

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

~attributed to David M. Romano - 1993

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today;
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me as much as I love you;
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
But when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.

She said my place was ready in heaven far above;
And that I'd have to leave behind, All those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye;
For all my life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, So much yet to do;
It seemed almost impossible, That I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad;
I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday just even for awhile,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized that this could never be;
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me.

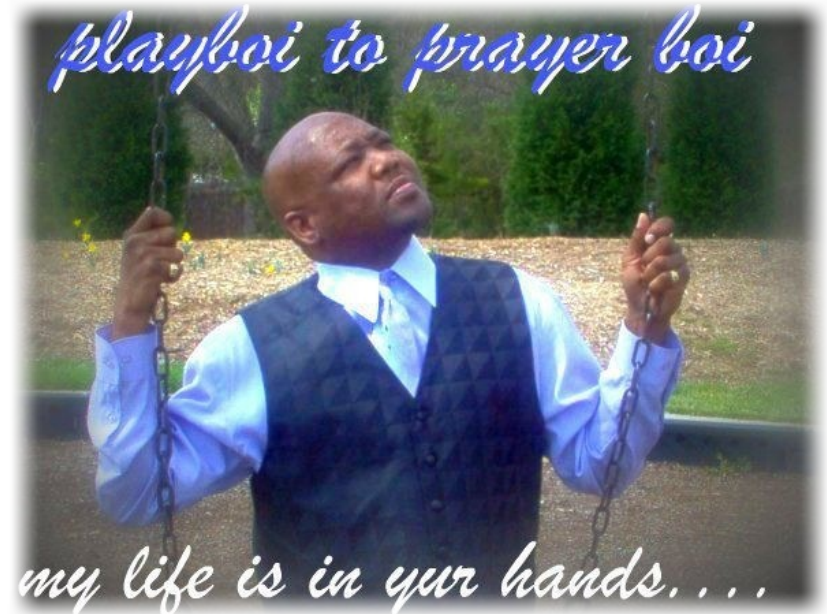
And when I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow;
I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates I felt so much at home;
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you;
Today your life on earth is past, But here it all starts anew."
"I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last;
And since each day's the same day, There's no longing for the past."
"But you have been so faithful, So trusting and so true;
Though at times you did do things, You knew you shouldn't do."
"But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free;
So won't you take my hand and share my life with me?"

So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart

*"I love and miss ya'll already! See ya'll when you get to Heaven!
Love always, Cliff, Graddaddy a.k.a. Cee Cuzz"*

Homegoing Celebration For Mr. Clifton S. Black



Sunrise-May 28, 1965

Sunset-July 17, 2012

Monday, July 23, 2012

11:00 AM

Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home
727 North Patterson Avenue
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Dennis Leach, Sr., Eulogist
Pastor, Morning Star Baptist Church

Order of Service

Processional

Family visitation
10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Instrumental

Selection

Choir

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament
New Testament

Rev. Parthenia Galloway
Rev. Anderson Hicks

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Valerie Hicks

Selection

Choir

Resolution

Church Clerk

Sister Carrie Barnes

Special Remarks

2 minute limit

Family Members

Selection

Choir

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Dennis Leach Sr.,
Pastor, Morning Star Baptist Church

Recessional

Mass Choir

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

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Obituary

Clifton Samuel Black, 47, of Winston-Salem, NC, departed his earthly home on July 17, 2012 at Forsyth Medical Center. He was born May 28, 1965 to the late Mable Alvera Black and the late Clifton Samuel Hatton in Los Angeles, California.

He was a graduate of Dorsey Senior High School in Los Angeles, Ca and attended both Mt. Tabor and Carver High Schools in Winston-Salem, NC.

Clifton confessed Jesus Christ as his Saviour and attended Morning Star Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Dennis Leach.

Clifton was preceded in death by his mother, Mable Alvera Black; his father, Clifton Samuel Hatton; his maternal grandmother, Retha Murray ; his paternal grandmother, Minnie Hatton; two uncles: Curtis Hatton and Marion Hatton.

He leaves to cherish loving memories: four daughters: Temika Black of Charlotte, NC, Janisha (Ronnie Farley) Black, Sable (Willie Mouzon) Witherspoon, and Shakira (Yana Gent) Witherspoon, all of the city; one son, Lytrell Arbery of the city; six grandchildren: Destinee', Amirah, Arhianna, Ambriana, Kalann and RaShaud; four sisters: Cynthia Jackson, Sherry (Jimmy) Smith of California, London (Aron) Carpenter, of the city and Lya (Tony) Williams of Iowa; three brothers: Isiah (Pandora) Hall, Lorenzo Black both of California and Jamel (Anastasia) Hatton of the city; four aunts: Hazel Crockett of California, Margretta (John) Tanner, Johnetta Sinclair and Carolyn Coleman, all of the city; a truly devoted and special friend of 27 years, Deborah Witherspoon; God son, John Denny; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

