



## Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr.

March 16, 1939 - February 27, 2021

William Jerome Clapp, Sr., age 81, of Durham, North Carolina, went to his Heavenly home on Saturday, February 27, 2021. He was born on March 16, 1939 in Guilford County, North Carolina to the late Reverend William Clapp and Connie Zethel (Waddell) Clapp.

He received his early education in the public schools of Greensboro and graduated from Dudley High School, Class of 1956. He met Doris Prince upon settling down in Chapel Hill, North Carolina in which they were married on June 17, 1976.

Jerome was a man of many talents and worked jobs between North Carolina and New Jersey. After setting his sights on being a salesman, he started with Hormel but moved over to sell Jesse Jones Meats under Goodmark Foods until he retired in 1998.

Jerome was a faithful member of Mt. Zion Christian Church. He quickly became the man to lean on where he proudly served on the Pastor's Aide Committee, Finance Committee, Mass Choir, 100 Men of Faith, and anywhere he was needed. Although he loved serving at Mt. Zion, Jerome and Doris decided upon retirement, they would move to the mountains of North Carolina.

Jerome and Doris became members of Cornerstone Summit Church in

Boone, North Carolina in 2003. They mentored and prepared over 20 couples in the marriage mentor program. You could always find Jerome greeting members and guests with a smile as they would come through the doors of the church on Sunday mornings.

He will be remembered for being a dedicated volunteer and servant leader in the Lord and as a prayer warrior for anyone in need especially family through the Clapp Family Prayer Group. Jerome loved working on the Clapp Reunions with his cousins and calling to check up on those whom he loved. Most importantly, he will be remembered for the love and devotion he had to "his bride" as he affectionately called Doris.

Jerome leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Doris Prince Clapp; three children, April Clapp Lee of Greensboro, North Carolina, William Jerome Clapp, Jr. of Birmingham, Alabama and Alicia Clapp Miller of Durham, North Carolina; nine grandchildren, Kathryn, Brittany, Randon, Allyx, Javon, Giovonnie, Jasmyn, Jayden, and Korey; uncles: Charles Clapp and Harold Clapp (Mary Lou) of Greensboro, North Carolina; aunts: Juanita Carter of Cheyenne, Pennsylvania and Dorothy Townsend of Greensboro, North Carolina; a host of cousins, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life for William will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at The River Church, 4900 Prospectus Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27713, at 1:00 p.m., with a viewing scheduled from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. Interment will be in Beechwood Cemetery, 3300 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707.

In every effort to protect our families and their guests, face coverings are required.



# Cemetery Details

## Beechwood Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

The River Church Inc  
4425 Ben Franklin Blvd.  
Durham, NC 27704  
<http://www.theriverdurham.com/>

## Celebration of Life

MAR 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr..*



March 07, 2021 at 10:52 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr..*



March 07, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr..*



March 06, 2021 at 06:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr..*



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March 06, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *In times of sorrow, when words of comfort are needed most, it seems they are most difficult to say. But may you find comfort in knowing that our thoughts and sympathy are with you.*

*Pastor Linwood and Brenda Best*

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**Pastor Linwood and Brenda Best** - March 05, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr..*



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March 05, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ *Stephen and Sheila B. Clack purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr..*



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**Stephen and Sheila B. Clack** - March 04, 2021 at 05:23 PM

YF

“ *Your Spectrum Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr..*



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**Your Spectrum Family** - March 04, 2021 at 03:15 PM

JW

“ *We will always remember Mr. Clapp for his welcoming friendship and making us feel at ease in his presence. Joseph & Annie Williams*

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**Joseph Williams** - March 04, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ *Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr..*



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March 03, 2021 at 11:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr..*



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March 03, 2021 at 05:11 PM

GR

“ We extend our condolences to the Doris, Alicia, April, Jerome Jr. and the other family members of Jerome Clapp, Sr. Mr. Clapp will always be remembered for his infectious smile and his servant's heart. After moving from Chapel Hill would get calls from him. He would just be checking on us. We pray comfort and peace on the family.

*Blessings to all.*

*Pastor Gene and Gloria Rentrope*

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**Gene and Gloria Rentrope** - March 03, 2021 at 11:51 AM

JW

*To my Clapp Family,  
It is with a sad heart that my cousin took his wings on the 27th, ( my father's birthday). I will always remember the long hours we spent over the 20 years that we spent coronating the Clapp Family Reunion. We had a special bond that I will cherish working together with my oldest cousin and first grandson of the Clapp crew. ❤️❤️❤️*

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**juanita Wortham** - March 03, 2021 at 07:25 PM

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“ Gene And Gloria Rentrope lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr.



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**Gene and Gloria Rentrope** - March 03, 2021 at 11:41 AM

BS

“ Bailey Siebel sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr.



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**Bailey Siebel** - March 03, 2021 at 09:23 AM

CS

“ Casey Solis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr.



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Casey Solis - March 03, 2021 at 09:16 AM

RF

“ Cousin Jerome will always be remebered for his sternness, strength, strong voice and take charge in the family. He could laugh and be serious at the same time. Don't forget his stories. We will miss him dearly; but never forget. RIH dear cousin.

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Relecia Foushee - March 03, 2021 at 07:46 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. William Jerome Clapp, Sr..



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March 02, 2021 at 10:44 PM

AJ

“ To the Family we will all miss Brother Clapp . He was a faithful, kind, generous man. He loved the Lord and the people of God and his family. He was a serving person. Full of Energy. Thank God for being able to know and work with a Godly man. Annie A. Johnson

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Annie A. Johnson - March 02, 2021 at 09:19 PM

MW

“ *Mr. Clapp and his mother, Mrs. Connie were like family to my family ( the Enzlow Family). Mr. Clapp and his mother provided the food for my wedding reception June 14, 1969. They were both excellent in food preparation. They also helped with other receptions at Bethel AME Church, Greensboro, NC. My sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to your family. M. Carol Enzlow Williams*

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**M. Carol Enzlow Williams** - March 02, 2021 at 12:51 PM

BC

“ *Jerome was such a thoughtful and spiritual man. He would often call his cousin Dubois to chat and chew. After Dubois's passing, Jerome continued to call to check on me and the children. Jerome loved Doris, his children, and his grandchildren. He didn't mind bragging about all their accomplishments. We will all miss him. Our prayers go out to Doris and the children.*  
*Barbara Cheek and Family (Family of Dubois Cheek)*

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**Barbara Cheek** - March 02, 2021 at 12:21 PM