



Mr. Earl Clark Jr.

May 10, 1961 - February 12, 2026

Earl LaVelle Clark, Jr., was born on May 10, 1961, in Fayette County, Lexington, Kentucky to the late Mr. Earl LaVelle Clark, Sr. and Mrs. Loretta Elizabeth Jackson Clark. Earl professed a hope in Christ at an early age and was a member of First Baptist Church Bracktown. It was at Bracktown that he acknowledged his call to the ministry under the pastorage of Rev. Dr. C.B Akins.

Earl was a graduate of Bryan Station Sr. High School and received his bachelor's in criminal justice from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky. On November 21, 1980, he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Delta Sigma Chapter. Earl LOVED his fraternity brothers and they LOVED him! In 2022, he was awarded the fraternities Perseverance Award from the Theta Omega Chapter, Louisville, Kentucky. Earl's light and love for Omega was always on full display! November, 2025 marked his 45 th anniversary.

Earl loved music! Everyone knows that he loved Marvin Gaye, Chaka Khan and of course "The Elements", Earth, Wind and Fire! He played the piano by ear and could learn a song within a matter of minutes after hearing it. He had a beautiful voice and sang in the church choir and was a member of several bands. Many evenings, the band would rehearse in the basement of his home or in the garage at another bandmate's house. The best concerts were given in this garage! I guess you could say it was the birthplace of the outdoor concert as many would flock to the backyard to hear them play.

Earl answered to a multitude of nicknames and assigned quite a few as well. He answered to Smitty, Smitt, Unc, Uncle Earl, Little Earl, Littlest, Squirrel, just to name a few. Although Earl did not have any biological children, there were several that he held close to his heart. They knew him as Mr. Earl and he was proud to do whatever he could to show his love and support for them.

Smitty will be sorely missed! He leaves his sisters "The Girls", Elizabeth (John) Ray, Indianapolis, IN, Lorrie (Edwin) Wiley, Atlanta, GA, 3 nephews, John Ray III, Matthew Ray, EJ Wiley, his only niece, Carrie Wiley, Aunts Edna (Harry) Madison, Louisville, KY, Carolyn Jackson, Dayton, OH along with his cousins, beloved brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and friends to cherish his memory.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

833 W. Main St
Lexington, KY 40508

Previous Events

Family Gathering

FEB 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church, Bracktown
3016 Bracktown Rd
Lexington, KY 40511

Omega Service

FEB 20. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated

Celebration of Life

FEB 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church, Bracktown
3016 Bracktown Rd
Lexington, KY 40511

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Janet Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Clark Jr.



Janet Williams - March 12 at 02:19 PM

RR

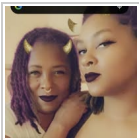
“ To Clark family, I send condolences to you, sorry to hear about the passing of Earl, he was a real laid back person, never seen him get upset or anything out of his normal self. May God Bless you all, may he strengthen you in the days ahead. Randall Ross

Randall Ross - February 27 at 11:57 PM

RG

“ Love ❤️ Prayers 🙏 & sympathy to the Clark family.

Reggie Gay - February 20 at 03:21 PM



“ My Heart is so broken & forever will be when it comes to my favorite cousin Lil Earl.... You will be missed by me, but never ever forgotten. My memories of you, I hold dear to my heart & when I think of you...I will smile! Love you a lifetime my cousin 😞.....RIP💜💜💜

Roxie Taylor Dawson - February 20 at 12:41 PM

SH

“ *Lorrie and Libby! I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother Earl! You all are in my prayers! Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal! May the peace of God rest, rule and abide in your hearts! With much love! Sheila Holland-Smitj!*

Sheila Holland-Smth - February 20 at 11:40 AM

SW

“ *Libby and Lori, my deepest condolences for the loss of your brother. Earl was my dear friend and bandmate. I know that God will comfort you and surround you with love during this season of grief. I pray that the sad days will soon return to laughter and joy, as you recall the happy memories Earl has left us all to remember him by. All my love to you both! Sammy Wallace.*



Samuel Wallace - February 20 at 11:20 AM

RD

“ *Renée Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Clark Jr.*



Renée Dixon - February 20 at 08:59 AM

CL

Earl you will be missed.

Charolette Lee - February 20 at 12:27 PM

FW

“ I met Earl at EKU in 1979. We were both freshmen. His obit states he had many nicknames. At college he was known as Earl The Pearl. He was a pearl, rare. Always a gentleman. SMy condolences to his family.

Felicia J Wilson - February 20 at 08:20 AM

AD

“ Alma Dunn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Clark Jr.



Alma Dunn - February 20 at 12:21 AM

MB

“ Michele Booker-Leach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Clark Jr.



Michele Booker-Leach - February 19 at 09:22 PM

CL

Earl Clark Jr you will be missed.

Charolette Lee - February 20 at 12:28 PM

CL

RIP my friend

Charolette Lee - February 20 at 12:29 PM

ME

“ Margaret Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Clark Jr.



Margaret Edwards - February 19 at 09:20 PM

TD

“ Terri Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Clark Jr.



Terri Dawson - February 19 at 09:20 PM

TD

“ We would like to extend our deepest, heartfelt condolences to Earl's family, friends and Omega Psi Phi fraternity brothers. Earl will truly be missed by all that knew and loved him. May all of you be blessed and comforted during this difficult time. Respectfully, Margaret Edwards & Terri Dawson (EKU Alumni)

Terri Dawson - February 19 at 09:18 PM

LC

“ Lorenzo C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Earl Clark Jr..

Lorenzo C. - February 19 at 07:55 PM

SF

“ *Stan & Teresa Barclay & Bates Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Earl Clark Jr..*



Stan & Teresa Barclay & Bates Family - February 19 at 04:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Earl Clark Jr..*



February 19 at 11:12 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Earl Clark Jr..*

February 19 at 11:12 AM

JP

“ *Truly such a good person—funny, thoughtful, and always full of light. You had a way of bringing joy wherever they went, and that is something that will never be forgotten.*

Jennifer Pittman - February 18 at 09:51 PM

JP

“ Jennifer Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Clark Jr.



Jennifer Pittman - February 18 at 09:47 PM

TW

“ Terry F Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Clark Jr.



Terry F Williams - February 18 at 08:53 PM

CJ

“ Chester Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Clark Jr.



Chester Jenkins - February 18 at 06:08 PM

SB

“ Sandra C Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Clark Jr.



Sandra C Brooks - February 18 at 12:26 PM

CS

“ *Carmen Sharp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Clark Jr.*



Carmen Sharp - February 18 at 12:22 AM

GJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Earl L. Clark, Jr., my prayers are with you. I probably first met Earl Jr. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church years ago. Our families have known each other for years. Earl and I attended ECU at the same time, he was always a good dude even though we were in rival fraternities, our foundation of Lexington always came first. Post ECU days, there was always a handshake or hug when we saw each other. Earl will be truly missed, obviously by family, but also by friends. My Devine Nine brother, rest peacefully!* 🙏🕊️

George E. Gentry, Jr. - February 17 at 11:53 PM

M&

My deepest condolences to the family friends and love ones. He was most definitely a Legend and will be truly missed. A Genuine Brother 🤝 One Love from your Village Family.. Scrave

Marvin Robertson Scrave 💎💎💎💎 - February 18 at 02:06 PM

TR

“ *Tommie L Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Clark Jr.*



Tommie L Robinson - February 17 at 11:24 PM

LF

“ *Love Derrick Carr & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Earl Clark Jr..*



Love Derrick Carr & family - February 17 at 10:54 PM