you if I could. Just know that I am praying strength for you to endure thru this time of grief. One of my favorite scripture for times like these is "I will turn their mourning into Joy, I will comfort them and exchange their sorrows for rejoicing"{Jeremiah 31:13}. JESUS is our comforter & HE will never leave you nor forsake you.

Anna Morris-Smith - Beckley, WV - Aunt - June 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Kim,

Please accept my condolences on the loss of your father. I will pray for you and your family for strength.

Anthony D Frisolone - Staten Island, NY - Co-worker - June 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dearest Kim and family,

I am so sorry for your loss.. I will keep you and your family in my prayers always.... Sending hugs. I love you!!

*Always,
Dory*

Dory Anderson - Lanham , MD - June 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dearest Kim & Family: I know that this is a difficult time for you & your family but throughout it all I pray that you all have comfort in recalling the most fondest memories of your loved one. The Bible verse that always comfort me in time of death is found in Rev. 21:4.... *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things have passed away. May you & your family also be comforted by the hope in the Resurrection. Love Joan*

Joan Newton - Far Rockaway, NY - Do-worker - June 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM