



## Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III

September 14, 1937 - November 7, 2020

### Commemorating the Life and Legacy of John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III

With utmost grief and sorrow, family members of John C. "Skeepie" Scarborough, III, announce his departing this earth on November 7, 2020. As "Skeepie" journeyed on to his heavenly home, he left behind unnumbered broken hearts and a void in the lives of all who knew him that can never be filled. "Skeepie", as he was affectionately known, will live on through the lives of everyone who knew and loved him. We all will forever be nobler humans for having had the opportunity of knowing and loving him. This world was a better place because John C. "Skeepie" Scarborough, III meandered it, and will forever be less so now that he is absent from it.

John C. "Skeepie" Scarborough, III, CFSP was the CEO of the Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc. His tenure as an official in the family company began in 1961. Along the way, his vision, leadership, and insight played a significant role in maintaining the funeral home's reputation as a leading company in the mortuary business at the local, state, and national levels. Beyond his involvement at the local level, he achieved prominence among his professional peers both at the state and national levels.

With dedication and compassion, as President and CEO of the Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., a 149-year-old family business, "Skeepie's" desire was to continuously provide "A Dignified Service in a Sympathetic Way." J.C. Scarborough, III, was from a long line of outstanding trailblazers and pioneers who have served their communities.

J. C. Scarborough, III, had an exemplary record of public service, which was reflective of his many present and former acts of volunteering, memberships and leadership positions on boards and associations. "Skeepie" Scarborough's love and life-long commitment to his community; city, county, and state were exemplary of his active participation in civic, fraternal, and professional organizations. "Skeepie" gave unselfishly of his time and

talents. On numerous occasions he was honored; yet he remained a "down to earth" public servant with total respect for all humanity. John C. "Skeepie" Scarborough, III exhibited talents, skills, and a personality that conveyed love, caring, grace and compassion and lived his life honorably. He was a kind, gentle, hard-working, and humble man who served all he cared for with the utmost dedication and relentless perseverance toward excellence.

Cherishing his memory are his devoted wife Queen M. Scarborough; two children, Scottie and Tonya; grandchildren, Terrell, Tiaira, Samuel, Logan and Tyler; mother-in-law, Retha T. Marable; brother-in-law, Floyd Marable (Linda); sisters-in-law, Anna M. Gee (Willis) and Aretha M. Cunningham (Curtis); cousins, Sylvia Strong Wiggins, Yvonne Thompson, Brian Hargett Greene and Nathaniel E. Hargett, III; God sisters, Shirley Caesar and Melvina Parker; extended family members, employees and countless friends.

"Skeepie" will be remembered for his indelible wit, sense of humor and polished level of respect for others.

A celebration of "Skeepie's" life will take place as follows:

Visitation and Viewing:

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc

309 N Queen Street

Durham, N.C. 27701

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. and

Thursday, November 19, 2020

12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. and

Funeral Service:

St. Joseph AME Church

2521 Fayetteville Street

Durham, N.C. 27707

Friday, November 20, 2020

Viewing: 10:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

To honor Skeepie's life of service, contributions may be made to St. Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church Building Fund

The services will be streamed live to St. Joseph's YouTube Channel

<https://youtu.be/4ugmWHxfV-8>

# Cemetery Details

## Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 560-4154

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 18. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.  
309 N Queen St  
Durham, NC 27701  
(919) 682-1171  
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com  
<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

## Viewing

NOV 19. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.  
309 N Queen St  
Durham, NC 27701  
(919) 682-1171  
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com  
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## Viewing

NOV 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church  
2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 683-1379

## Celebration of Life

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NOV **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM

GB

“ *Ms. Queen and Family,  
We thank God and you for sharing whom we considered the Father of Funeral Service History. Your community and the Funeral Service industry has truly benefited from his knowledge and service. Anybody can make history but only a Great Man can share it properly to ensure it endures. "Our Historian" and Friend will be missed*

*Gregory Bennett  
President, Cape Fear District, FDMANC  
Funeral Director, Butler and Son*

**GREGORY BENNETT** - November 23, 2020 at 10:09 AM

WB

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall*



**Willie Boyd** - November 21, 2020 at 09:59 PM

JM

“ *Deepest Sympathy to the Scarborough family. Our prayers go out to each of you during this time. Be blessed! Brother Scarborough will be missed!*

*John and Anna McLean  
Durham-Orange Community Tennis Association*

**John and Anna McLean** - November 21, 2020 at 03:28 AM

VJ

“ Vivian Teressa (Doles) Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Vivian Teressa (Doles) Johnson - November 20, 2020 at 04:34 PM

VJ

Mrs. Scarborough, Praying for peace and strength for you and your family during these times. Take it one day at a time. And hold on to God's loving hand every step of the way. Always your student from Hillside High class of 1982.

Vivian Teressa (Doles) Johnson - November 20, 2020 at 04:40 PM

FJ

Skeepie was an impressive gentleman who possessed great compassion and respect for everyone he meet. He was always ready, willing and able to help anyone in need and the people and families he assisted professionally during their time of loss greatly benefitted from his service and commitment. His knowledge of Durham's history and struggles was unsurpassed. He will be missed but not forgotten !! Take Care my friend.

Floyd B McKissick Jr - November 20, 2020 at 10:49 PM

DG

“ Rest easy, Skeepie. He will be fondly remembered

Delores Goldstein - November 20, 2020 at 02:47 PM

PC

“ To the Scarborough family: In memory of a life well lived. We are deeply saddened by the loss of a community Icon. He touched the lives of so many families in this city, state and at-large. He will truly be missed. May you find peace in knowing God has prepared a place for us eternally in the heavens through Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Lovingly submitted,  
Pastor Phillip W. Curtis and the Faith Tabernacle Church of Durham Inc., Church Family



Pastor Phillip W. Curtis - November 20, 2020 at 01:32 PM

CJ

“ Sending my condolences to the Scarborough Family due to the loss of our friend and professional colleague.

*Rest In Peace!*

*Charles B. Fitts, Jr.  
Cofield Mortuary  
Weldon NC*

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**Charles B. Fitts, Jr.** - November 20, 2020 at 01:29 PM

DF

“ Rest In Peace Skeepie....Rest in Peace my friend!

*Prayerfully*

*The Fitts*

*Maxine, David and David Jr.*

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**D Fitts** - November 20, 2020 at 12:59 PM

GB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Our deepest condolences.

*Roger & Gloria Bailey*

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**Gloria Bailey** - November 20, 2020 at 11:16 AM

YF

“ With deepest sympathy at this time for the family and friends of “Skeepie”. May he rest with the angels!

