

Acknowledgement

The family of Ronald A. Clayton is grateful for the thoughtfulness and kindness extended during this time of bereavement. A special "thank you" to family and friends who are always there for us in whatever capacity needed; as well as to friend Keith Stewart and the world famous "ENA'S CARIBBEAN KITCHEN" (which Ronnie frequented often while working) for the additional donation of Ronnie's favorite Caribbean foods for the repast.

Pallbearers

TONY JACKSON ~ THOMAS LYLES
SEMAJ CLAYTON ~ BRIAN GREGG

AS I STAND

By Juanita Smith

As I walked into heavens gates everything came together for me,
I'm walking thru the clouds, and I'm touching every tree.
Not only am I at peace but I am finally free.
Don't mourn for me long because now I'm standing tall,
When I left here I could do nothing, now I'm doing it all.
Think of me singing when you hear the birds' morning call.
I'm doing all the things I loved-even playing ball.
Yes I'm with the angels because on me, the Holy Ghost did fall,
That's why the peace I have now I can share with you all.
No more doctors and nurses I'm healed from head to toe,
Put your mind at rest, no need to worry any more.
No more call lights, procedures and test,
No evaluations, medications and all that mess.
I'm free from it all and I can finally live again,
Everything that was broke has been fixed my friend,
Just rejoice for me because in heaven I can stand.
Momma I thank you because you have done all that you can.
Semaj I will always be with you holding your hand.
To the rest of y'all just rejoice because with God....I stand.

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*In Loving
Memory
of*



**Ronald Andre
CLAYTON**

JANUARY 10, 1970 ~ JULY 12, 2022

~Service~

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022 ~ 2:00 PM
MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME

Chapel of Peace North
2500 Cleveland Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

The Obituary

Ronald Andre Clayton, aka Ronnie or Tutu, was born on January 10, 1970 in Columbus, Ohio to Kate Cox and Ronald (Ronnie) Clayton. He grew up on the north side of Columbus; and, spent time working or gathering with friends and family. Daily, he shared stories and laughs...especially with his mom. "He was truly a momma's boy...and always wanted to hug me," Kate said.

Ronald graduated from Northland High School in 1987, as a skilled and valuable player who contributed to Northland's basketball team at the forward position. After high school, Ronald worked as a professional barber, licensed by the State of Ohio, for approximately 30 years. The majority of his career was spent at the Focus on You Salon and Barber Shop, located on Cleveland Avenue in the City of Columbus.

His heart was enormous and so was his character. As a young adult, he voluntarily stepped into the "father figure" role for his younger sister, Rhoneeca. "I remember getting out of elementary school and he would be there waiting...daily...no matter what," she replied. Ronald was also a true comedian according to close cousins, Thomas "Bop" Lyles and Milton Hayes, who followed in his footsteps as the coldest barbers in Columbus, Ohio. In later years, Ronald was a frequent consumer (and promoter) of both Dr. Pepper and Donato's Pizza. (lol)

Ronald's legacy will continue through his 20-year old son, Semaj Andre Clayton. They shared a special bond throughout the years which could never be broken. Ronald always made sure his last words spoken (before they departed each time) was "I love you, son." Those words continue to linger as Ronald was never ashamed of his emotional heart or to speak loving words to those he truly cared for.

Blessed with 52 years of life, Ronald was preceded in death by his father Ronald (Ronnie) Clayton, grandparents James and Eloise V. Clayton, Aunt Norma Ferguson, Uncle Charles (Pete) Clayton, James "Jim" Ferguson; as well as close friends Marvin Cox and "Big Bill" Dublin.

In addition to his son, Semaj Andre Clayton, Ronald leaves behind a loving and devoted family including his mother Kate Cox, paternal aunt Charlotte Lawson, brother Joe L. (Eric) Cox, Jr., sisters Diane (Michael) Cox, Rochelle (Jeffery) Whitlow, Rhonda Clayton, and Rhoneeca (Clai) Cox; nieces Renatta Cumberlander and Raniyah Whaley (whom he was very fond of and only wanted the best for her); as well as a host of family, extended family, and friends.

Order of Celebration

PRELUDE Music Ministry
SCRIPTURE READINGClergy
 Old Testament Psalm 23 (KJV)
 New Testament St. John 14:1 (KJV)
PRAYER Minister Priscilla A. Easley-White
READING OF OBITUARY..... Gina Jackson
MUSIC SELECTIONSEric Hardaway
 "Precious Lord"
 "His Eye is On the Sparrow"
POEM READING..... Family
 "As I Stand"
WORDS FROM LOVED ONES..... 2-minute limit please

The Eulogy

PASTOR DAVID SANDERS
Victory Deliverance Church of Christ

RECESSIONAL

Repast

Immediately following services
LOCATED AT BLENDON WOODS METRO PARK,
SHADBLOW SHELTER, 4265 E. DUBIN GRANVILLE ROAD,
COLUMBUS, OH 43230.
(PERSONAL LAWN CHAIRS ARE WELCOMED)



*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me
though he were dead yet shall he live.
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*