



George Leonard Claiborne Sr.

February 25, 1940 - April 8, 2024

George Leonard Claiborne Sr. is also known by family and friends as Bunny ray or Chief. He was born on February 25, 1940, in Emporia, Va to the loving parents of the late Mr. Harry and Mrs. Verlie Prince- Claiborne. George was the fifth child out of thirteen children, there were nine brothers and four sisters. George attended James Solomon Russell high school where he graduated. George accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age in Emporia, VA at Salem Baptist Church.

He continued his fellowship at Second Baptist church in Richmond, VA for over 30 plus years, where he served as an usher. He was a resolute and faithful servant of the LORD, serving in many roles within the church. George was employed as an industrial worker at Dupont manufacturer plant for over twenty years. He held a supervisory role with the construction company Dee Shoring, in this role he provided guidance and great leadership to the employees. During his years of employment at Dee Shoring, he constructed many buildings in Richmond, Virginia. His magnificent work will be admired for years to come and can be seen at the Twin Towers at Riverfront Plaza, Richmond Federal Reserve, and several other buildings locally and nationwide.

George was adored and loved by many; he played an essential role as a community servant in the Oak Grove neighborhood. He was well known as

the “Father of all fathers”. There was not a child, he wouldn’t help with a flat tire on a bicycle or give assistance to the elderly, neighbors and friends. George was known for working diligently and creating great crafts with his hands and he displayed this in the home repairs he completed for many. George would always say “quitting was not an option” and there was no job too big or small for him.

In 1961, George and Virley created a union, they were the proud parents of four children: Angela, George Jr, Tina and Dexter; one additional daughter Annase. George was a loving devoted husband and father.

On April 8th, 2024, George was called home to be with his Heavenly father for eternal peace. May his legacy of hard work, love and dedication to family continue on.

George was preceded by in death by his parents Mr. Harry and Mrs. Verlie Prince-Claiborne, daughter Angela Claiborne, Brothers: Harold Claiborne, Willie Prince, James Claiborne, Wayne Claiborne; sisters: Edith Robinson, Linda Jordan, Wilma Johnson, and Clara Brown.

The legacy of George is continued by two sons, George Jr and Dexter, and two daughters Tina and Annase of Richmond, VA. One sister Audrey, three brothers: Joe, Bobby, Tony, and Buford and grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews also friends.

Cemetery Details

Maury Cemetery

2700 Maury Street
Richmond, VA 23224

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

APR **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Second Baptist Church
3300 Broad Rock Blvd
Richmond, VA 23224

Tribute Wall

PS

“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of a most magnanimous, fine man. I loved running into Mr. Claiborne when I was walking my dog. He was a positive, wise gentleman who clearly took great pride in his work and had a joyful spirit and a generous heart. His family is in my prayers. Rest in Peace, George. Thank you for keeping our neighborhood beautiful in every way.

Pamela Sperbeck - May 08, 2024 at 11:32 AM

MO

“ Mr George will be truly missed. We worked together on the Hospitality Ministry he was always pleasant. Take your rest Mr George well done thy good and faithful servant

Margrett Owens - April 20, 2024 at 11:49 AM

MP

“ BUNNY, I pray your peaceful eternal the rest as you join iyour mmediate family today. You will be missed. You worked too hard get your rewards. Say hey to my Mom, Dad, brothers and sisters, all gone too soon. LOVE, Mavis.

Mavis Prince - April 20, 2024 at 11:35 AM

MP

Sorry for that typo. Love you

Mavis Prince - April 20, 2024 at 11:38 AM

PH

“ George was my Boss at the jobsite downtown, Dee Shoring Construction Company He was like a father figure to me. He would do a lot of repairs around my house and he would keep my Daughter Tiffany with his Grand Daughter Steffanie sometimes on Sundays by taking them to Church. He would pick Steffanie up and bring her to our dance group rehearsals. He was always a very hard worker and was a role model giving advice when needed. I express my condolences to his family and pray you will find peace in your memories of him. He will be greatly missed and God was ready for him as we all will join him one day. Prayers and strength to each of you in your days to come. God bless. RIH George

Phenoris Hurt - April 18, 2024 at 03:04 PM

BP

“ Mr. Claiborne was my neighbor on Ingram Ave. and made me feel welcomed to the neighborhood when I moved there. He was one of the nicest men I ever met. He would help his neighbors with out being asked. You will be truly missed.

Belinda Pleasants - April 18, 2024 at 08:41 AM

BR

“ I have known Mr. Claiborne for over 30 years. He has always been the same way, very supportive to his family. A very nice person to everyone he meets. His family and friends will truly miss him. Mr. Claiborne is in good hands with the Lord. Bonnie Radden

Bonnie Radden - April 16, 2024 at 10:57 PM



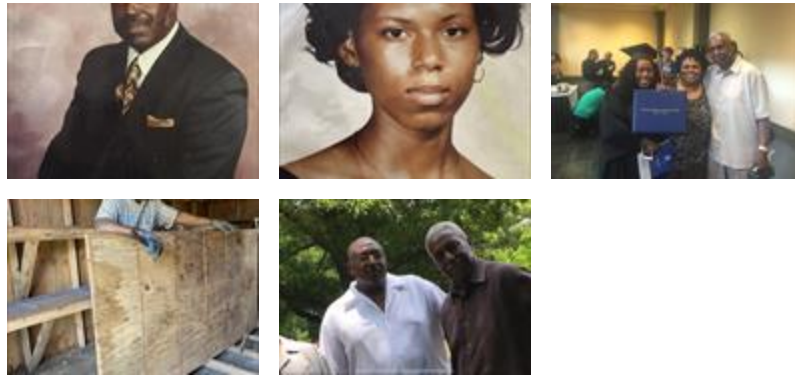
“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of George Leonard Claiborne Sr..*



April 16, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ *10 files added to the tribute wall*

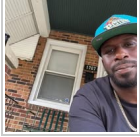


Dominique Desmond Jackson - April 16, 2024 at 07:05 PM



“ *As a resident of Brandermill, I am so thankful to have been able to meet George, and see him (with a friendly wave) as he faithfully made his rounds while working for the BCA, even after his 84th birthday. I am sad that he will no longer be doing that earthly work, but know from our conversations that he is now at home with Jesus! He was so proud of his family in our recent conversation, and especially of that beautiful wedding at Sunday Park for a granddaughter. May God richly bless you all and bring you comfort as you miss him here, but rejoice in his position eternally in Christ. Many prayers for you. Thank you George, for your testimony, and your faithful, cheerful work here! -- Isabel McCall*

Isabel Moore - April 16, 2024 at 09:36 AM



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Dominique Jackson - April 15, 2024 at 04:16 PM



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Dominique Jackson - April 15, 2024 at 04:09 PM



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Dominique Jackson - April 15, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ 2 files added to the album memories



Tomicka Jackson - April 15, 2024 at 12:28 PM

HJ

“ *My deepest condolences to the Claiborne family.*

Howard Jones - April 14, 2024 at 03:28 PM

QM

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the family. Sending our love during these heartfelt moments! Mr. Bunny Ray was a dear friend and will be missed in our hearts and the neighborhood. The Mosby Family.*



Queen Mosby - April 14, 2024 at 02:51 PM

BW

“ *Benita Willis-Harvey lit a candle in memory of George Leonard Claiborne Sr.*



Benita Willis-Harvey - April 13, 2024 at 02:32 PM

CH

“ *Clara Harding lit a candle in memory of George Leonard Claiborne Sr.*



Clara Harding - April 12, 2024 at 06:28 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 - April 10, 2024 at 10:39 AM