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**Yvonne Thompson Thompson & Family** - November 20, 2020 at 10:24 AM

CG

“ Condolences to the Scarborough family as well as the staff and management of Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center he was a gentle giant with a heart of gold and will truly be missed

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**Corey L Gaddy** - November 20, 2020 at 09:58 AM

JS

“ Mrs. Queen Scarborough and family,  
Thinking of you in very deepest sympathy with prayers of comfort during your time of sorrow. As "Skeepie" often quoted from John 15:15, "I have called you friends." Indeed, he made us feel like family and friends. We will cherish the memories of his kindness thoughtfulness, gentleness, helpfulness, and godly character.

Dr. James A. Richmond, Sr. and family  
Senior Pastor Emeritus, Shady Hill MBC, Roxboro, NC

James Richmond, Sr. - November 20, 2020 at 09:27 AM

PT

“ Heartfelt prayer to Queenie and the family. May God grant you comfor and peace as Skeepie hnswered his call to his final resting place. Our condolences to you and the community. He will be missed.

Dr. Phyllis Lee Terry and The Lee family

Phyllis Lee Terry - November 20, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ Johnny White & The Elite Band would like to express our condolences and deepest sympathy to Queen and the Scarborough Family. We are so thankful that we were blessed to share in your marriage and a loyal relationship for many years. "Skeepie was such a role model for me and other businessmen throughout the Durham community and the United States. His knowledge of the history of Durham was so intriguing to me, and I am so thankful that God blessed me to be able to call him a friend. Queen, may God Bless and keep you during this time in your life, and please do not fail to contact me if there's anything I can do.

Johnny White of JOHNNY WHITE & THE ELITE BAND

Johnny White - November 20, 2020 at 08:37 AM

SD

“ My sincere condolences!

Sharon Davis - November 20, 2020 at 08:34 AM

AS

“ With deepest and sincere sympathy for the loss of a great Durhamite.



Alice Sharpe - November 20, 2020 at 08:19 AM

TF

“ With deepest condolences.



The Bell and Hawley families - November 20, 2020 at 03:19 AM

GW

“ Grover and Audrey Wilson



Grover Wilson - November 19, 2020 at 09:03 PM

PW

“ His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful Servant- Matthew 25:21.



*Brother Scarborough was Professional and on point.  
He displayed a care for people and represented CHRIST Well.*

*I enjoyed sharing a laugh with him and he would go right back to task.*

*To Sister Queen, we Thank You both. Our Prayers are with you and Family.  
Pastor&Sister J. Gregory Willis and the Glory To GOD Ministries Church Family*

Pastor J Gregory&Kimberly Willis - November 19, 2020 at 08:43 PM

HH

“ The Holloway family and staff of Holloway Memorial Funeral Home Inc. were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. John C. "Skeepie" Scarborough III. He was a pleasant , friendly and astute businessman. The lives of members of the funeral home profession, City of Durham, state and nation has been made richer for having known him. May God continue to bless your family and business and keep you in His care. He was supportive to us in the passing of our parents and that will remain a cherished memory.

Holloway Memorial Funeral Home - November 19, 2020 at 08:38 PM

WB

“ Please accept our very sincere condolences,..“Skeepie” was a great person and friend, who knew so much about Durham's history and enjoyed sharing it with others. He will be missed greatly by this community. On a personal note, I was also honored to have him bury my mother.



*Bill and Judith Bell and family*

**WILLIAM v. "BILL" BELL** - November 19, 2020 at 07:33 PM

BB

“ I'm sending condolences to Queen and the Scarborough family on behalf of myself and the Branch family. The Scarborough family has always been outstanding funeral directors, providing to my family comfort, support, and professionalism during sad and difficult times. We send a sincere expression of sorrow for the loss of John Clarence Scarborough, III.

**Brenda Rene' Branch** - November 19, 2020 at 06:43 PM

CW

“ Our sincere condolences to the family on the transition of your loved one. Skeepie has touched the lives of so many who loved this kind and gentle servant of God. He will be missed but never forgotten. Take your rest now from your labor to reward in Eternal Peace amongst the angels that have gone on before you in Heaven. Humbly submitted, Kenneth and Cynthia Wilson.

**Cynthia E. Wilson** - November 19, 2020 at 06:28 PM

GD

“ Dear Scarborough Family - Skeepie has helped us through many losses. We were always in awe when he remembered the names of all family members and every program participant! His smile, dignity, compassion, and soft calm voice were so very comforting. We will miss him. You are in our hearts and prayers. - Martha Vivian Thorpe, Gloria Thorpe Doyle & Family

**Gloria Doyle** - November 19, 2020 at 05:56 PM

WM

“ William C. Brown Funeral Home Family & Staff of Baltimore Maryland purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III.



**William C. Brown Funeral Home Family & Staff of Baltimore Maryland** - November 19, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III.*



November 19, 2020 at 02:28 PM

EB

“ *Eric Buie lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Eric Buie** - November 19, 2020 at 11:27 AM

TA

“ *Teresa Mayo Artis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Teresa Mayo Artis** - November 19, 2020 at 09:57 AM

DL

“ *Drs. Rita And Claude Lamb lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Drs. Rita and Claude Lamb** - November 19, 2020 at 02:34 AM

T)

“ *The Ledbetters- (Freeman , Willie, Tarik, Adia ) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III.*



**The Ledbetters- (Freeman , Willie, Tarik, Adia )** - November 18, 2020 at 09:14 PM

VG

“ My condolences go out to you. Skeepie and his family services has been a family tradition for many years. He was a “People’s Person”, always friendly, cordial, and very professional. He will surely be missed. V. Gunn and Family 🙏

Vivian Gunn - November 18, 2020 at 08:38 PM

WC

“ Wanda Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Wanda Cooper - November 18, 2020 at 05:42 PM

NL

“ Nikki Walker Lyons lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Nikki Walker Lyons - November 18, 2020 at 03:38 PM

JD

“ To: The FAMILY, Friends and Associates of Mr. SCARBOROUGH- YOU HAVE MY, AND OTHERS, DEEPEST THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS, DUE TO HIS PASSING. James M. DeVone, Sr.

James DeVone, - November 18, 2020 at 03:13 PM

EF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Elder Constance Norwood Fenwick - November 18, 2020 at 02:45 PM

AM

“ To Mrs. Queen Scarborough and the entire Scarborough Family,

*the Management and Staff of Albright Funeral Home wish to express our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III. We shall always remember him as a man of class and dignity. Our prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time.*

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**Alecia McClamb** - November 18, 2020 at 12:36 PM

BB

“ Condolences too Mrs. Queen Scarborough, family and staff of Scarborough Funeral Home. Jesus said: John 14:1: "Let not your heart be troubled". Skeepie was a humbled and compassionate person to know. We are sorry for your loss.  
*Brenda and Tekurah Boyd*

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**Brenda Boyd** - November 18, 2020 at 12:29 PM

TF

“ The Holloway Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



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**The Holloway Family** - November 18, 2020 at 12:25 PM

VC

“ To Queen and the Scarborough Family ...

