



## Mr Clarence Washington, Jr.

September 30, 1944 - March 31, 2019

1SGT Clarence Washington, Jr., US Army (Ret.) 74, of Columbia, died at home, Sunday, March 31, 2019. Born in Opelousas, LA, on September 30, 1944, he was a son of the late Clarence Washington, Sr. and Edna Williams. Clarence retired from the United States Army after 21 years of service to his Country. Following his retirement, he worked for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. He was a member of Capital City Baptist Church, where he served as a trustee of the church and head usher.

Survivors include his loving wife, Shelia and Taylor Washington; a daughter, Etha Washington; a son, Simeonn Washington; granddaughter, Fiona Adams; and brother, Joseph Morris, Jr. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his daughter, Keturah Washington; and his brothers, Robert McNulty, and Phillip Washington

The service for 1SGT Washington will be held 1:30 o'clock, Saturday, April 6th, at Capital City Baptist Church, 2243 Percival Road, Columbia, with the Pastor Paul Monroe and Pastor Bryan Hunt officiating. The family will receive friends following the service at the church. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

Memorials may be made to the Heaven Train Group at Capital City Baptist Church, 2243 Percival Road, 29223

# Events

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**APR**   **Celebration of Life**                      01:30PM

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Capital City Baptist Church  
2243 Percival Rd, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

**APR**   **Visitation**                                      02:30PM

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# Comments

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“ Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Mr Clarence Washington, Jr..



April 08, 2019 at 12:33 PM

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“ I will miss Clarence. I remember so many great talks that we had at Perez gym, and when it looked as though I was about to give up with exercising, he would always give me words of encouragement. He often teased me about how fast I walked when I would trek around the gym. He would say, "You walk faster than many people run." He was always sharing the Gospel with people at the gym, and would get so excited when someone would actually accept Christ. I remember when he prayed with one of the guys who was at the gym who was in a wheelchair. He was so excited that he came over with a big smile on his face, and told me that the young man had prayed to accept Christ.

I will always remember when Steve and I went to the Marriage retreat in 2014, and he and Sheiland signed our Marriage Resolution. What a great encouragement they were to both of us, and what a testimony of what a Christian marriage looked like. Later during the weekend, they took us out to dinner, and we shared such a precious time with them. That weekend endeared them to me in a special way that I don't think that they realized.

Steve, too, had precious times of praying with Clarence as his prayer partner. They shared so much, and Clarence was such a great blessing for Steve. Our hearts grieve because we have not only lost a precious brother in Christ, but a very special friend. Our prayers will continue for Sheiland, Fiona, Etha and Siemmon. We know their pain and grief because we both have walked that road so many times.

Keep all of the precious memories, and anticipate the great reunion that you all will have with him and Keturah. What a great reunion that will be. "When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be." Love you!

Steve and Denene Palmer

**Antonea Palmer** - April 06, 2019 at 04:35 PM

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“ My sincere condolences is offered to the family. Many a conversation was enjoyed when he and or his wife came to the pharmacy to pick up medicine mostly for their daughter.  
I pray that the good memories will comfort and help the family through these trying times.

**Martha Mosby** - April 04, 2019 at 10:29 AM

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“ One of the first times we came to Capital City Baptist Church, there was a great big old guy hugging everybody coming in the door. Second, there was this little (not really) short guy built like Arnold Schwarzenegger waiting on his hug or handshake. This guy knew near about everything you needed to know to walk in. From then on he was your best buddy, the guy to lean on or get an answer. When I was in better shape he invited me to Perez Gym, that was my mistake. Clarence knew every machine out there and which would work you harder. I did feel better after a while. He was that way to every soldier man or woman trying to help them get better. There is no telling how many lives he touched every where he went, never meeting a stranger and wanting everyone to meet his Savoir, I think he wanted to be a junior disciple and walk the earth sharing his story!

Sure we have other ushers that are great as well but those shoes will never be replaced nor filled the same way.

**Ben & Crystal Glover** - April 02, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ Very well said, Ben & Crystal Glover! You wrote what we were thinking. I miss getting my hugs from Clarence. And seeing his smiling face. He could always pick up on when something was wrong or going on. He was always encouraging. And he loved everyone. And he would work you out in the gym for sure! And he would give you a look if you said, you couldn't do something. He had more faith in you and he pushed you so you could prove to yourself that you could do! God broke the mold when he made Clarence! We all will miss him but we are very thankful that we will see him again in heaven!

**Doug and Becky Hilliard** - April 03, 2019 at 01:11 PM

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“ To the Washington Family, Mr Clarence was a big brother, mentor and friend that I thank God that our lives crossed. He is gone but will never be forgotten. Ligons-Powell Family

**Vivian Ligons** - April 01, 2019 at 02:24 PM

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“ To the Washington Family my prayers are with you all at this time. Just know that God puts no more on us than we can bear.

**Karen Goodwin** - April 01, 2019 at 10:41 AM