



Mr. Arthur John Howard Clement, III

March 12, 1934 - May 25, 2016

Arthur John Howard Clement, III (82), was born on March 12, 1934 in Cleveland, North Carolina to Arthur John Howard Clement, Jr. and Irma Robinson Clement. He passed peacefully from this world on May 25, 2016 at his home in Durham with his devoted wife, Annie Davis Clement. He is survived by his three loving daughters (with his deceased wife Dolores Williams Clement of 41 years), Irma Clement of Cliffside Park, NJ, Sandra (Brian) Daniels of Durham, and Marcella Clement of Charlotte. He is also survived by Annie's children, Albert Jones (Karen) of Charlotte, Anna Croley (Gilbert) of Atlanta, Alexis Brown (Lawanda) of Atlanta, and Amanda Harris of Atlanta. His love extended to his grandchildren, Brian Keith Daniels II, Kayla Arielle Clement Daniels, Arthur John Howard Clement VI, Brooks Brown, Alex Brown, Rynne Hill, Ashley Brown, Alexandria Brown, Adrianna Brown, Taylor Croley, Alex Croley, Velanie Croley, Gilbert Croley, Michael Harris, Kaitlyn Harris, Chaz Jones, Aric Jones, Bryce Jones, Dia Jones and five great-grandchildren. He also leaves to mourn his brother, William Clement (Margaret) from Bend, OR and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Howard graduated from Avery High School in Charleston, SC. He obtained his undergraduate and law degrees from Howard University. He was a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated where he was initiated at Howard University in 1952. He was a Life Member of the NAACP. He served as legal counsel for North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and was on the Durham City Council for 30 years. His many accomplishments are chronicled in his papers, which he donated to the Durham County Library's North Carolina Collection.

In accordance with his wishes, the family has announced there will be "no funeral services or otherwise" in observance of his passing. It is requested in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Howard Clement Educational Fund with the Franklin Templeton Charitable Giving Fund, Renaissance Charitable Foundation, Inc., 6100 West 96th Street, Suite 105, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

In the near future, there will be an event to celebrate Howard's life.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Arthur John Howard Clement, III*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I believe I met him in Portland Oregon when our light rail system first opened. I sat next to him on a "Max" train that was heading west from Portland. I noticed his name tag, a jocked with him that I thought we related (I am white). He said he was North Carolina and was here to evaluate our the light rail. We had a pleasant conversation and I said good bye when I reached my stop. Little did I know who he was, I wish I did so I could have chatted more him about his experiences. He seemed to be a nice pleasant person.*

*My regards to his family,
John Clements*

John Clements - April 10, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ *Cullen I am so sorry your dad has passed even though it is awhile ago it still hurts just as bad as when it happened.. I watch your daily vlogs and love your family . Always cherish and treasure the beautiful memories you shared with your dad,, God Bless*

teresa simmons - January 12, 2017 at 05:03 AM



“ *Terri Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur John Howard Clement, III*



Terri Johnson - September 30, 2016 at 03:17 PM

BB

“ I first met Howard when I served as Community Organizer in Waltham and as President of the Community Protectors Club of Durham ... a small non-profit at then, Woodridge Apartments. In Woodridge we were considered a high-crime-area. I would say that ninety-percent of the residents at Woodridge were using or dealing drugs. We were definitely whom Howard Clement often referred to as "...the least of these..." We organized around what we called "Family Day". We invited Howard to come to our first event: He came. As I walked with him around our community and introduced him to the residents, one young man asked him, "Are you a cop?" Howard clearly surprised, asked, "Why would think that I was a policeman?" Rarely did anyone walk around our community dressed in a suit. That smile and empathetic posture were immeasurable to me, a divorced mom, rearing six children in that community. Later, when I was elected to the Durham City Council, I asked to be appointed to the Public Works Committee ... where Howard served ... and if I could sit next to him. I was assigned to Finance Committee instead. I guess where it was perceived that I would do the least harm. Howard often chided and 'attempted' to council me. He was no-longer my smiling empathetic mentor. I was no-longer one of the 'least of these'. I was a colleague for four short years.

Brenda Buie Burnette - June 10, 2016 at 07:33 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort in Psalm 34:18. "God is close to the broken-hearted and saves those crushed in spirit. "Make God your comfort. He "heals the broken-hearted." Psalm 147:3 and provides "refuge and strength in times of distress." Psalm 46:1

Stephanie S - June 07, 2016 at 11:20 AM

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Stephanie S - June 07, 2016 at 08:32 AM

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Stephanie S - June 07, 2016 at 08:13 AM

LH

“ *In deepest sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the death of your husband, father, grandfather and loved one; and my longtime friend, AJ HOWARD CLEMENT, III. May God grant you special comfort as you reflect his memories, that welcoming smile, the love, and wisdom he shared. Will always think of him during the MLK Birthday celebration. What a wonderful, humanitarian, activist he was; All that he meant to us will remain in our hearts forever. I will certainly miss him*

*Love
Lottie Hayes*

Lottie Hayes - June 07, 2016 at 08:12 AM

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Stephanie S - June 06, 2016 at 12:35 PM

SC

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Mr. Clement in 1968 on the Black Soidarity Committee during the successful boycott of businesses in the City of Durham. He always had the personality and demeanor to gain respect from persons from all sectors of the community. May your loved one rest in peace; he had a life well lived.*

Shirley Turrentine Cole

Shirley Cole - June 06, 2016 at 11:47 AM

KK

“ *My deepest sympathy/heart felt condolences go out to the Clement family. I always heard people referring to to Mr. Clement as "a gentle giant" and if you ever met him you understood why. He wasn't loud or boisterous but when he walked in a room you felt his presence. His smile was like a beacon of light. Even if you didn't know him it would spread it's warmth over you. May that light shine over you all now and forever.*



Kelley McCorkle King - June 03, 2016 at 03:41 PM

KC

“ Howard and I came to the City of Durham about the same time. I retired just before he did. I believe that we came to a mutual respect and great appreciation of each other. He was the only council member that I knew for my entire tenure as a department director. We shared many memories of our military service. He will be greatly missed.

