



## Edward J. Clemons Sr.

October 14, 1933 - January 14, 2019

Edward J. Clemons Sr. was born in Jonesboro, Georgia on October 14th, 1933. He was the second son born to the late Raleigh G. and Luella Evans Clemons. He attended public school in Jonesboro. At a young age, he realized the value and necessity of receiving a good education, so he went on to attend Clark College, (now Clark Atlanta University). Upon graduation from college, he was employed by North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company in Atlanta Ga., where he quickly excelled in many facets of the insurance industry, earning numerous titles and accomplishments. He helped integrate Georgia State College of Business Administration (now Georgia State University) where he earned the prestigious CLU (Chartered Life Underwriter) degree and the FLMI (Fellow Life Management Institute) degree. His potential was very noteworthy and he was promoted in 1969 to the company's headquarters in Durham, North Carolina. He was a very dedicated, hard working man with distinguishable work ethics; a stellar example of integrity and devotion. Mr. Clemons was promoted to Regional Director, which put him in charge of customer service for the company. In 1990, Mr. Clemons retired from N. C. Mutual Life insurance Company but continued working with the company, sharing his expertise as a consultant for 3 more years. He dedicated 38 years of his life working for this one company, Although retired, he continued to work diligently in community service with the Red Cross, Community Youth Missions and Senior Citizens Services as well as serving as a member of the Durham Citizens Advisory Council. He was also a proud

member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., BTL chapter, in Durham. Mr. Clemons was a faithful, committed, religious man who never missed church and always held some leadership position. He dutifully took his family to church and worked tirelessly to instill moral values, respect for self and others, honesty and the value of education, hard work and giving back. While in Atlanta, he was a very active member of Ariel Bowen UM Church, and after relocating to Durham, NC he quickly joined White Rock Baptist Church. While at White Rock Baptist Church he was ordained as a Deacon, served as chairman of the deacon board, attained the status of Trustee Emeritus, taught Bible classes, was a Sunday school teacher and was involved in several other ministries of the church. Mr. Clemons met the love of his life, Ellawease James, when they were children, both were competing in a Bible verse contest for their respective churches. Years later, they met again and married while both were attending Clark College. They would have been celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary this year. From that union they had four children; Mrs. Eldred Clemons-Warren (Herb), Dale Dexter Clemons (Pat), Dr. Edward Jacob Clemons, Jr. (Yolanda), Darlene Ellawease Clemons-Shaw. Mr. Clemons will be significantly missed by his family, numerous friends and acquaintances. Aside from his beloved wife and children, Mr. Clemons has one surviving brother, Oscar James Clemons (Carmen), 9 grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of cousins and loving in-laws to cherish his memory. Preceding him in death were his parents, his sister, Mrs. Addie Brock; brother-in-law, Henry Brock; brother, Willie Paul Clemons, Sr.; sister-in-law, Mary Louise Bryant Clemons, and brother, Raleigh G Clemons, Sr.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church  
122 Watterson Street  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Clemons was a wonderful person. Even though he fought daily with the heart-breaking disease of dementia, he never forgot how to be a gentleman. He was always courteous and met you with that beautiful smile of his. My heart goes out to his family, just know that his fight has ended and he is finally at peace.*

*Love,  
Opal*

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**Opal Brown** - January 18, 2019 at 02:18 PM

GA

“ *My heartfelt condolences to you all for the loss of Edward. May you all be comforted by your shared memories of him. Sincerely,  
Elouise Gleaton, cousin.*



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**Gloria Anderson** - January 18, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward J. Clemons Sr..*



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January 18, 2019 at 08:41 AM

RS

“ *In Loving Memory of Mr. Clemons we have made a donation to the Alzheimer's foundation of America. Our deepest condolences to the family. From Mr. and Mrs. Rory Stump*

Rory and Monica Stump - January 17, 2019 at 07:31 PM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to the Clemons family. Mr. Clemons was a wonderful role model for me during my young adult period and I am forever grateful for his guidance. Praying for your family strength during this period.*

*Robert Page  
Durham, NC*

Robert Page - January 17, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ *Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Edward J. Clemons Sr..*



January 17, 2019 at 08:41 AM

DL

“ *Praying for the Clemons Family...*

Dana L Lemon - January 16, 2019 at 11:48 PM