*My husband, "Art", and I would like to offer our sincere prayers and condolences to you in the passing of your loved one, "Skeepie". As a high school classmate of '56 and a friend, I found him to be a very cordial and outgoing young man. "Art" said he always found him to be an approachable and receptive individual who carried himself in a very respectful manner. We are sure "Skeepie" will be sorely missed by many.*

*May the fond memories and good times shared with him serve to ease your pain. Praying that God will comfort you and give you peace during your time of bereavement.*

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**Vonnie W. Carrington** - November 18, 2020 at 10:49 AM

FW

“ *Floretta Liverpool Walls lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



Floretta Liverpool Walls - November 18, 2020 at 08:51 AM

FW

“ *To Queen and the family of "Skeepie", I wish to express my sincere condolences at this time. My prayer is that God will surround you all with His love, peace and comfort now and in the days to come. Floretta Liverpool Walls.*

Floretta Liverpool Walls - November 18, 2020 at 08:48 AM

RW

“ *What a pleasure to have met and interacted with Skeepie from a civic standpoint. He was always full of life, history and stories. Peace, Love and Blessings to his wife & family as they endure.*  
*Robert M. White (JESS)*

Robert M. White - November 18, 2020 at 08:38 AM

LW

“ *Lonnette Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



Lonnette Williams - November 17, 2020 at 08:28 PM

D1

*I am in deep sorrow for the family of my classmate and friend.Skeepie and I met at NCC In 1956 and became lifetime Eagles.He will live on our thoughts forever. Dr. Horace cameron*

Dr. Horace Cameron. (class 1960) - November 17, 2020 at 11:35 PM

LH

“ Sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Queen, Scottie & Tonya. Skeepie was a very dear friend and college classmate of mine. We double dated, we partied and we served our community together. His memories will forever be with us. God's blessings, comfort and guidance as you face tomorrows. My thoughts and prayers are with you. It was such a shock!!  
Lottie Godette Hayes

LOTTIE G HAYES - November 17, 2020 at 07:55 PM

SR

We are truly saddened to hear of "Skeepie's" transition. It has been a tradition for Scarborough & Hargett to service our family journey to eternal life. You have our sympathy. We pray that you will "press on" and that YOU and YOUR business will continue to prosper. BE BLESSED! Sandra Rogers Alston, Shannon Alston Rush

Sandra R. Alston, Shannon A. Rush - November 18, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III.



November 17, 2020 at 11:12 AM

PB

“ To Queen and the Scarborough Family, May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days. May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. May God to give you strength of the heart and peace in the mind.



Pastor Linwood and Brenda Best - November 17, 2020 at 09:40 AM

LP

“ Farewell to a Loyal, Kind, Helpful Palmerite.

Lottie Shumpert Pugh, PMI '56  
Greensboro, NC

Lottie Pugh - November 16, 2020 at 08:45 PM

CB

“ Sincere condolences to Queen and the Scarborough family as well as all staff. Praying for God's peace and comfort to surround you at this time.  
Clarence & Syvil Burke

Clarence & Syvil Burke - November 16, 2020 at 08:19 PM

MH

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Skeepie Scarborough, III. From: Hunter and Keech Family 🙏🙏🙏

Marie Hunter - November 16, 2020 at 05:35 PM

SC

“ Sincerely, Bill and the team at ADDvantage Casket purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III.



Sincerely, Bill and the team at ADDvantage Casket - November 16, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III.



November 16, 2020 at 02:53 PM

RO

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Skeepie Scarborough, III. From: Ruby A. Osborn and Family

Ruby A. Rich Osborn - November 16, 2020 at 02:24 PM

MR

“ Sending Prayers to The Scarborough Family Mrs. Edith Rucker



Mrs Edith Rucker - November 16, 2020 at 12:07 PM

VJ

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Otis Johnson send prayers and condolences to the Scarborough Family.*



velma/otis johnson - November 16, 2020 at 12:05 PM

LD

“ *The DeBerry family sends our prayers and sincere condolences to Queen and the Scarborough family.*

Louis and Linda DeBerry - November 16, 2020 at 11:35 AM

SR

“ *Sandra R. Alston, Shannon A. Rush lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



Sandra R. Alston, Shannon A. Rush - November 16, 2020 at 09:37 AM

MH

“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of Skeepie Scarborough. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - November 16, 2020 at 08:50 AM

SR

*We extend our deepest condolences to Queen and entire family of "Skeepie". Please to call on us because we "got you back". Sandra Rogers Alston and Shannon Alston Rush are praying for you and your family's health and strength and the continuing the success of the business as has always been the hallmark of Scarborough & Hargett*

Sandra R. Alston, Shannon A. Rush - November 16, 2020 at 10:02 AM

JS

“ Janet Squires lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence  
"Skeepie" Scarborough, III



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Janet Squires - November 16, 2020 at 05:54 AM

EB

“ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Matthew 5:4

*May the compassion of those who care surround you,  
the memories of shared joys encourage you,  
and the warmth of God's love embrace you.*

*The Eunice Bass Gist Family  
4504 Meridian Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28216*

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Eunice B.Gist - November 15, 2020 at 11:05 PM

CB

“ I will lift up mine eyes to the hills from where my help comes from. My help comes from the Lord which made the heaven and earth. We are saddened to hear of Skeepie's transition! We will hold our memories of him as you will be sure!! I can see you both dancing as my memory (Christmas district events)! We are praying that our Lord and Savior will continue to fill you with love and peace. Love, William & Cynthia Betts

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Cynthia Betts - November 15, 2020 at 10:05 PM

DS

“ The epitome of a true gentleman..... Thank you for everything, Skeepie!

*Dr. Savai~*

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Dr Savai - November 15, 2020 at 04:45 PM

DD

“ From the family of Florence Sherald and children our hearts are heavy for Skeepie was like family to us will truly truly miss him love to the family we will continue to keep you all in our prayers



Darlene Dowdy - November 15, 2020 at 04:04 PM

RP

“ Ruth Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Ruth Powell - November 15, 2020 at 02:38 PM

RP

A true pillar of the entire community, he will truly be missed.

Ruth Powell - November 15, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ Karen Griffin Alston lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Karen Griffin Alston - November 15, 2020 at 02:10 PM

ET

“ Condolence Goes out to the family and friends of my Lodge brother and friend will never forget you

Elder Foster Tedder - November 14, 2020 at 10:24 PM

JJ

“ Sincere condolences to Queen and the Scarborough family in memory of "Skeepie". Muriel and Johnetta Jordan.

Johnetta Jordan - November 14, 2020 at 07:16 PM

GB

“ Queen, you have my prayers and love. I will always cherish the way Mr. Scarborough remembered the deceased family members ' names. As we talked one day, I asked his secret and he told me. A profound man will be missed by so many of us.

