

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Clayton Thomas Collier, would like to thank each of you for your many acts of kindness and love shown to us during the passing of our loved one.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand*

*The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the past.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate the beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch Or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!" ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Home Going Service Celebrating the Life of

MR. CLAYTON THOMAS COLLIER



MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022

11:00 A.M.

**LEEY'S FUNERAL HOME
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**BROTHER ED OBERTAUTCH
-PRESIDING-**

Obituary

Clayton Thomas Collier was born May 13, 1944, to the late Ida Mae Davis Collier in Baltimore, MD. He was raised by the late Naomi and Roland Williams. After a lengthy illness, surrounded by family, Clayton peacefully passed away at home on June 14, 2022. Clayton had a true love for Jehovah and spoke of him frequently in conversation.

Clayton received his early education in Baltimore City Public Schools. He worked different jobs until 1973, when he joined the International Longshoreman's Association Union. He was a faithful employee and member of the union. He retired as a foreman in 1998.

He was united in holy matrimony to Mary Ann Johnson on October 17, 1964. To this union they were blessed with two daughters, Qiana and Toi. After 47 years of marriage, the Lord called Mary home. Love found Clayton again in the form of long-time friend, Patricia Collier. Patricia and Clayton were married on November 22, 2012, and later settled in South Carolina.

Clayton will forever be known for his jovial spirit. Jokes were a natural part of his personality. He particularly loved telling stories about his youth, and being a big brother. To know him was to love him and he was a friend and brother to all in need. A true intellect at heart, every day at 7:00 p.m. you could catch him watching Jeopardy, answering each question with speed and confidence. He also enjoyed solving crossword puzzles and playing Scrabble. He would often challenge players on spelling words incorrectly. On weekends, you could catch Clayton playing Spades with his favorite partner, his wife Pat. Those who played with him will remember him getting carried away and slapping cards to his forehead when he was on a winning streak. Clayton loved history and religion and could hold extensive conversations on each topic. A sharp dresser, you could always find him in an exquisite hat or cap. He had them in all colors and coordinated with all of his outfits. His collection of hats included Kangol caps, fedoras, and a few that his daughter Toi bought him from her many travels.

Clayton had a true passion and ear for music and love of stereo equipment. In his life, he owned several stereos where he would masterfully create mixtapes. He was before his time and was creating playlists on cassette tapes before playlists were a thing. His knowledge and love of music went across many genres: Soul, Funk, Blues, Jazz, Rock and Roll, and Gospel were a few of his favorites. At one point he owned an extensive record collection of more than 200 LPs.

A girl dad at heart, he was affectionately known to his daughters as Clovis (by Qiana) and Cleetus (by Toi). He was not only a father to his girls, but a father figure to their friends as well. In his girls' youth, you could catch him faithfully driving the neighborhood carpool and taking the girls and their friends to and from school and work.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Patricia Collier; two daughters, Qiana Collier and Toi Collier; two step daughters, Tracy Frederick (Andre), Tira Curtis (Donta); two step sons, Anthony Eckels (Elizabeth) and Elbert Darren Eckels; four grandkids, Niger, Azaya, Sekai, and Roman; two brothers, Leonard Collier (Mable) and Johnathan Wise (Lita); one sister, Ida Marie Fountain; a host of other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Samuel Collier, Clifton Collier, Elwood Collier, Jeremiah Collier, and Sister Claudette Coston.

Memories



Celebration of Life

Clayton Thomas Collier

May 13, 1944- June 14, 2022

Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, and Friend

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Prayer.....Brother Ed Obertautch

Reading of Obituary.....Brother Ed Obertautch

Scriptures.....Brother Ed Obertautch

Discourse.....Brother Ed Obertautch

Recessional

