



Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor

August 2, 1962 - February 4, 2020

Clintonia (Toni) Michele Walton-Saylor was born on August 2nd, 1962, the oldest of four children born to the late Cleveland Babe Walton, Sr. and Joyce Marie Harold Walton. Also known as "CBS" and "The Rock" of the Walton family, her warmth, generosity and love shined when you heard her melodious voice or when you saw her command as she took to the field as a High School Band Director! She was not only responsible for enhancing the lives of students through music education across the state of Virginia, she was responsible for teaching her brother to play the saxophone at the age of 13. Inspired by her band director at Manor High School, the Marching Mustangs, this began her desire to join the ranks of an exclusive club of female band directors. She has been celebrated with numerous accolades to include induction into Who's Who of America for her musicianship as well as many awards for band honors and accomplishments.

Husband and Children

On September 9, 1983 Clintonia married the love of her life Vernon Eugene Saylor. From this union two children, her oldest, son Colby Walton Saylor (Areli) and her youngest son Cameron James Saylor. Both of these young men were so loved by their mother.

Education

Clintonia, a 1980 graduate of Manor High School, where she matriculated to

Norfolk State University. While a student at NSU she was a member of the "Sextets" under the leadership of her mentor, the late Dr. Georgia Ryder and a member of the incomparable Spartan Legions under the tutelage of Mr. Emery L. Fears, director of bands. After completing her studies in 1985 from NSU, Clintonia was hired as the Middle and High School Band Director with Prince Edward County High School, Farmville, Virginia. She resided in Chesterfield County, Virginia for several years. Upon returning to Hampton Roads she was hired as the Director of Bands at Woodrow Wilson High School under the leadership of Mr. Lindell Wallace. She has taught on all levels of music education for Portsmouth Public Schools where she was currently the General Music Teacher at Victory Elementary. Her love for the arts took her to many different venues from instrumental performance on her clarinet to stage, participating in leading roles in local plays. During the summers, with her sons and nephew on stage acting, Clintonia could be found in the pit playing her clarinet, during performances with SEVAA, South Eastern Virginia Arts Association.

Membership

Clintonia was initiated into the Farmville Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Music Educators National Conference, Portsmouth Educators Association and National Educators Association.

Faith

Clintonia, a member of Grove Church, was led there by her sons, who played in the band. During her early years she along with her family belonged to the United House of Prayer for All People, where she sang her first solo with her sisters, Change, by Walter Hawkins. Later, led by her brother, she and her family joined New Bethel Baptist Church in the city of Portsmouth. Often you would hear her rendering beautiful solos in morning service, at funerals, banquets and other special occasions.

The memories of Clintonia radiate through her iridescent appearance of warmth as she has shown love for her niece that she reared in her home,

Martella Buggs Hawkins (Sissy) and her nephew Camden Nigel Walton, whom she regarded as her 3rd son, who often came for extended visits. She looked forward to planning and hosting in family reunions that were held across the country because of her deep love for family. Clintonia would celebrate her birthday the entire month of August up until her Wedding Anniversary to the love of her life, Vernon, aka BigOne!

Siblings

Cleveland B. Walton, Jr.- brother (deceased)

Cynthia Walton Morris (Orelon) of Stone Mountain, Georgia

Candance Walton of Suffolk, Virginia

Grandchild

Alina Grace Saylor

Who is she?....a wife, mother, daughter, sister, niece, aunt, Grandmother, mother-in-law, cousin, friend and a courageous, blessed, strong, honorable woman of God!

Charismatic

Loving

Intelligent

Nurturing

Talented

Optimistic

Nice

Inspirational

Amazing

That's who she is to so many, her family, students, parents and colleagues, that's Clintonia!

Cemetery Details

Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake, Va

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church
5910 West Norfolk Road
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 09, 2020 at 05:32 PM

TM

You will be missed my friend.

Teresa Martin - February 10, 2020 at 12:44 AM

JA

Thank you! Mylex, Myla Stith and family!

Jamita - February 10, 2020 at 03:01 PM

DN

My condolences to the family. Clinton is and I worked at Wilson together. She was the Band Director and I was the Chorus Director 2001/2002. She helped me as I was learning how to raise money in order to take the Chorus on trips. We had a good time taking the students to Kings Dominion and performing. We both came back with 1st place trophies in our categories. She had a small band and I had a small chorus. She had that group marching and practicing as if they were a large band and they sounded good. We both also attended the VMEA conferences. Last year, after the MLK Jr. Program sponsored by the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, we just talked and laughed as if we talked with each other every day. She really loved her sons and were proud of both of them. I will miss our talks. Dr. Patricia Saunders Nixon

Dr. Patricia Saunders Nixon - February 16, 2020 at 01:07 AM

KJ

Hi, my name is Kayla Jones, and I was one of Mrs. Saylor's students at Victory Elementary School. I wanted to send my condolences to her family. I had no idea about this website, and I'm telling you, it's God who has led me to this page today, exactly 5 years after the day that had one of the biggest tolls on me. I just wanted to share my favorite memories here, even though I don't know if anyone really visits this page anymore. I'm a former "All City Chorus" member and participated in all of the performances for which I was eligible. I also performed in Victory Elementary's chorus with Mrs. Saylor as my instructor, receiving an A grade for both years, all thanks to her. But, behind all of those achievements I've listed was a girl who was too shy to sing in front of people. Mrs. Saylor's welcoming smile and beautiful voice gave me the confidence to "lift up my voice" (she would know what chorus song I was referencing (:). When I tell you I was her right-hand man, I literally used to skip Art, PE, and Library just to sit in with her, hang out, and help with whatever she needed. I think I was her favorite, but she always said she didn't have one, lol. I pray that her family is doing well right now and that they know that Mrs. Saylor touched so many lives with her loving, kind, beautiful personality! I miss you, Mrs. Saylor.

