

**Celebrating the Life
&
Legacy
of
James
Clarence
Lee Graham**

**Sunrise:
June 26, 1953**

**Sunset:
September 1, 2019**

Friday, September 13, 2019 - 10:00 am

Monumental Baptist Church
121 Lafayette Street, Jersey City, NJ
Pastor Robin Hampton-Harris, Officiating



Obituary

For I am now ready to be offered and the time for my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:6-7

God, in His infinite wisdom, on Sunday, September 1, 2019 dispatched one of his guardian angels to the RWJ University Hospital in Rahway, NJ to bring home **James Clarence Lee Graham** affectionately known as "Clarence and JC".

On June 26th, 1953, James was born in Jersey City, NJ, to James and Henrietta Graham. James accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Monumental Baptist Church in Jersey City, NJ. He attended the Jersey City Public School System and graduated from William H Dickinson High School. He furthered his education by attending St. Peter's University and obtained an Associates Degree in Applied Science. While at St. Peter's he received numerous awards in his field of study.

In the year of November 1979 Clarence met his Soulmate, Donnise Sims. They were joined in holy matrimony on October 8th, 1994. Their union was blessed with their daughter Na'Iyma Deanna Joy.

JC totally enjoyed working and had various jobs. He found his niche and was employed for twenty-two years with the City of Jersey City as a Senior Compliance Analyst and working evenings with the United State Post Office in Secaucus, NJ. He knew his field and trained individuals while receiving various citations, special awards and certificates from the City of Jersey. JC desire to work was built on determination. Even after, knowing that he would have to receive Dialysis three days weekly, he continued to work the two jobs.

Clarence was known by all for his exquisite taste in clothes, shoes and brims, he was always Dapperly Dressed from head to toe. He was an avid TV Watcher and enjoyed westerns, CNN, Family Feud, football and basketball. He was an aficionado in Jazz and would travel to many places for Jazz Concerts. One of his favorite pastimes was playing Bid Whist weekly with the fellows, until his illness prevented his participation. His favorite response was "I am the Master".

JC enjoyed community involvement and was a Life Member of the NAACP. He always supported a cause that would advance the community in a positive light. He was an advisor to many Family and Friends.

Clarence was quite a Family Man and enjoyed taking his wife and sometimes Extended Family on various outings to New York City to see Broadway Plays, Musical Concerts and to dine at Exquisite Restaurants. The Family Man that he was lead him to travel frequently to visit his oldest brother in Memphis, TN. Clarence nieces, nephews and cousins enjoyed when he would come to town, it was always a joyous time for him.

JC was preceded in death by his parents James and Henrietta Graham; son James Wyatt Graham; brothers Billy Graham and Charlie Caswell.

Clarence leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife Donnise; daughter Na'Iyma; son Christopher; grandson James; sister Henrietta Dot Ward of Smyrna, Del; brothers Eddie Caswell of Memphis, TN and Larry Anderson of Irvington, NJ; In-laws Judith and Kenneth Washington of Plainfield, NJ; special nephews: Emory Ward and Jalen Washington; special sister and brother Calvin and Linda Hart; Special Brothers Raymond Bryant and Keith Simmons; God Children Audrea Hart and Sajada Braham; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and friends.

While Clarence/JC will be greatly missed, he has left us with a treasure load of wonderful memories that will carry us until we meet again.



Order of Service



Processional
Clergy & Family

Scripture Readings
Old Testament – Psalms 23
New Testament – 1 Corinthians 15:45-58

Prayer of Consolation

Musical Selection
Barbara Sharpe

Acknowledgments of Condolences/Resolutions and Obituary
Marie Venable

Remarks and Reflections
Family & Friends
(Please limit to 2 minutes)

Musical Selection
Barbara Sharpe

Eulogy
Pastor Robin L. Hampton-Harris

Final Viewing
“I’m Free” Barbara Sharpe

Benediction & Recessional

INTERMENT

Bayview Cemetery
321 Garfield Avenue
Jersey City NJ

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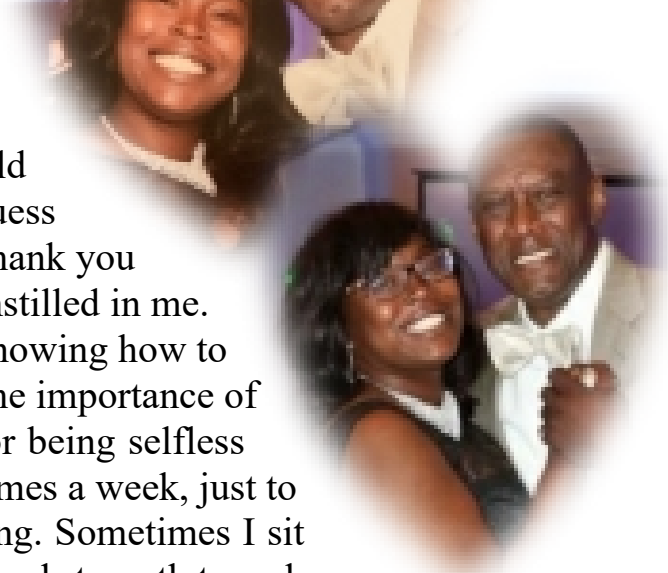
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Chandelier Restaurant
1081 Broadway, Bayonne NJ



