

# IF TEARS COULD BUILD A STAIRWAY

If tears could build a stairway  
And memories were a lane.  
We would walk right up to heaven  
And bring you back again  
No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why  
Our hearts still ache in sadness  
And secret tears still flow  
What it meant to love you  
No one can ever know  
But now we know you want us  
To mourn for you no more  
To remember all the happy times  
Life still has much in store  
Since you'll never be forgotten  
We pledge to you today  
A hallowed place within our hearts  
Is where you'll always stay.

-Author unknown

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR  
ROBERT CLARK, JR.

NOVEMBER 18, 1943 - JUNE 19, 2021

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Cotton-Parker Funeral Home  
37 Clinton Ave., Jersey City, New Jersey  
Rev. Keith Howell, Officiating



# OBITUARY

Robert Clark Jr. was born on November 18th, 1943 in Sumter, SC. To Henrietta McLeod Bowman and Robbie Clark Sr. He was educated in the South Carolina public school system, having attended Eastern High School in Maysville South Carolina. Robert relocated to New Jersey at age 18 or 19.

Upon his relocation he worked a few jobs. He subsequently worked for Alpha Pash Trucking for several years. Robert then worked for Schiffenhaus Packaging Corp in Newark, NJ for more than 25 years until his retirement in 2004. In his retirement he returned to work at the Travel Lodge Hotel in Union, NJ part time for more than 10 years. Robert was affectionately called "Pop", "Clark", "Brother", and "Uncle Brother" to many. He was the head of the "Godfather and Staff" social club for many years. They held annual dances, and his famous bus rides that were filled with joy, laughter and his well loved fried chicken and white potato salad.

Clark loved his family, cooking, he was giving, selfless and just a phone call away. Clark's love for dancing, old time blues music and having a good time was contagious. Some of Clark's many phrases were "Well dog my cat" and "hot dog".

Clark leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife Thelma Clark. His children who

adored him Cynthia Anderson and Roberta (Timothy) Jones of Jersey City, NJ. Angela Bowman of Alabama. One son, Robert Clark of Bronx, NY. Two step daughters, Demetric (Roosevelt) Gantt of Jersey City, NJ and Monique (Mark) Gilmore of Palmer, PA. One sister Thomasina Holloway of Sumter, SC, four brothers, Andrew (Terry) Bowman, Willie (Barbara) Bowman of Bishopville SC, Eddie Benjamin of Lynchburg, SC, and Jimmy Wilson of Sumter, SC, Five sisters-in-law Bertha Mae, (Ennis) Harvey of Grenada, MS, Lula (Lawrence) Duval of Jersey City, NJ, Elmer (Eddie) Wilson of jersey City, Ida Johnson of Hattiesburg, MS and Brenda Annette Johnson of Newark, NJ. One Brother-in-Law Rufus (Margaret) Johnson of Grenada, MS, One God daughter, Wanda Rouse of Jersey City, NJ. His life long best friends Willie Green of Mayesville, SC and James Brown of South Carolina. Twelve Grandchildren, Four Great Grandchildren. A special sister-in-law Brenda "Net" Johnson. Two aunts Lucille (Archie) Rogers of Sumter, SC. Lillie (James) Nelson of Brooklyn, NY. One uncle Freddie McLeod of Sumter, SC. A host of sister-in-laws, brothers-in-law, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, former coworkers and friends who will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his Mother Henrietta McLeod Bowman, His Father Robbie Clark Sr., Three Sisters Carolyn Bowman, Vernice Elliot and Rosa Bowman-Peters. Four Brothers Nathaniel Bowman, Jimmy Bowman, Thomas Clark and Tracy Bradshaw.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## **Processional Hymn**

Lakia Gaillard Scripture

## **Reading Old Testament New Testament**

## **Prayer of Comfort**

## **Solo**

Rev Johnny Spry

## **Remarks**

(Two minutes each please)

## **Acknowledgements**

Tammie Elliott

## **Obituary**

Ebonee Johnson

## **Solo**

Lakia Gaillard

## **Eulogy**

Rev. Johnny Spry

## **Final Viewing**

## **Recessional**

*Entombment*  
Hollywood Memorial Park  
Union, New Jersey

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