Gloria D. Bullock - November 14, 2020 at 06:53 PM

RB

“ Rev. Dr. Deborah Long Burroughs lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Rev. Dr. Deborah Long Burroughs - November 14, 2020 at 06:37 PM

TH

“ The Herbin's lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



The Herbin's - November 14, 2020 at 05:10 PM

TA

“ Praying for God's peace and comfort.



The Herbin and Adderly's - November 14, 2020 at 05:05 PM

TF

“ The Herbin And Adderly Families lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



The Herbin and Adderly Families - November 14, 2020 at 04:59 PM

SA

“ Shel Herbin Adderly lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Shel Herbin Adderly - November 14, 2020 at 04:57 PM

GK

“ To the family of Mr. J. C. Scarborough we send our heartfelt sympathy. My the memories and love comfort you during this time. We will remember “Skeepie” for his kindness and quiet spirit. Fred and Glyndora King spirit. Fred

Glyndora and Fred King - November 14, 2020 at 04:35 PM

MT

“ Montena & Ruth Terrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Montena & Ruth Terrell - November 14, 2020 at 03:41 PM

SM

“ Sharon Melvin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Sharon Melvin - November 14, 2020 at 02:45 PM

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Sharon Melvin - November 14, 2020 at 02:42 PM

SC

“ Shirley Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Shirley Cole - November 14, 2020 at 12:57 PM

VH

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Scarborough. He was an awesome trailblazer and was extremely proud of his family's history in funeral service.



On behalf of Tommy & Velveeta Hairston; manager, Mrs. Juanita Miller and other staff of Hairston Funeral Home, we pray that the family is strengthened and comforted in the day's ahead. May God continue to bless and keep you.

Velveeta Reid- Hairston - November 14, 2020 at 12:49 PM

BB

“ All my life I have know Skeepie. The services rendered for members of my family were so special with a story, a comment and/or the signature nod. He will be missed and most definitely not forgotten!!! Brenda Buie Burnette

Brenda Buie Burnette - November 14, 2020 at 12:31 PM

JC

“ Jackie Cross sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Jackie Cross - November 14, 2020 at 11:51 AM

JF

“ Jackie Cross & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Jackie Cross & Family - November 14, 2020 at 11:50 AM

GG

“ Firstly, we will continue to keep his wife, Queen and family in constant prayer. Secondly, our brother, Mr. Scarborough, III with his infectious love for humanity was a giant legend, humble and a keen intellectual. We will all be better because of the example Mr. Scarborough set in how a gentleman should walk in this earthly life.

*Geoffrey E. Gadsden & Family*

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**Geoffrey Eugene Gadsden** - November 14, 2020 at 11:22 AM

LW

*That was well said Mr.Gadsden we lost a for real Borthor*

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**LARRY Williams** - November 14, 2020 at 04:02 PM

SR

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**Sandra R. Alston, Shannon A. Rush** - November 14, 2020 at 10:02 AM

FM

“ *DearFamily.  
May God give us Peace and Comfort in this hours. Skeepie has given us love, concern and commitment over the years. 60 plus years he has been a mentor and friends that contributed to my vision of the world and community service.*

*Rest Well, Wait for me on the Waterfront.*

*Canon William E. Maddox,*

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**Fr. William E. Maddox,III** - November 14, 2020 at 08:02 AM

WM

“ To: Qween: This is from Quenittie Moore and Family. We share your Your loss of a family member, because He was one of our own. He, and his Farther, inspired several generation of people. His Soul will live in Heaven, and in the hearts of all that knew Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, The THIRD!!!

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Wallace Moore - November 13, 2020 at 07:58 PM

BB

“ The Walston and McQuaig Families will always remember. Love and Prayers to the Family. ❤️

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Beatrice Byrd - November 13, 2020 at 07:17 PM

LG

“ My Dear Queen,  
There is an enormous and irreplaceable absence in our Palmer Memorial Institute family. We loved Skeepie and Skeepie loved Palmer!  
He was such a dear person and a loyal lifetime friend who was kind and compassionate. Skeepie was an old-style gentleman who never failed to placed assisting fingertips at the elbow of ladies and the elderly or to open a door or to rise and stand in respect. Surely our founder, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, was looking down and smiling at her loyal pupil.  
I pray that you and your family will find comfort, peace and smiles at the memory of such a good man. He was so proud of you, Queen.  
We Palmerites will cherish the memories of Skeepie — the natty dresser, the good dancer , the flashy basketball player, the animated story teller and the guy who was kind to everyone on campus.  
My husband, Bill, and I and Mother, send you our love and prayers.  
Loretta Martin Green, PMI '56

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Loretta Green - November 13, 2020 at 06:16 PM

RM

“ Mrs. Scarborough and family:

*On behalf of the McAllister and Green families, we were truly saddened to hear of the passing of “Skeepie”. He was a good fraternity brother and a pillar in the community. He also was a great historian of the city. Through the years, we got to know the entire Scarborough family. He will be greatly missed. May the peace of God which passeth all understanding sustain you during this time. If you need anything, please let us know.*



*Raymond McAllister, Sr and family  
Dora J. Green and family*

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**Raymond McAllister** - November 13, 2020 at 04:02 PM

DR

“ RIP Skeepie Condolences to the family From the Justice Family



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**Dianne Rogers** - November 13, 2020 at 03:46 PM

SS

“ I did enjoy all the moments of conversation and history lessons of Durham by him on the back seat of the church.

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**steve b sutton** - November 13, 2020 at 01:02 PM

WS

“ To thr family of Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, We send comforting words. Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning. Queen & Family we love you all. So sorry for your loss but you have very great and special memories that will live on in your hearts forever. Please let us know if we can be of service. If you want doves, just let me know.

*Love & Blessings,  
William E. & Marie Smith, Chapel Hill, NC*

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**William Smith** - November 13, 2020 at 11:22 AM

SW

“ Rest in peace our beloved friend. From the Richardson family



Sherricca Ward-Parrish - November 13, 2020 at 10:58 AM

WW

“ What a Great Man! Words cannot adequately express how much I respected this brother. He was a walking historian. I remember our chats at his funeral home and at my office at Russell Memorial CME Church. He would always teach me about the outstanding history of Durham, NC especially the historic "Fayetteville Street." We were also members of Durham Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. May you rest in peace my brother and I will see you on the other side. Shalom!

Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Williams

Wayne A Williams - November 13, 2020 at 09:44 AM

SW

“ Honoring the Spirit of John C. "Skeepie" Scarborough iii

*I smile every time I think of my cousin John affectionately known as "Skeepie." Our family love flows strong and deep leaving me memories to treasure and keep. Only a heart as dear as his could give so unselfishly. He meant the world to me and I will cherish him calling me "cuz" instead of Sylvia. He was priceless! The many things he did for his family as well as his community let me know how generous, supportive, kind and how sincerely he cared. Even though I might not have expressed my appreciation for the things he did, I'm richly blessed to have him as my cousin.*

*When he and his mother, known to me as Aunt Hattie, visited Pasadena, California for my wedding forty-five years ago, they met many friends. Many years have passed however, "Skeepie" still inquires individually about everyone he met. As funeral director, of the Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., Durham, North Carolina his generosity was unlimited. Several family members entrusted their memorial service to the Center and "Skeepie" performed his magic on each person.*

*He is gone but not forgotten! I will miss my cousin but will continually carry him in my heart.*

*With love to Queen, Scott & family.*

*Loving Cousin, Sylvia Strong Wiggins Pasadena, California*

Sylvia Wiggins - November 13, 2020 at 01:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III.



November 12, 2020 at 10:42 PM

TL

“ It was back in the early 1970's when Skeepie and I, and my wife, Jo Anne established a long, lasting relationship as colleagues in funeral service, as well as on a personal level. We met at a convention of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association. He knew Elaine Parker, my cousin, who's funeral home is in Hillsborough, NC. That definitely cemented our friendly relationship, as on my mother's side of the family, we were North Carolina related. Skeepie eventually became acquainted with my daughter, Jennifer and my son, "T.J." as they became older and attended the conventions with my wife and I. We witnessed Skeepie's enthusiasm, determination and dedication to his family, his community and his profession over the years, as he laid a foundation in becoming an icon in his own right, and creating a legacy that he will have left for all with whom he came in contact. I reflect on the birthday cards we would send him over the years, and on the magic tricks he enjoyed me showing him sometimes. We offer our heartfelt thoughts, empathy and sympathy to all of the Scarborough family. May God's Love be with you.

*The Lees in White Plains, NY...Ted, JoAnne, Jennifer and T.J.,III.*

**Teddy Lee** - November 12, 2020 at 10:20 PM

CM

“ Charles And Chiquita Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



**Charles and Chiquita Moore** - November 12, 2020 at 09:08 PM

AR

“ Althea Pettewsy Reid lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



**Althea pettewsy Reid** - November 12, 2020 at 08:39 PM

BS

*Sweetie you will be missed. You bought you first house next to me when I was a teenager on South Alston Avenue. I remember you playing basketball with my brother and myself.*

**BRENDA SHEPHARD** - November 13, 2020 at 03:22 PM

MH

“ *Mr. Scarborough you gave me my start as a Funeral Director and being my mentor words can't express my thanks and gratitude to you, our community will forever be changed for the better because you were a part of that positive change. I understand there's a higher power that we answer to and on November 7th you heard Him calling your name gonna miss you my mentor gonna miss you my friend.*

*To the entire Scarborough Family God Bless you. Myron DeWitt Harris*

**Myron Harris** - November 12, 2020 at 06:45 PM

CF

“ *Coleen Harris And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Coleen Harris and Family** - November 12, 2020 at 05:59 PM

VL

“ *Deepest condolences from the Lawrence, Cooper, Gentry & Riley families.*



**Vincent Lawrence** - November 12, 2020 at 05:49 PM

MH

“ *Myron DeWitt Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Myron DeWitt Harris** - November 12, 2020 at 05:47 PM

LM

“ Lynne And Megan Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



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**Lynne and Megan Moore** - November 12, 2020 at 05:44 PM

LP

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Life's Image Photography** - November 12, 2020 at 05:09 PM

TH

“ To the Scarborough family I am so sorry for your loss and the loss to the people he served for many years. Having known Skeepie for close to 40 years always found him to be in a class of his own. If we can help in anyway please call on us. Tommy and Mary Hudson and Staff of Hudson Funeral Home.

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**Tommy Hudson** - November 12, 2020 at 04:17 PM

MB

“ Rest easy tale your rest we love you all but God loved you best from Mickey Barnes your gonna be missed see you in the morning.

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**Mickey Barnes** - November 12, 2020 at 03:32 PM

JS

“ To the family of John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III:

*Please accept our condolences and prayers in this time of your loss. "Skeepie" as I know him was efficient, a gentleman and very caring individual. As a Pastor, what I remember most is his ability to remember names of everyone involved in a funeral program. The Mt. Calvary Baptist Church family and I will definitely miss him.*

*Love,  
James W. Smith, Pastor  
Mt. Calvary MB Church*

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**James W Smith** - November 12, 2020 at 03:15 PM

MH

“ *What a classy, smart, dignified and kind man was Skeepie Scarborough. A sterling credit to our profession. May he rest in peace and arise in glory. God bless you, his family, as you mourn his death while giving thanks for such an extraordinary life.*

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**Mark Higgins** - November 12, 2020 at 02:56 PM

MC

“ *Mrs. Raines And Children sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



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**Mrs. Raines and children** - November 12, 2020 at 02:04 PM

CC

“ *Cynthia Raines And Children lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



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**Cynthia Raines and children** - November 12, 2020 at 02:01 PM

AV

“ *Andre Vann sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



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**Andre Vann** - November 12, 2020 at 01:20 PM

JD

“ *James E. Shepard Sertoma Club Of Durham lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



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**James E. Shepard Sertoma Club of Durham** - November 12, 2020 at 12:43 PM

RB

“ *Rev. Dr. Charles E. Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



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**Rev. Dr. Charles E. Barnes** - November 12, 2020 at 12:30 PM

JS

“ *Joseph And Shelia Love Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



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**Joseph and Shelia Love Sawyer** - November 12, 2020 at 12:06 PM

MK

“ *Condolences and prayers to Skeepie's wife and family. Our fellow Eagle will be greatly missed.*



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**Martha T. Kearney** - November 12, 2020 at 11:55 AM

DC

“ George and Diane Covington (Catering By George) Praying for you and your family. Praying that God will give you peace and comfort during this time.



Diane C - November 12, 2020 at 11:18 AM

MK

“ Rest in Peace my lifelong friend. Condolences to the family



Marsha G Kee - November 12, 2020 at 10:38 AM

MB

“ Michelle Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Michelle Brown - November 12, 2020 at 10:30 AM

JS

“ I read a tribute to Mr. Scarborough in the local news and I was moved to visit the webpage. What a remarkable life, so rich in historical significance and the story of Durham. I hope the family finds comfort in their memories of a life well lived.



Joyce Sciusco - November 12, 2020 at 09:51 AM

RG

“ Rosa Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Rosa Gibbs - November 12, 2020 at 09:04 AM

MS

“ Michelle Steele lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



michelle steele - November 12, 2020 at 07:22 AM

JH

“ My heart is heavy and saddened at the passing of Mr. Scarborough. He was an integral part of assisting my family over the years in times of bereavement. Words cannot express my sense of loss. He was the consummate professional and historian of the Black experience in not only Durham but the state and country. May the Lord grant the family a sense of peace and comfort in this most difficult time. I will always remember the way that he put a family at ease in times of bereavement Your genuine, care, love, and concern for your people were displayed in the way were there for families in times of bereavement. We have lost a great one. I will always have great memories of Mr. Scarborough.

