



Earl C. Clark

November 24, 1946 - July 7, 2017

Earl Cranston Clark was born November 24, 1946, in Dillon, South Carolina. He died of a heart attack on July 7, 2017, in Smyrna, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Anna Mae Clark, sister Gwen Graham, brothers, Kenny, Willie and Aubrey. He was “dad” to Niki Corbert and Quicha Bryson, two beautiful young women who he helped to raise from a very young age. He is survived by his brother, Joe (Fred) Clark and his wife Sue of High Ridge, Missouri, his sister, Audrey Yarbrough and her husband, Jim of Lake St. Louis, Missouri, his former wife and best friend until the end, Linda Clark of Smyrna, Tennessee. He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Earl’s formative years were spent in Detroit, surrounded by rhythm and blues. It wasn’t until he heard Merle Haggard that country music stole his heart. Earl was a member of the Lumbee Indian Tribe and the only Native American to achieve his level of success with one of his hit songs, “Can’t Break It To My Heart” being played over two million times. “Renegades, Rebels & Rouges”, sold one million copies. “I Found Jesus on the Jailhouse Floor” touched many hearts. Early in his career, Earl was invited to Nashville by Ernest Tubb with the suggestion that he should drive tour busses for the stars to gain their attention and have his songs heard. It worked; he drove for Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Jerry Reed, and many others. His songs have been recorded by George Strait, Johnny Rodriguez, Willie Nelson, Tracy Lawrence, Tanya

Tucker, and Tim McGraw. One of Earl's favorite stories was meeting his and his father's favorite performers, Martha Carson, who wrote "Swing Low Sweet Chariot". He was honored to meet her when they were booked at the same venue. She then became the first person that he wrote with as he embarked upon his amazing career. 80 of his songs were published by BMI Publishing Company in Nashville, Tennessee.

Visitation will be on Friday, July 14, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. until time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill
6300 Highway 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(636) 274-4100
info@stlfuneral.com
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill
6300 Highway 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
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Interment

JUL 14. 3:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
6300 SR 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(636) 274-4100

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl C. Clark*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *R.I.P. Earl, and sympathy to the family. Always enjoyed Earl's music, and looked for when he was coming back to Missouri to do a Show, or a Benefit Concert for someone, I'd go see him. "Rooster" Simpson-Eureka/Hillsboro*

Rooster Simpson - July 24, 2017 at 03:52 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy! Heaven gained an angel whom will make beautiful music! Saddens me!* 🙏



donna Trainor - July 14, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *we have known earl for 48 years. we used to follow him wherever he was playing music. he was a wonderful friend and he will be very missed. R.I.P. our dear friend. roy and pat fortner*

pat fortner - July 13, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Earl C. Clark.



July 12, 2017 at 10:46 PM



“ *Agnes Chavis and Larry Chavis purchased the Basket Full of Wishes* for the family of Earl C. Clark.



Agnes Chavis and Larry Chavis - July 12, 2017 at 04:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Earl C. Clark.



July 12, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Earl C. Clark.



July 12, 2017 at 12:46 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Earl C. Clark.* ”



July 12, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *Sarah Watson lit a candle in memory of Earl C. Clark* ”



Sarah Watson - July 12, 2017 at 03:58 AM



“ *Love and respect to Earls' loved ones, Rhonda Hart purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Earl C. Clark.* ”



Love and respect to Earls' loved ones, Rhonda Hart - July 12, 2017 at 12:01 AM



“ *Debbie Flanagan lit a candle in memory of Earl C. Clark* ”



Debbie Flanagan - July 11, 2017 at 11:32 PM

RH

“ Rhonda Hart lit a candle in memory of Earl C. Clark



rhonda Hart - July 11, 2017 at 10:42 PM

BS

“ Brenda S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Earl C. Clark.



Brenda S. - July 11, 2017 at 07:01 PM

BC

“ I will never forget Earl. Rest In Peace, my dear friend. Brenda Clarke



Brenda Clarke - July 11, 2017 at 06:49 PM

CH

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Cheryl - July 11, 2017 at 06:46 PM

CH

Earl is a one of a kind. Met him at Hotel Preston years ago when Clinton, Jerry, Preston, Mike, Eddie and Chrislynn were playing there. He drew me pictures on napkins. Still have them. The pic is from a bus tour we did with Clinton . Tara Solomon Capps and myself are in the pic. Great times.

Cheryl - July 11, 2017 at 07:02 PM



Sunshine Brenda

“ *Sunshine Brenda purchased the Eagle Wings Frame for the family of Earl C. Clark.*



Sunshine Brenda - July 11, 2017 at 06:42 PM



Sunshine Brenda

“ *Sunshine Brenda lit a candle in memory of Earl C. Clark*



Sunshine Brenda - July 11, 2017 at 05:47 PM



Sunshine Brenda

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sunshine Brenda - July 11, 2017 at 05:32 PM

CC

“ *Charlie Collins lit a candle in memory of Earl C. Clark*



Charlie Collins - July 11, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Earl C. Clark.*



July 11, 2017 at 09:31 AM

NM

“ *Nicole Britt McLean lit a candle in memory of Earl C. Clark*



Nicole Britt McLean - July 11, 2017 at 08:59 AM

LH

“ *Lissa Hart lit a candle in memory of Earl C. Clark*



Lissa Hart - July 10, 2017 at 10:31 PM

JM

“ *My Condolences go out to the family and closest friends of my friend, Earl Clark. Rest in Peace Earl.*



Jerry Mac - July 10, 2017 at 09:45 PM