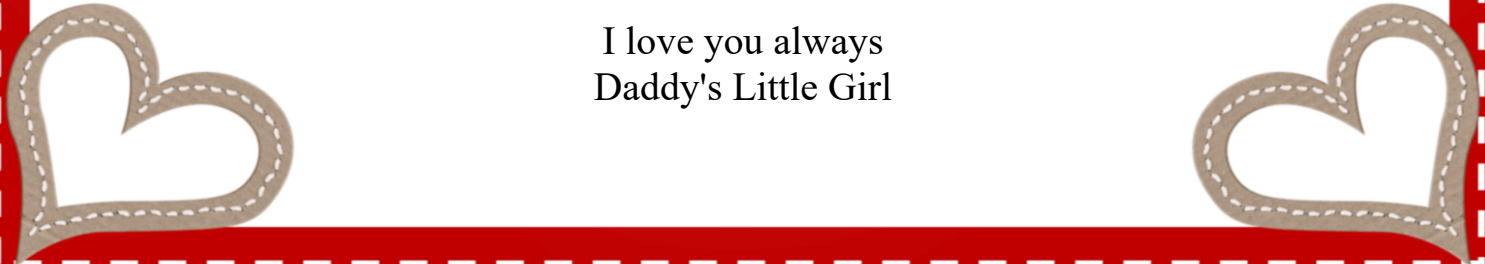




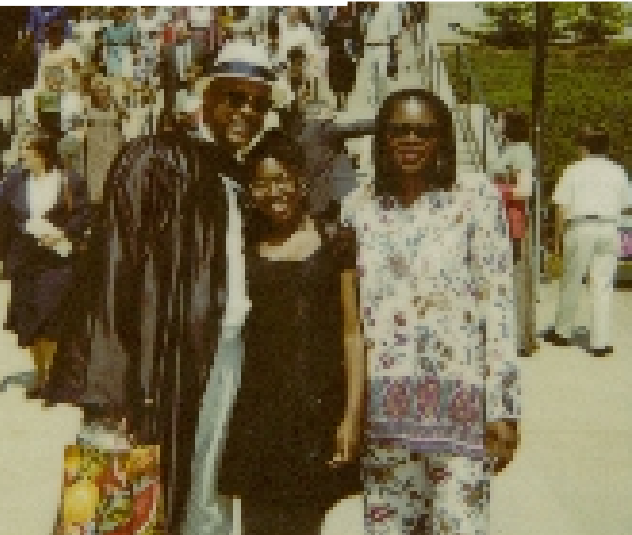
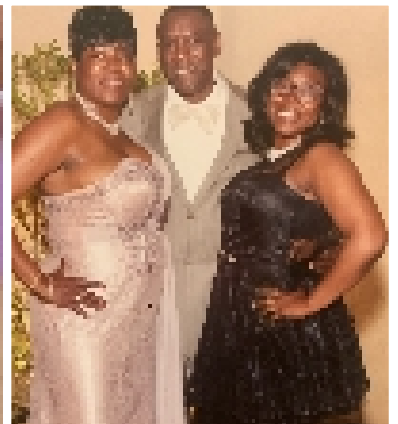
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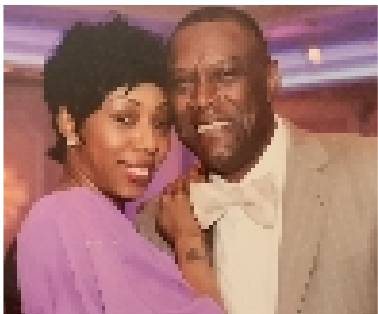


There are no words that can express the sorrow that I have been feeling since God called you home. Mommy told me that God wanted you back and because I am your child my response was, "I want him more". I guess that's a battle I can't fight. Daddy I want to thank you for all the talks and life lessons you have instilled in me. I will always cherish the little things; like knowing how to pick out a meaningful card, and most of all the importance of carrying myself like a lady. I thank you for being selfless enough to work 2 jobs while on Dialysis 3 times a week, just to guarantee we would never want for anything. Sometimes I sit back and wondered how you found the time and strength to wake up on a Saturday and say let's go to Great Adventure! I can still, remember you buying out the entire movie theater when you took me to see Bebe's Kids just so that it was only you and me. Honestly I'm trying to figure out what it is that I am going to miss most, seeing you all dressed up in one of your hats, or us running through the airport hearing you say, "Baby make sure you have daddy's hat box". Wow, you really went and traded your hats for a *Crown*. Daddy since September 1st I have been missing my heartbeats! I am holding onto what you told me, a few weeks ago, "*Daddy's got you*". So even though God has taken you from me, the memories we have shared will last an eternity. I need you to know that I understand that God knows best, and you are no longer suffering. Now I know why you kept telling me you were about to start traveling again, I just didn't think you were going to Paradise without us. So, with all my love, I say to you farewell My King, My Superhero, My Angel. Sleep like a baby until I am able to come running into your arms again.



I love you always
Daddy's Little Girl





Pallbearers:
Family & Friends

Flowerbearers:
Family & Friends



The Master Called

Author Unknown

*I'm sorry I had to leave you my loved ones, oh so dear.
But you, the Master called me, His voice was so clear!
I had made my reservation. A heaven bound ticket for one
And I knew that He would call me when He felt my work was done,
I know that your hearts are heavy because I have gone away.
But when the Master called me, I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you my loved one, oh so dear,
But you see the Master called me and, now I'm resting here,
Yes I've crossed over to Glory and to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus and we'll meet again someday.*

Acknowledgement

Special Thank You to the CCU Doctors, and Nurses at RWJ University Hospital in Rahway, NJ. and KUDOS to Kevin McConnell and Christopher Santanilla for your tender loving care of services rendered to our beloved James.

A friendly smile, a casual touch, these are things that means so much. To know you are with us in our time of sorrow, sharing our prayers, today and tomorrow. God gives us the comfort in the form of good friends, family and church family, may His peace be with you, and His love never ends.

Prayerfully and Lovingly Submitted
The Family of James Clarence Lee Graham

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