Kent Cash - June 03, 2016 at 08:40 AM

HJ

“ I remember I was a security guard at Mutual where Mr. Clement worked. He was always a gentleman..he will be missed

Herman Byrd Jr - June 01, 2016 at 08:22 AM

WT

“ Mrs. Clement:

Deepest sympathy go out to you and your family. May God give you comfort and peace that you seek, and may the soul of your loved one rest in peace. Mr. Clement was a council member; when called upon, he would surely show up to help settle disputes. His presence was greatly appreciated whether discussing new housing developments or personnel matters with staff for community access producers.

*Mrs. Wilhemenia Thomas
Former Community Access President*

Wilhemenia Thomas - May 31, 2016 at 02:13 PM

SM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Clement's passing. I remember meeting him for the first time. He was kind and encouraging. His wisdom, loving heart, and genuine love of people will be missed.

Sylvia Mason - May 31, 2016 at 11:51 AM

WS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Clement family in the passing of Mr. Howard Clement. He was a giant of a person, who cared about the well-being of others. He will be missed in Durham. Thanks for sharing this great man with the Durham community.

*William G. Smith
Norma D. Petway*

William G. Smith - May 31, 2016 at 09:39 AM

RG

“ My deepest sympathy to the Clement Family in the passing of Mr. Howard Clement. I had known him for most of my life in his service to the community and his presence in my own life. He was the first to congratulate me upon my graduation from NCCU. I felt he had been a part of the reason I received the Z Smith Reynolds Scholarship that allowed me that opportunity. Due to my mother's illness she can not be with you at this time but please know she too will keep you in our prayers. I will always remember Mr. Clement fondly. Yours in Christ.
Reverend Marilynn D. Gibson- Turner, Saint Louis, MO (daughter of Mrs. Ann Atwater)

Rev. Marilynn Gibson-Turner - May 31, 2016 at 01:48 AM

BJ

“ My prayers and condolences to the Clement Family. May God continue to strength your family. Betty Jones

Betty Jones - May 30, 2016 at 09:13 AM

KA

“ Hi my name is Kayla and I am a local bible teacher. I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. There is a very comforting scripture at Isaiah 25:8. It says that soon Jehovah will swallow up death forever and that he will wipe away all of the tears. So we can all look forward to a time when death will be no more. I hope that this scripture can bring some true comfort during these difficult times.

kayla - May 30, 2016 at 08:53 AM

BO

“ Bro. Howard was a good friend even thou we had never met before. He realized I was in need of help and was willing to extend that help.I will always be grateful!
Buddy Owens

buddy owens - May 29, 2016 at 03:25 PM

MF

“ Our deepest sympathy in your time of sorrow. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."
Psalm 30:5

Mr. Ostella Criss, Sr. and Family



Mr. Ostella Criss, Sr. and Family - May 28, 2016 at 09:56 PM

SB

“ My first day on a new position i ran into Howard he said "Sandra, a new broom sweats good, but the old Ines know where the dirt is" LIFE LESSON and many of us will remember saying: Be seen, Be brief and be seated. So many fond memories however he was truly one that loved people. People never complained how he voted because we love and trusted him. As I lite this one candle it is not only in memory its because there is - never to be ONE Howard. To the family thank you for sharing him with us so many years.



Sandra Battle - May 28, 2016 at 03:42 PM

YG

“ My deepest sympathy to the Clement family. Councilman Clement was a gentle giant that I love to see coming and hear his voice. No matter the weather, he would always say, "I am just glad to be here". RIH Councilman, your work on earth is completed.

Yvonne Gilyard - May 27, 2016 at 02:08 PM

MS

“ I remember the first time I spoke with Mr. Clement. I called to talk politics but the first thing he asked me was "how was my family." I cannot tell you how much his support meant to me over the years. Thank you so much for sharing him with us.

*Min. Paul Scott
Durham NC*

Min. Paul Scott - May 27, 2016 at 05:48 AM

VL

“ *Mr. Howard Clement III . . . Well done thy good and faithful servant. Mr. Clement indeed will forever be remembered as a noble statesman. A genuinely skilled, experienced, and greatly respected alderman, community activist, and political leader whom has made a most positive & indelible impacting difference with the 30 years plus outstanding services he rendered to the local Durham municipality government.*



I extend my condolences to the entire Howard A.J. Clement III family. I pray God ever comfort, strengthen, and keep the family in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead.

*Vincent E Lawrence
Durham NC*

Vincent Lawrence - May 26, 2016 at 11:22 PM

LR

“ *Annie and Family,*

My thoughts are with you during this time. It was such a pleasure working with you and Howard to get his papers transferred to the Durham County Library. I'm glad the library is able to be a part of keeping his memory alive.

*Lynn Richardson, Senior Librarian
NC Collection
Durham County Library*

lynn richardson - May 26, 2016 at 02:45 PM

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Stephanie S - May 26, 2016 at 11:14 AM