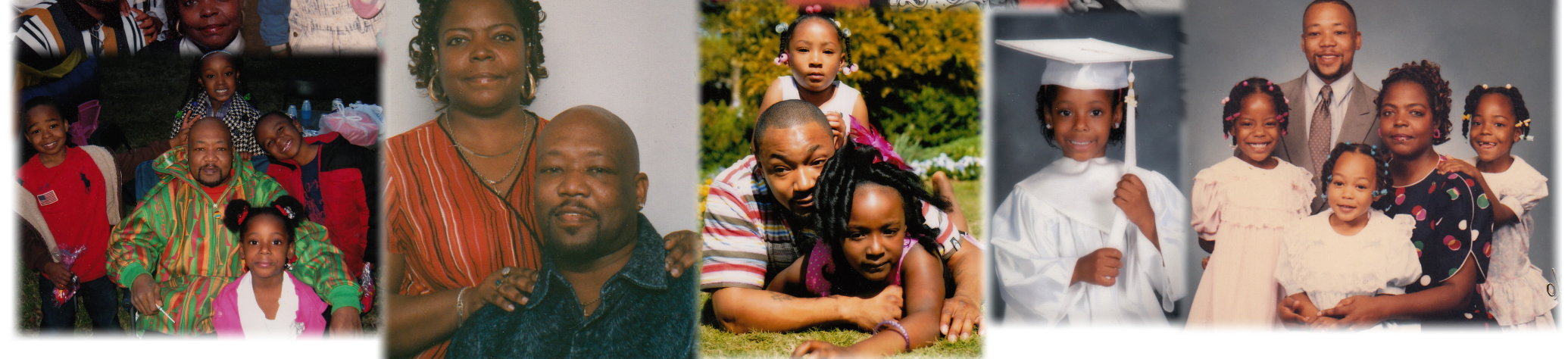
"Our family chain is broken. Nothing will ever be the same but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. We will always love and miss you Clifton."

Acknowledgement

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for the kindness you have shown during our time of bereavement. You have brought us comfort in so many ways. Thank you for your prayers and numerous acts of kindness. May God bless you all.

Special thanks to the doctors and nurses of Forsyth Medical Center

The Family of Clifton Samuel Black



“God Saw Him Getting Weary”

God saw him getting weary
So He did what he knew best
He came and stood beside him
And whispered come and rest.

When God called him home to rest,
He didn't go alone
For part of us went with him,
The day God called him home.

We Love You and Miss You Dearly
“Your Hoochie Mama” Janisha & Destinee’



Clifton, The love of my life; You are my heart, my soul, my right hand, my security, my partner and sometimes my daddy for 27 years.

When I think of you, I remember the friend that God placed in my life and I thanked him.

I remember how often we talked about God's love and how far he had brought us. Now you're gone and I don't know why. I guess I'll understand as the years go by.

Just the other day, I saw you, we laughed, I fussed, but that was who we were. I will miss your smile, your laugh and your soft touch. Last time I saw you, you couldn't see me, but you could hear me. You knew that I was close. You knew that I was near.

I know God saw that you were tired and he knew what was best. I know it was God that closed your eyes to rest. I know it was God that said, “Cliff, take my hand and I will lead you to the promise land.”

So goodbye Cliff, I hope to see you soon one day. I know not what tomorrow will bring but I know who holds tomorrow and to Him I cling.

I love you dearly,
Rest in Peace, Deborah

R.I.P. Daddy

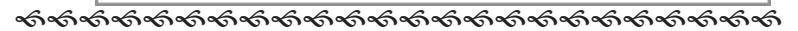
It's been a week since you passed. Our memories of you will forever last. there were sad times and there were times when we all had a blast. But now everything has happened so fast. We will remember the happy and the sad, the good and the bad, and also the times all we did was make you mad. The pain of losing you will always be here. But we know you will always be in our hearts, watching over us. But we still cry and wonder why you couldn't stay one more day to say the things we needed to say. I wish I could bring you back because the days just feel long now. But I realize that one day I will again see your smiling face. We will meet again in God's special place. Until that day, you are sadly missed. But we will never forget how great of a father you are and an awesome granddaddy. I will always love you!

Love, “Fat So (Sable) and Ambriana”



R.I.P. Daddy From All Of Us

I've never missed anyone as much as I miss you
I've never even come close
I have never in my life been this hurt
Never been this empty and right now I just don't know what to do
But I do know that I am going to trust in God
To give me all the strength and everything else I need
I could never dream that this could happen to me
To us, our family, I never thought we'd be without you
Daddy



I miss you so much. I wasn't ready to see you go
I want you back because I don't know how to live without you
You are my heart I can't live without you
I want you back and since I can't, I pray your grandsons grow up to be the man you are
I know you'll be with us every step of the way
I just ask you to give me a sign so I know you are okay
I love you so much and wish everyone could experience what I did
Thank you for being in my life. And showing me what a real man is.

RIP Daddy I Love You ~Shakira, Kalann and Rashaud