



Clarence B. Carraway

May 6, 1950 - September 2, 2014

During the night of Tuesday, September 2, 2014 my great beloved husband left us to be with the Heav-enly Father. Clarence was born May 5, 1950 in Biloxi, Mississippi to the late Ralph and Dorothy Lashley. He served in the Navy for several years and worked for General Motors in Detroit, Michigan. After Clarence decided to call Norfolk, Virginia home, he retired from General Motors.

Clarence leaves behind to cherish his memories a wife, Ann Key-Carraway of 32 years; two devoted stepdaughters, Annette Caldwell-Johnson and Rhonda Marshall; one step granddaughter; five step grandsons and four great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents Ralph and Dorothy Lashley, one sister and one brother. Also left to cherish his memories are a host of family and friends from Detroit, Michigan, Biloxi, Mississippi and Norfolk, Virginia.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
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Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall

“ I was born in Biloxi, MS in November of 1950 and I first knew Clarence, also known as (Junior) in my 1st grade class at A. E. Perkins Primary School, adjacent to M. F. Nichols High School. These were during the (Jim Crow) years of the south. He was in all my classes up to 4th grade until my family moved out west to San Diego, California in 1960 where I continued schooling in the 5th grade. I was 9 years old when I last saw Clarence running to Lechner's Grocery Store as we drove away out of town in my father's new (white) Chevy Kingswood station wagon. Sadly it was the very last time I would ever see my friend and classmate. It was 3 am, 3 March 2021 when I opened my cell phone and looked Clarence up to learn to my dismay that he had passed 7 years earlier over in Norfolk. Last month I lost my mother, she was 92 years. She also came out to Biloxi so she and my Grandmother could attend the Christening ceremonies of my new ship: USS MERRILL in Pascagoula in 1976. Before this I had been stationed in Norfolk for 2 years and made a lot of friends in the Portsmouth area as well before being stationed back on the West Coast. When assigned a new construction ship over in Pascagoula I got a chance to revisit Biloxi and see his mother Dorothy and father Ralph Lashley, Sr., as well as his brother Ralph Lashley, Jr. (Buba) and sister Pat. They informed me that Clarence had been in the Navy and residing up in Detroit with his wife; they showed me a photo of him and his wife. I remember the day Clarence designed his own swim shorts and taught himself to swim at the municipal pool. He was able to swim underwater without a diving mask or goggles. Clarence was a kind and gentle human being with a sense of humor and had a unique handwriting style which I thought was neat. He was especially kind to my little brother Ricardo (Ricky) and often took him on bike rides and treated Ricky to snacks he bought with his allowance. He was like a big brother to Ricky, something you just don't forget. Ricky received his PhD. at UCSD in La Jolla, CA. and currently employed as a professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff. He is the father of two daughters name Maya and Eva. I'm so sorry Clarence and I never crossed paths again and my condolences to the Carraway family

with prayers. May God Bless,I will inform my brother Ricardo that his friend and former guardian was with the Lord now and looking down on us all.

Robert (Bobby) Guthrie

Robert Guthrie - March 04, 2021 at 06:20 AM



“ *Phillisher Bordeaux lit a candle in memory of Clarence B. Carraway*



Phillisher Bordeaux - September 08, 2014 at 10:55 AM

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I just learned of Clarence's passing this morning at 3 am, 3, March 2021. He was my classmate in Biloxi from 1st to 4th grades until we moved to San Diego, California back in 1960. I remember when he first taught himself to swim and that unique handwriting style one can never forget. Clarence had a sense of humor and was indeed a gentle human being. Although I did get a chance to reunion with his brother, sister and parents during my naval career during a brief time at Pascagoula to be stationed on a new construction ship, it is sad I never got a chance to see for one more time my former classmate and friend. He was especially good with my little brother Ricardo (Ricky) and often took him on bike rides and treated him to snacks at the corner store. He was like Ricky's step-brother. Ricardo is currently a professor at the University of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff and the father of two daughters Mya and Eva. Last month I lost my own mother; she was 92. She also came to Biloxi that year to attend my ship's christening over in Pascagoula. The last time I saw (Junior) or Clarence he was running to the corner store as my family drove away in my father's station-wagon heading to the West Coast. May God Bless your family and so sorry for the loss.

Robert Guthrie - March 03, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ *Sorry cousin wished I were able to be there to show my respects but under the circumstances I could not make not make it rest in peace cousin no more suffering down here love you Your cousin
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Phillisher Bordeaux - September 08, 2014 at 10:54 AM