



Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark

December 27, 1940 - January 16, 2020

****NOTE: Visitation & Funeral Service Times and Location Listed Below****

Mr. Roosevelt James Clark (“Sandy”) fondly known to most as “Lacuda” departed this life on Thursday, January 16, 2020, following an extensive illness. He was born December 27, 1940 in Osceola, Arkansas to the late Almas (Amos) Lee Clark and Viola Godfrey Clark. The Clark family later moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan where he accepted Christ at a young age and attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church. He attended Kalamazoo Public Schools and while growing up he made life long friends with a group of young men that became known as the “Big 7”. Roosevelt went on to study and pursue a career in Barbering and then on to Detroit Diesel for certification in Auto Mechanics. He then met and married Georgia Mae Grady and they formed their version of the “Brady Brunch”.

Roosevelt worked for DeNooyer Chevrolet for many years and was also employed with Metro Transit where he was a target of discrimination. This dispute led to him becoming a self-employed Mechanic until the age of retirement.

Lacuda, as he liked to be called, was a great friend to many people and had a giving heart of gold. He loved spending time with his family and had the greatest sense of humor (oh, he could signify!). He would sing one of his

favorite songs by Stevie Wonder (I just called, to say, I love you...I just called to say how much I care!). He would sing these lyrics every time he called us. Lacuda in his younger years loved to travel and road trips were his specialty. He was an awesome father that provided things and instilled traits that money couldn't buy. He was an educator and a strengthener and we will all miss him so dearly.

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents, Mose Clark Jr. and Lurena Mitchell Clark, Sam Godfrey Sr. and Mary Madeline Godfrey Hurst; parents, Almas (Amos) Lee and Viola Godfrey Clark; wife, Georgia Mae Clark; brothers, Almas Lee Jr. and VW Clark; sisters, Doretha, Esther Ross; Betty (Floyd) Gardner, Barbara Clark and Mildred (Karate Joe) Armstrong; nephews, Charles E. Clark Jr. and Anthony Gardner; brothers-in-law, Joe Armstrong and Floyd Gardner; sister-in-law, Brigette Alston Clark; a son, Ricky Grady and a daughter Gail Grady.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his children, Rhonda Burns, Mekal Grady (Stephanie); Sonya Clark, Carmen Clark-Steward (Nathan), Bakeeba Hampton, Kim Primer and Ladon Grady; his siblings, Charles Clark Sr., Delroy Clark, Jerry (Judy) Clark and Larry Clark; 15 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends that he loved dearly. Also, a special friend, Kim Jones.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

JAN **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Faith Temple Church of God
402 S. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Homegoing Celebration

JAN **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Crystal B sent a virtual gift in memory of Roosevelt Clark*



Crystal B - January 28, 2023 at 05:21 AM



“ *Crystal Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Crystal bell - February 13, 2020 at 11:44 PM

SH

“ Sandra Hines sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark



Sandra Hines - January 26, 2020 at 08:22 AM

EF

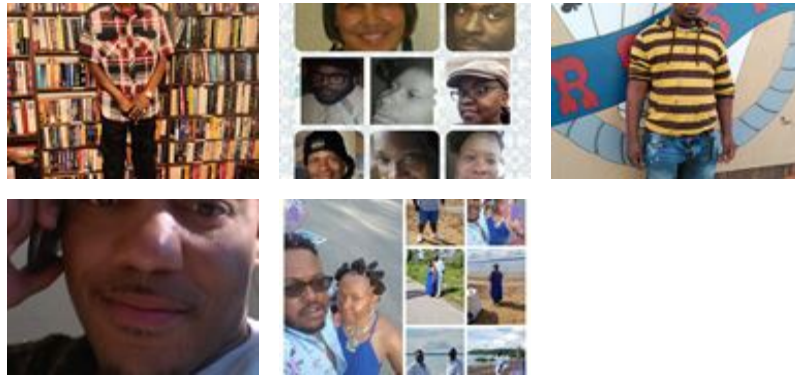
“ Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark



Earline Fields - January 24, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ 14 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harper Funeral Home - January 23, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ 11 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harper Funeral Home - January 23, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ *Jacob & Alison Holloway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Jacob & Alison Holloway - January 22, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



PATTERSON FAMILY - January 22, 2020 at 09:13 AM

CH

“ *Carmen Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Carmen Hughes - January 21, 2020 at 10:56 PM



“ *Lula Ligon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Lula Ligon - January 20, 2020 at 09:04 PM

PJ

“ *Paulette Julian lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Paulette Julian - January 20, 2020 at 08:53 PM

CB

“ *Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Carrie Baker - January 20, 2020 at 07:57 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Barbara Phillips - January 20, 2020 at 07:01 PM

LB

“ *May Gods promise of eternal life be a comfort to you in the loss of one so dear. I never shall forget my childhood friend from Krom Ave. Roosevelt (Sandy)..*
With Deepest Sympathy Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Baker

Lyle Baker - January 20, 2020 at 06:19 PM



Carmen Clark-

Thank you so much. Love, Roosevelt Clark Family

Carmen Clark-Steward - January 22, 2020 at 11:29 AM

TY

“ *Tonya Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Tonya Young - January 20, 2020 at 04:43 PM

TY

“ *Sandy for you know that you will forever have a special place in my heart, you and Daddy (Tommie Jr.) were more like brothers instead of cousins, which drew me even closer to you, your love was always known & present. Thank you for your Beautiful Spirit. Tonya*

Tonya Young - January 20, 2020 at 04:36 PM

YR

“ R.I.P cuz you will be missed but never forgotten for you are always in my heart . Yvonne

Yvonne Reese - January 20, 2020 at 04:21 PM

YR

“ Yvonne Reese sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark



Yvonne Reese - January 20, 2020 at 04:19 PM

TF

“ The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark



The Daniel Family - January 20, 2020 at 10:16 AM

KA

“ Uncle I love you so much what am I going to do no more calls to say I just called to say I love you forever in my heart. Kimyatta

Kimyatta Armstrong - January 20, 2020 at 09:45 AM

DB

“ *Dallas Blocker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Dallas Blocker - January 20, 2020 at 09:29 AM

KA

“ *My Uncle I love you so very much I will forever remember our long talks, our laughs the love you showed me from a Uncle you were one of a kind and no one can take your place Love Kimyatta*



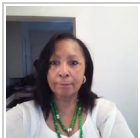
Kimyatta Armstrong - January 20, 2020 at 08:47 AM

DS

“ *My Condolences to the Clark Family.*



Denise Scurry - January 20, 2020 at 07:33 AM



“ *Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin - January 19, 2020 at 10:35 PM

RF

“ *Renafor Owens Jr & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Renafor Owens Jr & Family - January 19, 2020 at 10:20 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Jack Dunigan - January 19, 2020 at 07:08 PM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Frank & Betty Ford - January 19, 2020 at 09:35 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Pauline Gardner - January 18, 2020 at 07:42 PM

AR

“ *ArleneBuchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



ArleneBuchanan - January 18, 2020 at 06:42 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Dallas Boards and family - January 18, 2020 at 04:18 PM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - January 18, 2020 at 09:49 AM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt J. Clark*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - January 18, 2020 at 08:47 AM