To the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

James H Henderson - November 11, 2020 at 11:51 PM

SR

We are truly saddened to hear of "Skeepie's" transition. It has been a tradition for Scarborough & Hargett to service us during our family journey to eternal life. You have our sympathy. We pray that you will "press on" and that YOU and YOUR business will continue to prosper. BE BLESSED! Sandra Rogers Alston and Shannon Alston Rush

Sandra R. Alston, Shannon A. Rush - November 18, 2020 at 05:07 PM

JH

“ James H Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



James H Henderson - November 11, 2020 at 11:37 PM

GR

“ Gene And Gloria Rentrope lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Gene and Gloria Rentrope - November 11, 2020 at 11:28 PM

ND

“ *Nora Daye lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



Nora Daye - November 11, 2020 at 09:55 PM

KT

“ *Kenneth Terrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



Kenneth Terrell - November 11, 2020 at 09:52 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



Mary Jordan - November 11, 2020 at 09:42 PM

ET

“ *Condolences from the TABON family!*

Elton Tabon - November 11, 2020 at 09:27 PM

FH

“ *The Scarborough Family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Rev. F.O. Hanes, Hanes Funeral Service and Staff*

Frank Hanes - November 11, 2020 at 08:37 PM

VH

*VHM & Fresh Anointing send their heartfelt condolences to Ms. Queenie and the entire Scarborough family; especially his children and grandchildren. Skippy always knew what to say to families at the closing of a service. He would present the African Black Bible, and would thank and pronounce every participate's name correctly. I always wondered how he did that? He was a knowledgeable historian on Durham's black history. Nevertheless, Skippy was one of a kind and will live forever in the hearts of many.*

Valeria Hannah-Murphy - November 11, 2020 at 10:58 PM

MA

“ Mr. J.C. 'Skeepie' Scarborough III was a very respectful, kind, and generous leader in our community. I got the opportunity to talk with him many days about his walk with The Lord, his work as a Funeral Director, as a student of Hillside High School, the importance of family and humility. He was truly a friend to me and my family and we, The Allen Family send our Condolences to Mrs Queen, his children, and extended loved ones. May God bless you and keep you through this time and always. ❤️❤️❤️

Ms. Claudia Allen - November 11, 2020 at 08:35 PM

MF

“ Mark Fisher lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Mark Fisher - November 11, 2020 at 06:39 PM

KH

“ I have fond memories of Skeepie. Skeepie and I were on the '58 pledge line for Kappa Alpha Psi and many nights during that time, he would invite the line brothers to his home at night, when the big brothers thought we were all in our rooms. Skeepie's mother would prepare snacks for us and allow us to get rest those nights. Skeepie was a great basketball player and with his skills of dribbling and shooting, we were able to defeat a challenge by the Alpha team. Each homecoming, Skeepie would always find me and share many of our great memories at dear old NCC.

*Rest In Peace.*

*Kappa Brother*

*Ernest Alexander Harrison, PhD '59*

karen harrison - November 11, 2020 at 04:51 PM

LG

“ Linwood Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Linwood Green - November 11, 2020 at 03:25 PM

CM

“ Carolyn Marshall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



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**Carolyn Marshall** - November 11, 2020 at 03:14 PM

PC

“ On behalf of the staff of Cunningham and Nelson Funeral Home in Roxboro, we extend our sincere condolences to Queen, the rest of his family and the staff of Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life on the passing of your loved one. I personally learned a lot from "watching" Mr. Scarborough as I had the opportunity to occasionally work with him on services...a true professional and gentleman! Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

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**Prattsie Cunningham** - November 11, 2020 at 03:08 PM

LP

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Life's Image Photography** - November 11, 2020 at 03:04 PM

BE

“ Barbara Webb Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



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**Barbara Webb Edwards** - November 11, 2020 at 02:36 PM

AH

“ To The Family of Mr. John C. Scarborough!

*We were very sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. John C. "Skeepie" Scarborough. Please remember that God is too wise to make a mistake and to Holly to do any thing wrong. Prayer is the key, but it takes Faith to unlock the door. I met "Skeepie" in 1954 as a young boy just moving off the farm from Raeford, NC, and he treated me as if he had known me for many years. He was a perfect gentlemen then and every time that I saw him over the past 66 years. "Skeepie" never met a stranger. He was an excellent Tennis player at Hillside and North Carolina College. (Now North Carolina Central University). He played a roll in bringing some of the greatest players in the world to Durham including Author Ash. He helped local players by giving them equipment when their parents could not afford, and also supported a Soap Box Derby Program by buying materials and equipment to help the The Late Mr. Moore (Contractor to build the Soap Box Derby Cars).*

*"Skeepie" supported the entire Durham Community; however, he did not talk about all of the great things that he did to help people and his community. He was the type of man that believed that what you do speak so loud that they cannot hear what you say. He was also a historian that could talk with you on any subject including historical events.*

*Thank you "Skeepie", because what you did to help Durham, NC, the State will never be the same.*

*To Queen and the rest of the Family, we love you and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*This is with much Love,  
Albert, Dorothy Huey and Family*

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**Albert Huey** - November 11, 2020 at 02:14 PM

CC

“ *Connie Crutchfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



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**Connie Crutchfield** - November 11, 2020 at 02:02 PM

WF

“ *William And Carolyn Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



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**William and Carolyn Fitzgerald** - November 11, 2020 at 01:37 PM

TF

“ *Trela Henderson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Trela Henderson and family** - November 11, 2020 at 12:42 PM

JP

“ *Jermaine Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Jermaine Patterson** - November 11, 2020 at 11:18 AM

EH

“ *Ethel Holloway lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Ethel Holloway** - November 11, 2020 at 10:34 AM

CW

“ *To Queen and family,  
Our prayers are with you. You and "Skeepie" were special people. Please call me if I can be of help in any way. God bless.  
Constance Sartor Walker and Rev. Frank Walker*

**Constance S Walker** - November 11, 2020 at 09:54 AM

MH

“ *Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. Going to miss you cuz. I'm going miss you!*



**Mary Holloway** - November 11, 2020 at 08:59 AM

VS

“ *The Suggs Family knew and appreciated Mr. Scarborough and are saddened by his passing. He laid many of our relatives to rest in Glennview Memorial Park with care and unparalleled professionalism. Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Queen and the family. May he transition well with the ancestors.*

Vickie Suggs-Jones - November 11, 2020 at 08:46 AM

LL

“ *LaVerne Lassiter lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



LaVerne Lassiter - November 11, 2020 at 08:16 AM

JR

*Thank you to the Scarborough family, who has brought so much support to my family as well as the community over the years. Skeepie was a professional, a dedicated Prince Hall Mason and 33rd Degree Commander of the Rite, a true Hillside Alumni and wonderful understanding person to many. I will always cherish the times I shared with him. Brother Jackie Robinson*

Jackie Robinson - November 15, 2020 at 07:04 PM

GF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Glenda M Fulton - November 11, 2020 at 07:17 AM

LM

“ *Lavongue (bongo) Manley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



Lavongue (bongo) Manley - November 11, 2020 at 07:08 AM

BL

“ My entire family is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Scarborough. Skeepie was not only a respected and beloved mortician in North Carolina, but he was also a dear family friend as long as I can remember. Skeepie and my late Father, Raleigh Mayor Clarence E. Lightner would frequently travel together to places near and far to attend meetings and conventions of the Funeral Director's Association. Additionally, it was not unusual for Mr. Scarborough to be seated at our table on some afternoons for Sunday Dinner. He always came with cheer and a positive attitude, no matter what was going on at the time.

