

Pallbearers

Preston Jerome Clinton
Matthew Douglas Brown
Christopher McClendon

Vaughn Edward Clinton, II
Isaiah Lewis Thomas Brown
Xavier Tillman Clinton

Floral Bearers

Friends of
Mary L. "Cree" Clinton

Interment & Repast

Hyco Baptist Church
1143 US-1
Cassatt, South Carolina 29032

Directions from Camden First United Methodist Church

Head north on DeKalb Street for approximately 7 miles and stay on Highway 1.
The church is on the right.

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Mary L. "Cree" Clinton acknowledges with sincere appreciation all the thoughts and many acts of kindness extended to them during this time of bereavement. The cards, tributes, flowers, prayers and words of love are a great source of strength and comfort. May God forever bless you and keep each of you in His tender loving care.

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Reverend Anthony J. Bracy, Jr. and the Staff of*



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A Celebration

for

Mary L. "Cree" Clinton

Filled with Love, Laughter & Living

Sunrise
February 2, 1971

Sunset
February 6, 2019



Saturday, February 16, 2019 • 12:00 noon

Camden First United Methodist Church
704 West Dekalb Street • Camden, South Carolina 29020

Reverend Andrew Johnson, Presiding

Reflections of Life

MARY LUCCRECIA CLINTON, affectionately known as “Cree”, was born to Thomas E. and Ollia M. Clinton on February 2, 1971 in Marion, South Carolina. She was the youngest daughter and was the epitome of a faithful daughter and sister. She always made sure that she did whatever was needed to take care of her family. She was the “Super Glue” that formed the tight bond between her siblings and she absolutely loved her “Heartbeats”, the term she used to affectionately refer to her parents.

Cree accepted Christ at an early age while growing up and serving in Hyco Baptist Church, located in Cassatt, SC. Over the years as she moved around the country, she made it a priority to stay connected with a church family. While living in Virginia, she joined and served at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. After relocating to California, in 2013 she joined Mount Ennon Baptist Church (MEBC) in Clinton, MD. She was one of MEBC's first "e-Members". She faithfully worshiped and served as a dedicated member of the Social Media Ministry; a role that she delightfully performed. She worked tirelessly behind the scenes to connect thousands of people to God's Word using FaceBook, Instagram, Twitter and many other social media platforms. She also moderated the MEBC online "Chat Roll" during worship services; welcoming hundreds of parishioners from across the globe on Sunday mornings to listen to the Word and praise God.

Cree attended Kershaw County Public Schools, graduating from Camden High School in 1989. After high school, she attended Winthrop University and obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in 1993. In 2002, she earned a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Health Services Management from Webster University. In 2003, she received her Project Management Institute (PMI) Project Management Professional (PMP) certification and in 2018, the Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), International Open Academy certificate.

In Spring 1991, Cree was initiated into the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Mu Xi Chapter on the campus of Winthrop University and was elected as the Mu Xi Chapter President. After graduation, she continued serving the community by joining the Iota Omega Omega (IOO) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. graduate chapter in Camden, South Carolina. She also served as that Chapter's president. In 2007, Cree relocated to Chesapeake, VA and shortly thereafter, joined the Lambda Gamma Omega Chapter, in Virginia Beach, VA. She continued to serve in the chapter chairing numerous committees and supporting the community. In 2012, Cree moved to Northern California. After settling into her new life on the west coast, she went back to what she does best, serving others by joining the Alpha Nu Omega (ANO) Chapter located in Oakland, California. Once again, Cree served in numerous roles and gave 110% as she upheld her commitment to promote sisterhood, scholarship and "Service to All Mankind". In 2016, Cree became a "Silver Star" for having twenty-five years of sorority service. She was most proud of becoming an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Life Member.



Dear Tooda Wooda,

For 48 years I was Blessed to be your Big Sister, for 21 years you were my Soror, for an eternity you will always have a special place in my heart. I know that you are resting in Gods "Perfect Peace" and that thought alone brings me comfort. I love you Tooda. I can't even put into words how much I already miss you and you have only been gone a little while. I will do my best to honor your memory and dedication to our family, friends and our beloved sorority. I know that you would have it "No Other Way".