Kayla Jones - February 04, 2025 at 05:38 PM

JH

“ *My Band Teacher and friend, You teacher me the Bb Clarinet. I will miss you very much.*

Joseph Hoffler.

Wilson High School Class 2005 .

Joseph Hoffler - May 29, 2023 at 01:41 PM

GC

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Clintonia was an inspiration for all the students in Wilson High Band during her tenure. She will never be forgotten. A wonderful, caring and positive influence on her former students. Thank you*

Gwen Jackson. Aunt of Levon Carson - February 13, 2020 at 08:41 AM

DW

“ *Daphne Waring-Sorrell lit a candle in memory of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor*



Daphne Waring-Sorrell - February 13, 2020 at 03:04 AM

TL

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. You're in my prayers.*

Tamara Lumpkin - February 12, 2020 at 07:09 AM

CJ

“ *I was so shocked and saddened to hear, last week, of the passing of Mrs. Walton-Saylor. We were fellow teachers at Woodrow Wilson High School and we often talked about our children. She LOVED her two boys and proudly talked about how musical they were as youngsters. She was an awesome band director and the students loved her. She will be missed by many.*

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the LORD." II Corinthians 5:8

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, his strength, and precious memories, ease your hearts and minds in the days to come.

*Sincerely,
Carol Jackson*

Carol Jackson - February 11, 2020 at 12:02 AM

PP

“ *Paula Peebles-Bonds lit a candle in memory of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor*



Paula Peebles-Bonds - February 10, 2020 at 06:23 AM

AF

“ *Our prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time, Mr. Vernon.*



Alston Family - February 09, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor.*



February 09, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor.*



February 09, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 09, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor.



February 09, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 08, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor.*



February 08, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ *I worked with Clintonia for years when I worked as a music teacher in Portsmouth. I now have 4 great-grandchildren at Churchland Elementary School who had the opportunity to learn about music through Clintonia when she worked as their music teacher there. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched and by others such as her family and friends. Rest in peace Clintonia.*

Your friend and co-worker,

Sue Blake

Sue Blake - February 08, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ *We would like to send our condolences and prayers to the family. May God continue to comfort you all as he accepts another angel into his kingdom.*



All of love and prayers, The Browns (Carl & Ree)

Richelle Brown - February 08, 2020 at 11:43 AM

CF

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you from Texas. All our love to the family, many friends, students and colleagues. Rest in Omega Soror Toni. The Fuller Family

Charlette fuller - February 08, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor.



February 07, 2020 at 09:15 PM

RW

“ Sorry hear of your lost of such a beautiful , daughter and sister. The family is in my prayers
Ruthel Walton

Ruthel Walton - February 07, 2020 at 04:24 PM

AD

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our hearts and thoughts are with the family at this difficult time.

The Tariq Family

Alison Davis-Tariq - February 07, 2020 at 12:53 PM

JW

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Walton-Saylor family at this sad time; may God wrap his loving arms around the entire family.*



Jasper Walton - February 07, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor.*



February 07, 2020 at 09:11 AM

SR

“ *Shelly Redd lit a candle in memory of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor*



Shelly Redd - February 06, 2020 at 07:59 PM

AS

“ *A beautiful talented woman who will be truly miss but not forgotten. Thank you Mrs. Saylor for shining so brightly and sharing your gifts with us all. Praying for and sending condolences to the family.*



Audrey Smith - February 06, 2020 at 07:20 PM

EF

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Clintonia Walton-Saylor from Emery “ Chief” Fears and family

Emery Fears - February 06, 2020 at 06:27 PM

VP

“ Valerie Parker lit a candle in memory of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor



Valerie Parker - February 06, 2020 at 04:42 PM

BJ

“ To: Vernon and your two sons, Aunt Joyce, Cynthia and Candance and family,
I hope your memories of Clintonia and joyous family gatherings will always bring comfort to you and may the picture of her Smile warm your heart!
Love you all,
Your Cousin and Family- Bernadette, Rory and Daniel Jones of Mesquite, TX.



Bernadette Jones - February 06, 2020 at 04:21 PM

KM

“ *Katrina Muhammad lit a candle in memory of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor*



Katrina Muhammad - February 05, 2020 at 08:40 PM

VR

“ *Vikki Ridley lit a candle in memory of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor*



Vikki Ridley - February 05, 2020 at 02:36 PM

PB

We the Saylor-Saylor be of Atlanta Lit a candle in memory of Clintonia M. Walton-Saylor, from Pat Saylor Bolton

Patricia Saylor Bolton - February 07, 2020 at 09:46 AM

PB

Continue to Trust in God, He will see you through..... Love You

Patricia Saylor Bolton - February 07, 2020 at 09:49 AM