Celebrating the Life of



William Clayton Warren "Clay"

Sunrise **February 5, 1974**

Sunset May 2, 2021

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - 10AM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027 Pastor Elder Clay Johnson, Officiating

<u>Obituary</u>



William Clayton Warren, known to family and friends as "Clay". He is the son of Jacqueline Ruth Warren and was born on February 5, 1974. He departed his earthly life on May 2, 2021. Clay grew up in Brooklyn, New York and also attended school in Brooklyn, but he went to Job Corp where he received his Diploma.

Clay loved life and lived everyday to the fullest. He would put family and church before himself. Clay admired everyone and everyone who knew him loved him. He would make you feel special just because he thought you needed an extra lift. Clay also attended church services when he was very young. He joined the church on his own as a young teenager. He loved singing and joining in wherever needed. As an adult, Clay joined In The Life Ministries where he was Asst. Rev. William Warren. He preached and sang until December 17, 2020. That's when he became ill. Clay, so happy go lucky (our gentle giant) sang almost to his last day.

Clay was preceded in death by his mother and grandparents. He was four years old when his mother passed. Clay was an only child. His grandparents raised him and Clay adored them; growing up to tower over them. He called his grandma, "Little Grandma" and his grandpa called him "Pistol". As he walked with his Little Grandma, he cleared the area to give her room. (The Cutest) That was Clay at a young age. He also had three aunts who assisted his growing up, Juanita, Kim and Kay.

Clay had hopes and dreams. One was honored already, a birthday party at 45 which he enjoyed so much. The next was a cookout this summer which we are going to honor with balloons and food. Clay worked as a Cook along with many other jobs. First, he enjoyed cooking and feeding whomever. He was the gentle giant who fed the homeless and gave clothes to the needy. He collected clothes and made sure men, women and kids all received. Clay loved his family, but he spread his love to everyone. He never knew how to say, 'I can't, I won't', etc. It was always 'OK, what time and where'. Clay had many cousins he was very close to. Everyone of them will miss him young and old. He would baby sit, buy gifts and spoil them all. That was our Clay. He had many friends and associates that knew his character and treasured their friendship. A golden heart stopped beating that no one can ever replace.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his aunts, Juanita, Kim, Kay and Pat; uncles, Al, Jevaughn and Ronald; his cousins, Rhonda, Crystal, Tyrone, Tia, Troy, Mercedes, Tamara, John, Renzi, Jeremiah, Jadin, Natalee, Dre, Alex, John Jr., Brooklyn, Tyrone, Tyler, Callie, Karley, Tori, Skye, Logan, Marquis, Mekhi, Ryan and Kennedy; a host of other dear cousins, aunts, uncles and many friends; his church, In The Life Ministries; and godchildren, Omarion, Amori and Ayla.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings Old Testament New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Pastor Elder Clay Johnson

Words of Comfort

Selection Pastor Elder Clay Johnson

> **Obituary** Diane Shelton

Selection Pastor Elder Clay Johnson

Eulogy Pastor Elder Clay Johnson

Committal

Final Viewing

Recessional

INTERMENT Plain Lawn Cemetery Hicksville, New York



To Those I Love

When I am gone, release me, let me go, I have so many things to see and do. You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears, Be happy that we've had so many years, I gave you my love, you can only guess, How much you gave me in happiness, But now it's time I travel on alone, So grieve a while for me if grieve you must; Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part, So bless the memories within your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on, So if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near; and if you listen with your heart you will hear all my love around you soft and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome Home!"

Hcknowledgement

The Family expresses grateful appreciation for all prayers and acts of kindness during their loved one's illness and during their time of sorrow.

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