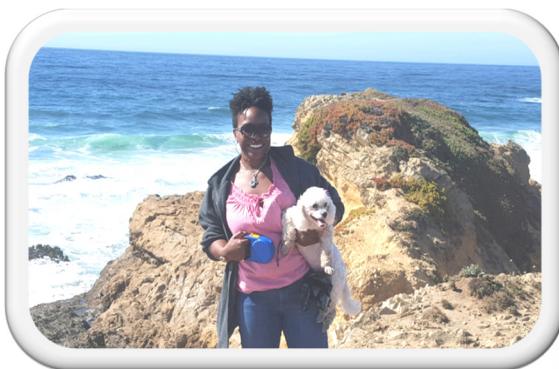
Rest well until I see you again, Your Tooda Wooda



Mary,

You are and forever will be the love of my life! You made my inner soul so happy! Just the thought of you brings me so much joy and happiness. I often would tell you that made my life the best and even though you're away in the flesh your amazing spirit lives on! You live, love and laugh!

I love you, E!



Cree worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield and AmeriGroup earlier in her career and for the past six years she was employed by McKesson Corporation as the Project Management Office Director for the General Counsel Organization (GCO) Operations. She was a passionate leader within several employee resource groups, and a selfless community volunteer recognized several times within McKesson for her outreach. She was an avid mentor, who never turned away requests for help or assistance.

Cree loved reading, traveling, and relating to people of all walks of life. In 2010, she co-founded the national book club Women interested in Rewarding, Enlightening, Discussions (WiiRED) thru Books along with her sister Cynthia. Cree loved to travel and seized every opportunity to explore other cultures, foods, sights, and the local experiences. Her favorite travel partners were affectionately known as the "Chicas". Cree never met a stranger and was able to relate to anyone by finding some sort of connection. She had the ability to make you feel "right at home" in her Girl Raised in The South (GRITS) special way. Cree touched so many lives and was treasured by her family, colleagues and many, many friends. She will be missed forever.



Left to mourn Cree are her beloved parents, Mr. Thomas E. and Ollia M. Clinton; siblings, Janie (Charles) Briggs of Cassatt, SC, Vaughn (Beverly) Clinton of Los Alamos, NM, James (Patrice) Clinton of Awendaw, SC; Cynthia (Jonathan) Clinton-Brown of Waldorf, MD; Narlin (LaToya) Ramsuer of Chesapeake, VA; partner, Eric Martin; aunts, Ozella W. Edge, Anna Blanche Sutton, Arlene Clinton and Marty Clinton; nieces, LaToya Nesbitt, Persephone Clinton, and Cynphany Brown; nephews, Taurean Briggs, Preston Clinton, Matthew Brown, Vaughn Clinton II, Isaiah Brown, Xavier Clinton, Zarina and Amiri Ramsuer; two grand nieces Taylor and Rikema Weathers; one grand nephew Josiah Shields; godson, Christopher McClendon and a host of many other family and friends.

Order of Service

Reverend Andrew Johnson
Pastor, Hyco Baptist Church, Presiding

PRELUDE Mr. Larex Tucker
Minister of Music, Hyco Baptist Church

PROCESSIONAL..... Minister, Family & Friends

HYMN.....Andy Robinson

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament..... Pastor Linda T. Blair
Psalm 27:1-2, 4

New Testament..... Reverend Torres Perkins
Pastor of Sweet Home Baptist Church
II Corinthians 1:2-7

PRAYER OF COMFORT Reverend James L. Coleman, Jr.

SOLO Tia Renee Campbell

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS..... Shirley Hart

POEM Andre L. Gathers

REMARKS Cynphany J. Brown
Sherrie McClendon Lee
Selma Aiken, Camden High School Class of 1989
Allison-Marie Brooks
Mu Xi Chapter, Winthrop University
Vanetta White, President Iota Omega Omega Chapter
Chicas on the Move and WiiRED thru Books

SOLO Anthony Robinson

WORDS OF LIFE Reverend Solomon S. Jackson

RECESSIONAL..... Mr. Larex Tucker

INTERMENT
Hyco Baptist Church Cemetery
(directions on back page)
COMMITTAL & BENEDICTION

