



Clara S. Branch

February 22, 1938 - September 11, 2024

Obituary

Clara Staton Branch was born in Edgecombe County, North Carolina to the late Lester Staton and Larney Mae Carney Staton on February 22, 1938. She peacefully departed this life on September 11, 2024, after a long illness. Her childhood was spent in North Carolina and later in Richmond, Virginia where she was a graduate of Maggie Lena Walker High School. Upon completion of her public education, Clara enrolled at a local university for a brief period.

Clara accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. After relocating to Richmond, she joined Chicago Avenue Baptist Church where she served as church clerk and a member of the Missionary Ministry. She also served with the Outreach Ministry that raised funds for medical needs of people in the community who had no medical insurance or limited financial resources. Prior to her death, she attended Pilgrim Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

She was also a member of a number of civic and social organizations. She was a long-time member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the Red Hat Society which was in keeping with her love of fashion. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends.

In her professional career, Clara worked in retail sales before accepting a

position at the Virginia Department of Transportation. She worked there for over 20 years before retiring on May 1, 1995.

Clara is preceded in death by her parents Lester Staton (Father), Larney Mae Carney Collins (Mother), and Eddie Collins (Stepfather). She is survived by her son, Maurice C. Branch, and daughter, Judy Branch Stukes. In addition, Clara leaves behind 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren to celebrate her life and cherish her memory, along with a host of friends and family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

2700 Maury St.
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 26. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of life with live streaming

SEP 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

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SEP 27. 3:30 PM (ET)

King David Lodge #28
4000 Woody Dr.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Funeral Homes - September 27, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Clara S. Branch, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Clara S. Branch*



March Funeral Homes - September 17, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Maurice & other family members...May God give you strength to hold on and embrace the fond memories of your mother...Cherylene Edwards-Smith*

Cherylene Smith - September 27, 2024 at 02:49 PM



“ *OJ Hawkins and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clara S. Branch.*



OJ Hawkins and Family - September 27, 2024 at 09:36 AM

MH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Condolences to you and your family.

Mr. & Mrs. Thruman Harrison - September 27, 2024 at 08:20 AM

TF

“ TUNE FAMILY/ WHITE FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Clara S. Branch



TUNE FAMILY/ WHITE FAMILY - September 25, 2024 at 07:19 PM

TF

ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP OTHERS. LOVE

TUNE FAMILY/ WHITE FAMILY - September 25, 2024 at 07:20 PM

TW

“ The Luther Joiner Family. Dallas withLOV planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clara S. Branch.

The Luther Joiner Family. Dallas withLOV - September 24, 2024 at 06:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clara S. Branch.



September 24, 2024 at 06:24 PM

FJ

“ Fred D Carney Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clara S. Branch.

Fred D Carney Jr - September 24, 2024 at 01:11 PM

FJ

“ Fred D Carney Jr purchased the Sweet Tenderne ss for the family of Clara S. Branch.



Fred D Carney Jr - September 24, 2024 at 01:11 PM

AA

“ "There is no sorrow that heaven cannot heal." I need to cling to those words right now. It's hard to believe that we will never come together at family reunions or for those special dinners at the old "home house" in Princeville, NC. So many memories, so many good times. Rest in peace my cousin, my friend. It is indeed "so hard to say goodbye". Maurice and Judy, you and the rest of the family have my deepest condolences. Love, Cousin Ann.

Ann Carney Adams - September 23, 2024 at 11:14 AM

JJ

Maurice and Judy my condolences to you both
Judy Jones formerly of Halifax Avenue

Judith Jones - September 23, 2024 at 07:41 PM

AT

Sincere condolences to the family. Maurice I worked with your mom at VDOT Ada Taylor

Ada Taylor - September 23, 2024 at 09:08 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - September 17, 2024 at 04:26 PM