



Clarence Edward Richardson, Jr.

September 21, 1956 - May 12, 2023

Clarence Richardson of Chicago, Illinois passed away on May 12, 2023. His loved ones are composing his obituary, which you will be able to read here.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Cemetery

11500 S. Fairfield
Chicago, IL 60655

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Lutheran Church
9349 South Wentworth
Chicago, IL 60620

Funeral Service

MAY 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Chicago, IL 60620

Burial/Interment

MAY 22. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Hope Cemetery
11500 S. Fairfield Ave
Chicago, IL 60655

Tribute Wall



“ Clarence Edward Richardson, Jr.

October 09, 2023 at 04:52 AM



“ I was saddened to hear of my dear friend and former coworker's untimely passing. I worked with Clarence in the IBM Plaza from 1993-2000. Clarence was always consistent, always wore a smile, always soft spoken (never saw him upset or under pressure) and always kind to all. Clarence was a man of God, a true christian. My nickname for him was "Bishop CL". He always had a word to say about the Lord and wasn't ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We kept in touch after I retired in 2020. I will miss my friend. I will be lifting his family up in prayer and asking God to comfort them during this difficult time. RIP my dear friend ❤️

The picture that I attached was dated May 2014. I can't recall what the occasion was but Clarence was the honoree....perhaps it was his IBM retirement dinner.



Paul D Roberts - May 19, 2023 at 08:05 AM



“ I wrote this write up on my facebook page just now:

I just found out today that a dear friend of mine passed. Clarence was the man who when I went through my divorce in 1981, he was there as he had a very strong connection with God and spirituality at his young age. Clarence would always tell me that life would become better. It did yet not until I stopped drinking 5 years later. Fortunately, Clarence did witness my sobriety in me when I permanently stopped drinking - he was one of the reasons why I stopped drinking. Clarence and I were hired on the same date 01/12/81. It comes as a huge shock; I had just touched base with him just a week ago through Facebook; Clarence was three years younger than me. We pretty much buddied up from the first day we both were hired by IBM in downtown Chicago at the time at IBM Plaza across the street from the Marina Towers. I was still drinking at the time, yet Clarence would always come up to where I lived on the north side of Chicago where even in 1981, a black man wasn't seen in my neighborhood pretty much all German and Irish. I would have had him my best man. I remember that when Clarence came up to my apartment that I would always make him Pina Colada's with beau coup ice cream and lots of alcohol. We would sit out on the porch on the second floor and just play music getting a good buzz on. If you want to contact me my cell is 305-301-1185, email address: prjsheldon@aol.com

Peter Sheldon - May 17, 2023 at 11:40 PM



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Peter Sheldon - May 17, 2023 at 08:46 PM



I miss my dear friend Clarence. I just communicated with him via email just a week ago. Clarence is the man on the last row on the left. I'm the guy in the first row fourth from the left. The photograph was taken in October 1983 when I left Chicago and went to Boston to work for IBM. Clarence and I were hired on the same date 1/11/81. I remember days when Clarence and I would work on Saturday's without being paid for IBM, and we both use to say "everything must go" because we had tons of paperwork to work through. I remember going down to the south side to watch Clarence play basketball. Clarence was a great one. At times, we would enjoy going to watch basketball at Chicago State where we would watch the likening's of Mark Aquirre, Terry Cummings. One beautiful memory is when Clarence's mother was still alive, and I remember Clarence telling me "My mother said you sound English." Well, I was from Maine and the Boston area and that's where many from England came to that area back so many years ago. I hope reading this will uplift your family in this time of sadness, yet I know Clarence is with his parents, his sister displaying that great smile of his.

Peter Sheldon - May 17, 2023 at 08:54 PM



I did not volunteer to speak at Clarence's funeral (my mistake), but if I had I would have said the following:

I had known Clarence for over 30 years – we worked together for a while at IBM (but kept in touch afterwards) and both attended Luther South High School but not at the same time – Clarence was 5 years younger than me. We did talk about Luther South teachers and experiences.

Clarence invited me to his 25th anniversary luncheon at Pappadeaux restaurant in Westmont – a wonderful event. If I remember correctly, Clarence's good friend Paxton coordinated this event and was the Master of Ceremonies.

I work now as a part-time instructor at Richard J. Daley College, and I had Clarence as a guest speaker a while back – he was terrific! Connected with the students really well ... I encouraged him to apply for a part-time instructor but for some reason I could never close the deal. As I told Clarence "you were born to do this!" Through the years we would go out to lunch, and went horseback riding a few times in the nearby Forest Preserve. A lot of fun.

I did invite Clarence about 6 weeks ago to a luncheon where Gigi Coleman (grandniece of famed aviator Bessie Coleman would be speaking), but he was unable to attend. I did send Clarence a picture of Gigi Coleman holding a sign that said, "Hi Clarence ... hope to see you next time! Gigi Coleman". In the 30 or so years I have known Clarence, I cannot recall him getting made ever, or using foul language. A true Christian who lived a good life and a model for us all! RIP

Chuck Norvil

Chuck Norvil - May 26, 2023 at 04:36 PM