Whenever Skeepie was in Raleigh, even after the death of my Father in 2002, he would still stop by our funeral home to check on us and to offer his loving encouragement and support. Losing Skeepie Scarborough is not only a loss for Durham but also a great loss for the entire State of North Carolina. May my dear brother and friend rest in eternal peace.

Love,

Bruce E. Lightner, President Emeritus  
Lightner Funeral Home  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
919-737-4529

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**Bruce Lightner** - November 11, 2020 at 01:41 AM

JT

“ To Queen M. Scarborough and the Family of the late John “ Skeepie” Scarborough

*We are saddened to hear of the passing of Skeepie. We will never forget his professionalism , caring and compassion as he and the Scarborough & Hargett family served us at our time of need. Our prayer is that God wraps His loving arms around you, and give you peace.*

*WITH DEEP SYMPATHY  
THE SPEARS FAMILY*

*ARTHUR E. SPEARS ( SPIKE)  
H. MICHAEL SPEARS ( MIKE & NANCYLEE)  
JUDITH S. THORPE & BILLY THORPE (JUDY & BILLY)  
WENDY S. DIXON & H. LATHAN DIXON  
ARTHUR E. SPEARS & SIMONE SPEARS  
ALMEDA HOBBS  
EARL HOBBS  
TIANNA SPEARS  
MICHAEL ANTHONY SPEARS*

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**judith S. Thorpe** - November 10, 2020 at 10:53 PM

OB

“ OPHELIA B. BELL lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



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**OPHELIA B. BELL** - November 10, 2020 at 10:17 PM

OB

*SENDING MY HEART FELT CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO THE SCARBOROUGH FAMILY..*

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**OPHELIA B. BELL** - November 10, 2020 at 10:19 PM

DD

“ *"Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal." Stay encouraged God will see you through! Trust his will and his plan for our lives.*

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**Donald Quincy Fozard Sr., MZCC Durham** - November 10, 2020 at 10:15 PM

JS

“ *Mr. Scarborough was definitely a role model for me and is one of the reasons I desire to become a funeral director! A life well lived.*

**Jordan C. Stephens** - November 10, 2020 at 09:29 PM

IJ

“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Skeepie. He was a real trooper and an example of true service. Earth truly has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. I am confident that he had a great reception in glory. His life has spoken, God has spoken and we say Amen.*

**Ida Johnson** - November 10, 2020 at 08:32 PM

EF

“ *Thoughts of Sympathy and Love are being sent to you, as well as Prayers for Strength and Comfort. Edna J. & Ewell Kennedy Jr. and Family*

**Edna J. & Ewell Kennedy Jr. and Family** - November 10, 2020 at 08:13 PM

GK

“ *GRETTA KERSEY lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**GRETTA KERSEY** - November 10, 2020 at 07:57 PM

KF

“ *Kendrick McDougald And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Kendrick McDougald and Family** - November 10, 2020 at 07:51 PM

DC

“ *Dennis Cromartie lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Dennis Cromartie** - November 10, 2020 at 06:40 PM

BJ

“ Betty Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence  
"Skeepie" Scarborough, III



**Betty Jones** - November 10, 2020 at 06:02 PM

JD

“ To The Scarborough Family,  
We offer our deepest condolences to you at a time like this. It was always a  
pleasure to see Mr. Scarborough because he was always encouraging and "oh  
yeah" teaching the history of funeral service. "A true Legend"

*Johnnie & Brenda Dove  
Fonville & Dove Mortuary*

**JOHNNIE DOVE** - November 10, 2020 at 05:50 PM

JS

“ Jacqueline A Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. John  
Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



**Jacqueline A Smith** - November 10, 2020 at 05:44 PM

JR

“ To the Scarborough Family  
You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of Skeepie. He will forever be in my  
heart because he gave me my first job in the funeral home industry. Working with  
him there was never a dull moment. He was truly a good man. He fought a good  
fight and now he has gain his wings. Rest in Heaven.  
*James Hawley aka Rooster*

**James Hawley aka Rooster** - November 10, 2020 at 05:33 PM

MB

“ Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Scarborough Family. You are in our  
thoughts and prayers during this time.

*The Staff of L. Harold Poole Funeral Service & Crematory*

**Melissa Barnes** - November 10, 2020 at 04:56 PM

QJ

“ Mrs. Queen Scarborough and Family, I was saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Scarbrough. May God comfort you and strengthen you at this time and in the future.



Queen, Lori & William Lawrence, Jr. - November 10, 2020 at 04:54 PM

BB

“ Betty Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Betty Brown - November 10, 2020 at 04:26 PM

RP

“ Our sincerest and heartfelt condolences to the Scarborough family. Mr. Skeepie Scarborough was a bright light in the Durham community!

Thank you, Mr. Scarborough, for your sincere friendship to our parents, Ervin L. and Shirley B. Hester. May you Rest in Paradise!  
~The Hester & Pompey Families

Rita Pompey - November 10, 2020 at 03:34 PM

DL

“ Dr Steven L Lyons lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Dr Steven L Lyons - November 10, 2020 at 03:09 PM

TW

“ Tyrone Green & Felicia WilderGreen lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Tyrone Green & Felicia WilderGreen - November 10, 2020 at 01:58 PM

EE

“ *Elsie Elam lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Elsie Elam** - November 10, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III.*



November 10, 2020 at 01:19 PM

MW

“ *Scottie & family. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. Praying for comfort and strength especially doing these difficult times.*

*Marilyn Womble  
Russell Memorial C.M.E Church Athletic Department*

**Marilyn Womble** - November 10, 2020 at 01:02 PM

MF

“ *Mary P Dempson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Mary P Dempson & Family** - November 10, 2020 at 01:01 PM

SB

“ *Saltina Bass lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III*



**Saltina Bass** - November 10, 2020 at 12:58 PM

SP

“ Scottie,  
I am truly sorry for your loss and I pray God keeps you comforted and strengthened during this time.  
My prayers to rest of the family also.  
Mr. Scarborough was my boss when I first entered into the funeral business and I am forever grateful for the experience and the opportunity to have worked for him.  
The memories are endless. RIP Mr. Scarborough.

