



CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Clarence KEARSE, JR.

JULY 24, 1951 - DECEMBER 7, 2017

Saturday, December 16, 2017
12 Noon

SWEETROSE BAPTIST CHURCH
45 Ruth Street
Estill, South Carolina

Pastor Darryl Brown, Eulogist
SWEETROSE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pallbearers

Estill Training School Class of 1969

Floral Bearers

Estill Training School Class of 1969



Tribute

WE ENTER THIS WORLD FROM "THE GREAT" UNKNOWN
AND GOD GIVES EACH SPIRIT A FOR OF ITS OWN.
AND ENDOWS THIS FROM WITH A HEAR AND SOUL
TO SPUR MAN ON TO HIS ULTIMATE GOAL.
FOR ALL MEN ARE BORN TO RETURN AS THEY CAME...
AND BIRTH AND DEATH ARE IN ESSENCE THE SAME
AND MAN IS BUT BORN TO DIE AND ARISE.
FOR BEYOND THIS WORLD IN BEAUTY THERE LIES...
THE PURPOSE OF DEATH WHICH IS BUT TO GAIN
LIFE IS EVERLASTING IN GOD'S GREAT DOMAIN...
AND NO ONE NEEDS TO MAKE THIS JOURNEY ALONE
FOR GOD HAS PROMISED
TO TAKE CARE OF HIS OWN.



Acknowledgements

The family of Clarence Kearse, Jr. wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation for all acts of kindness and sympathy. Not one kind act went unnoticed. The family thanks you. To both church families and friends, may God bless each and every one of you.

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Obituary

“AND GOD WILL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS FROM THEIR EYES, AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE DEATH, NEITHER SORROW NOR CRYING. NEITHER SHALL THERE BE ANY MORE PAIN. FOR THE FORMER THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY.” - REVELATION: 21:4

CLARENCE KEARSE, JR., known to most as “BRUH” was born on July 24, 1951, to Clarence and Helen Kears. He attended the Estill Training School in Estill, South Carolina where he was a well-known football player. “Bruh” was a versatile player and played many positions on the team. He was named the Hero of 1968. At a young age, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at Sweetrose Baptist Church, under the leadership of the Reverend D.H. Mitchell. He later joined Saint Paul’s Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Pastor James E. Miller.

In 1969, Clarence moved to Connecticut and entered a landscaping business with David Bucciarelli and continued to work with him until his health failed. In his free time, Bruh enjoyed playing baseball from the east to west coasts. He also enjoyed travelling, especially with his young nieces and nephews, whom he accepted as his own. Bruh loved making people laugh and some of his most well-known phrases were, “whatchamacallit,” wassaname,” gotta go gotta go,” and he loved telling the children he had to, “go see a man about a dog”.

Each year he looked forward to coming home to gather with the Estill Training School Class of 1968 at Lowcountry Seafood. He truly loved his classmates.

Clarence possessed the virtues of strength, integrity and compassion. His character as an honest man was exemplified by the love he generously gave to others.

He was preceded in death by one brother, James Gillison, and his parents.

He leaves to cherish his memory: siblings, Leola (Hubert) Burgess, Linda (Eugene) Gordon and Shirley Gillison all of Estill, SC, James (Rachel) Kears, Brenda (Alexander) Johnson and Carolyn Gillison, all of Norwalk, CT and Anthony Gillison of Bronx, NY; nieces and nephews he loved as his own, Yolonda (Dennis), Darnell, James, Shawn, Kareem (Trina), Cosinda, Anthony, Charlie, Amanda, Fallon and Corinthian; a new generation of kids whom he loved dearly, Alexis, Jermel, Allen, Braden, Kole and Kruz; a host of other special nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, classmates and friends.

After Glow

I'D LIKE THE MEMORY OF ME,
TO BE A HAPPY ONE,
I'D LIKE TO LEAVE AN AFTERGLOW
OF SMILES WHEN LIFE IS DONE.
I'D LIKE TO LEAVE AN ECHO
WHISPERING SOFTLY DOWN THE WAYS,
OF HAPPY TIMES AND LAUGHING TIMES
AND BRIGHT AND SUNNY DAYS.
I'D LIKE THE TEARS OF THOSE WHO GRIEVE,
TO DRY BEFORE THE SUN
OF HAPPY MEMORIES THAT I LEAVE
WHEN LIFE IS DONE.
SO GRIEVE NOT NOR SPEAK WITH TEARS
BUT LAUGH AND TALK OF ME
AS THOUGH I WERE BESIDE YOU.
I LOVED YOU SO
IT WAS HEAVEN HERE WITH YOU.



Uncle

OF ALL THE MANY BLESSINGS
HOWEVER GREAT OR SMALL
TO HAVE HAD YOU FOR AN UNCLE
WAS THE GREATEST ONE OF ALL.
THE FAMILY CHAIN IS BROKEN NOW
AND NOTHING SEEMS THE SAME
BUT AS GOD TAKES US ONE BY ONE
THE CHAIN WILL LINK AGAIN.
- NIECES AND NEPHEWS -

Order of Service

Processional Clergy, Family and Friends

Selection Choir

Invocation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reverend Eunice Bryant

New Testament Reverend Tony Griffin

Selection Choir

Reflections

As I Knew Him Otis “Big O” Smart

As A Classmate Carrie Cohen

Solo Elzena (Motor Mouth) Edwards

Tribute Nieces and Nephews

Selection Choir

Eulogy Pastor Darryl Brown

Recessional

Interment and Committal Services

Sweetrose Baptist Church Cemetery

Lena, South Carolina



Repast

Sweetrose Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall