

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Clayton Donnelley

Sunrise
September 21, 1948

Sunset
July 30, 2020

Memorial Service:
Thursday, August 13, 2020 - 11:30 am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Obituary

Clayton Henry Donnelley was born on September 21, 1948 in New York City to Clayton Randolph Donnelley and Audrey Ophelia Donnelley. Raised in the Bronx, NY, Clayton grew up in the Bronx River Housing Projects and attended P.S. 77, Junior High School 125, and Monroe High School.

Clayton enjoyed playing and watching sports. In high school, he played basketball and football. While playing ball in high school, Clayton was one of several young men who advocated for and started a national basketball program at Church of The Abiding Presence, his childhood church. His team won the first ever national championship within that league. He looked forward each year for the NFL to start so he could cheer for his favorite team, the New York Jets.

Clayton was always a leader and trailblazer. He was an avid reader. He read many newspapers each day and there was no topic that he could not speak intelligently on. He instilled his love and importance of reading in his children.

On February 1, 1972 Clayton's firstborn son, Clayton Henry Donnelley Jr., was born to him and Delores Ricardo. Clayton was overjoyed. The following year he began his own car company with his best friend at the time. They ran a successful business until 1974.

On December 18, 1975, Clayton was overjoyed again to become a father. His second child, a girl, Alyssa Dawn Donnelley was born to him and Althea Holt-Donnelley. Shortly after, Clayton began his career in retail. He worked as a manager in Macys, Genovese Drug Store, and Bradlees Department Store.

On August 28, 1982 Clayton married his wife of 38 years, Linda Donnelley. Of that union, his third child and second son, Ryan Emil Donnelley was born on July 14, 1986. Again, Clayton was overjoyed as his children meant everything to him.

As Clayton continued his work in retail, he made the decision to attend college and pursue his degree. In May of 1999, Clayton graduated from Lehman College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. He graduated on the Dean's list and was a member of the Phi Sigma Alpha / National Political Science Honor Society. Shortly after graduating, he began an internship with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), where he excelled in his work and developed close friendships.

In 2001 Clayton began his second career as a legal assistant with the Investor Protection Bureau with the State Office of the Attorney General. In 2002, he was the recipient of the Williamsbridge Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club Inc's, "Man of The Year" award.

In July of 2002, Clayton moved to East Stroudsburg, PA where he purchased a beautiful home for his family. It was here, he became a member of his beloved church, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran. Clayton loved the Lord and loved serving in his church. While Clayton would serve wherever he was needed, he regularly served as an usher, on the treasury board and even taught Sunday school for some time. He was grateful to God for all the blessings in his life, especially his family.

After sixteen years of service, on April 25, 2016, Clayton retired from the State Attorney General's office. Shortly after retirement, Clayton experienced challenges in his health. While he fought a good fight and kept the faith, Clayton finished his race and transitioned to be with the Lord on July 30, 2020. He will be missed and forever in the hearts of his loved ones.

Clayton is preceded in death by his father, Clayton Randolph Donnelley and his beloved sister, Pamela Donnelley. He leaves to cherish his memory: His mother, Audrey Ophelia Donnelley, his wife, Linda Donnelley, his sons, Clayton H. Donnelley and, Ryan E. Donnelley and his daughter, Alyssa D. Donnelley, daughter in law, Hayley Donnelley, grandson, Wyatt Clayton Donnelley, brothers; Ronald Donnelley, Donald Bonner-Donnelley and Kevin Donnelley and sister, Wanda Donnelley, cousins Virginia Donnelly, Craig and Hazer Donnelly, as well as other relatives, loved ones and a host of beloved friends and colleagues.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer
Elder Stephanie Hill

Welcome
Minister Alyssa Donnelley

Scripture Reading
Elder Stephanie Hill

Reading of the Obituary
Sarie Laporte

Musical Selection
Ms. Zenola Fields
“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Reflections
Family & Friends

Video Presentation

Special Tributes
Mr. Clayton Donnelley Jr.
Minister Alyssa Donnelley
Mr. Ryan Donnelley

Musical Selection
Ms. Zenola Fields
“More Than Enough”

Words of Comfort
Elder Stephanie Hill

Closing Prayer
Elder Stephanie Hill

To Say Goodbye

To say goodbye is not the end
To all my family and friends
For life goes on, you must endure
For my eternity is sure.
Remember all the good times
The memories we've shared
The precious jewels of laughter
The tender love and care.
I found my resting place
God's peace surrounds my soul
Let love abound in all your hearts
Let heaven be your goal.
-Author unknown

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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