Sheila Pringle - November 10, 2020 at 12:17 PM

TD

“ I am sorry for your loss. Mr. Scarborough was a compassionate and caring man. I thank him for the care and support he gave me during my loss. He will be missed and never forgotten.

Teresa Dean - November 10, 2020 at 12:00 PM

SM

“ Queen,  
  
I am sending love and prayers to you and the family. May God strengthen and keep you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Sylvia Mason

Sylvia Mason - November 10, 2020 at 11:46 AM

OG

“ Queen, you and your family have my sincere sympathy in the loss of Skeepie. He will be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers. At times like these, memories become even more precious. May your precious memories help to comfort you and bring you peace. Olivia G. Gilmore

Olivia G. Gilmore - November 10, 2020 at 11:05 AM

CY

“ Sorry so for your loss  
The Harper Family  
Cynthia, Valencia, And Torres M Harper



Cynthia - November 10, 2020 at 10:41 AM

MB

“ Mrs Queen you and the family are in our prayers. May God give you peace at the lost of your husband. Mary and Jasper Brooks, Raleigh, NC



Mary and Jasper Brooks - November 10, 2020 at 09:54 AM

JC

“ Our fathers were not only professional colleagues, but they shared an ardent friendship. Such has been the same for their sons. My life has certainly been enriched because of our lifelong association as colleagues and friends. And, we both shared the distinction of being two of the six Presidents of The National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association who hailed from the great state of North Carolina. Rest In Heavenly Peace my Friend. Thank you for all of the great memories. Thank you for being the curator of our History. Thank you for your Legacy. Thank you for just being Skeepie.

Joseph B. Cutchins. Jr CFSP - November 10, 2020 at 09:41 AM

JN

“ Joy Shields Norris lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Joy Shields Norris - November 10, 2020 at 09:35 AM

DV

“ He was Always a compassionate professional. Heaven's gain and our collective community loss. May God keep you Queen and your your family during this period of grief. Dr Joyce Bass Valentine.



Dr Joyce Bass Valentine - November 10, 2020 at 09:29 AM

CB

“ Condolences from the Bobo family.



Chester Bobo - November 10, 2020 at 09:16 AM

RW

“ Truly Mr. Scarborough was a Living Legend! Yet, He was so eloquent, and so approachable. We always shared our special moments together every opportunity we had: a glowing smile, meaningful embrace, a joke, history lesson and a How's the baby? And, your parents? The Young Man and Hold On, you're doing just fine!”

*I thank you for empowering and cheering me on over the years. I will cherish your memory and heartfelt kindness towards me forever!*

Rev. Dr. Lori M. Chappell-Green W. - November 10, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ Evelyn Jones Hightower lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Evelyn Jones Hightower - November 10, 2020 at 08:43 AM



*To the family I have prayer of comfort for now and beyond.*

Evelyn Jones Hightower - November 10, 2020 at 08:45 AM

JP

*The measure of a man is not how tall he is, or how much he has, but what he is able to give to all who need ,in their time of need. Mr. Skeepie was that to everybody, he had the ability to make you feel like he was there just for you, while being there for others who needed him. A genius mind that could recall the roll without ever having a program!! Thank you Lord for blessing us with Mr. J C Scarborough*

jerry powell - November 10, 2020 at 02:18 PM

BH

“ The Scarborough Family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Harris Funeral Home and Cremations of Mt. Gilead, NC  
and Monroe, Nc*



BEVERLY A HARRIS - November 09, 2020 at 10:16 PM

EH

“ Elma Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Clarence "Skeepie" Scarborough, III



Elma Harris - November 09, 2020 at 08:28 PM

BB

*The Brown and Clemons families extend our deepest sympathy in the passing of "Skippie", a legend in his time. We are thankful for the excellent service provided to us for over eighty years. May God continue to bless Mrs. Scarborough, her family, and the organization.*

*Very Respectfully,  
Bobby and Ora Brown*

Bobby Brown - November 10, 2020 at 12:58 PM

WG

*Always a professional and friendly man. The battle fought, the victory won, trusting in the name of Jesus Christ. Walt and Phyllis Garrison*

Walt Garrison - November 10, 2020 at 11:19 PM

SB

*The Hillside High School Classmates of 1955 share the loss of our dear Skeepie. We stand with the family as we seek to accept God's will. We support each other in love and prayer and know that Skeepie lived a very involved life and shared his warmth with each of us. We only wish we had recorded the history that he often shared during our gatherings.....outstanding history of Durham and Haiti. ❤️ Sarah Bell-Lucas On behalf of the HHS 55ers*

Sarah Bell-Lucas - November 11, 2020 at 11:10 AM

GB

*Mrs. Queen may the Lord Jesus Christ put his loving arms around you and your family and give y'all the strength to go through during this time of sorrow. God bless the family and JOY will come in the morning.*

Gloria Burnette - November 11, 2020 at 02:45 PM

PW

*i have such fond memories of my decades old friendship with Skeepie, the gentleman, the man of integrity & humility, & of course his dry" humor!! He always told me he would be the last friend "to let me down".*

*This Scarborough family has provided services to my family for more than eight decades, always with dignity.*

*Good night my Friend, RIP Preston Weaver Atlanta, Ga*

preston d weaver - November 11, 2020 at 10:12 PM

ET

*Sorry to hear of the transition of your loved one to his heavenly home. May fond memories bring comfort to you during this difficult time.*  
*Everlene Turrentine*

**Everlene Turrentine** - November 12, 2020 at 02:35 PM

EE

*To Queen and the Scarborough Family, the Edwards family offer its sincere sympathy at the transitioning of Skeepie. We shall always cherish the friendship that he shared with the late John Edwards, especially during the Civil Rights Movement back in the 60s and it carried through to the passing of John. God is with you at this "moment in time" and He will sustain you in the days to come. Peace and Love,*  
*Eloise Edwards*

**Eloise F Edwards** - November 14, 2020 at 12:38 PM

LB

*With Deepest Sympathy*  
*Lillian J. Bowser*

**Lillian J. Bowser** - November 14, 2020 at 08:23 PM

SE

*May God Bless the Scarborough family and give them PEACE. I met Skeepie while attending NCCU.*  
*Sadie Ethridge-Hobart, Indiana*

**Sadie Ethridge** - November 15, 2020 at 03:07 PM

EH

*Dear Queen and the entire Scarborough family, please accept sincere condolences extended to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Elaine C. Hyman and the Hyman family*

**Elaine Hyman** - November 17, 2020 at 06:48 PM

RS

*To the Scarborough and Cunningham families, sending loving thoughts and a fervent prayer for His peace to surround you. George and Rethon Sykes*

**Rethon Sykes** - November 20, 2020 at 01:47 PM