



## Clara Sue McMillian Davis

March 1, 1950 - January 10, 2021

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Clara Sue McMillian Davis passed away on January 10, 2021, peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on March 1, 1950 in Winter Garden, Florida. Clara was the eldest child of Dorothy Jean McMillian. Ms. McMillian died during childbirth when Clara was 20 years old, leaving Clara to care for her three younger siblings.

Clara graduated from Charles R. Drew High School, Winter Garden, Florida in 1968. She was a second-generation Florida A&M University college graduate. Thus, she developed a passion and desire to one day matriculate at Florida A & M at an early age. She never wavered from that dream.

Clara received her BS in Business Administration from Florida A & M University in 1972 and MBA from Florida Tech, formerly Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida in 1982.

Upon graduation from FAMU, she landed a job with Harris Corporation, formerly Radiation, a Subsidiary of Harris at the time as a Jr. Project Planner. As the first salaried, degreed woman of color hired in the Controller's

organization, Clara had a prolific and rewarding career. She held positions of increasing responsibilities as a key contributor on major program pursuit teams, negotiation teams, cost management control, course developer, trainer, publisher and subject matter expert in the field of Earned Value Management. She traveled extensively in her various assignments and established a wide circle of business associates and professionals in both the private and government sector. She obtained her Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification in 2013.

After 40 years, she retired from Harris Corporation in 2012 and immediately started working on her bucket list that included pursuing her lifelong desire to hone her musical and artistic skills, traveling, consulting and writing. She started playing the flute, after 40 years, and joined the Brevard Community Band. She loved to write, authoring the Alpha Kappa Alpha Iota Pi Omega Chapter history book, "Timeless Service: Priceless Memories" and published an article that was featured in The Florida Today Newspaper. Additionally, she loved to dance and could be found weekly with the 'Move Your Body Soul Steppers'.

Clara was a devoted member of the community. She had a passion for volunteering and spent countless hours, uncompensated time, energy and personal money to the betterment of her community. She was a humble servant and often preferred to stay in the background.

Clara gave 110 percent and then some to all her endeavors and children and education were her passion. She was a big kid in mind, strong believer in early childhood intervention and believed that every child deserves a childhood, a support system and an opportunity to dream. She treated each one of the children as one of her own with due respect and compassion for each and everyone.

She was active in several organizations including: Florida A & M University National Alumni Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Harris Corporation Retirement Association (HCRA), Project Management Institute, Club Esteem and Community Read & Feed. She also served on the Brevard County School Employee & Teacher of the Year selection committee and was Assistant Archivist Volunteer at Florida Tech.

Since 2000, Clara and her husband Don, served as chairpersons of the Florida A&M University National Alumni Association Brevard County Chapter, "Excellence with Caring" Scholarship and Awards Benefit. Together their efforts have led to nearly \$200,000 in scholarship funding and secured a spot among chapters within the NAA for innovative and impactful event execution. In 2010 she received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Historically Black Institution Alumni Consortium. A lifetime member of FAMU NAA, in 2012 she was named Florida A&M University's 125 Outstanding Alumni of the Quasquicentennial Award.

Clara was a devoted Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was initiated into Beta Alpha chapter on May 15, 1969. She served in various capacities on the local and regional level and was named Soror of the Year in 2008.

She accepted Christ at an early age at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Winter Garden, Florida. Upon moving to Melbourne, she became a member of Allen Chapel A.M.E. church and in later years joined Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, where she founded the Genesis Youth Enrichment Program.

She dedicated herself to a Christian life, her family and the betterment of her community.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Weaver and Dorothy McMillian and son, Brian Sherrod.

She is survived by her husband, Don Davis (her beloved DD) of Melbourne, Florida; daughter, Brandi Vaughn (Gerard) of Atlanta, Georgia; three stepdaughters: Roshunda Harris and Donna Michelle Fisher, both of Tampa, Florida, and Kenya LaTasha Davis of Tallahassee, Florida; two sisters: Oleeta Christian (Willie) of Winter Garden, Florida and Lila Farmer of Atlanta, Georgia; one brother, Glenn Farmer of Winter Garden, Florida; three nieces: Tiffany Mason (Nicklaus) of Atlanta, Georgia, Ebony Cousins (Dave) of Daphne, Alabama; Shukrije Dority (Jared) of Davenport, Florida; one nephew, Bobby Farmer of Ocoee, Florida; grandchildren: twin granddaughters Lauryn Claire & Grace Elaine Vaughn, Toni Jade Fisher, Shandreia Cody, Charles Cody, Brittany Davis, Kenyatta Davis, Tiana Davis, DeQuan Davis, Asia Butler, Terrius Smith, Antonio Harris, Courtney Harris and Rodtez McKenzie; goddaughter, Helen R. Zanders, Sisters-in-law, Brothers-in-law, cousins and many sorrowing friends.

Clara was a wonderful Wife, Mother, Grandmother, beloved Sister and Friend and will be deeply missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Geneva Cemetery

240 1st st  
Geneva , FL 32732

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Visitation

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel of Buggs Funeral Home  
2701 S. Harbor City Blvd.  
Melbourne , FL 32901

## Service

JAN 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel of Buggs Funeral Home  
2701 S. Harbor City Blvd.  
Melbourne , FL 32901



# Tribute Wall



“ *Clara Sue McMillian Davis*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Dr. Sandra Tynes lit a candle in memory of Clara Sue McMillian Davis*



**Dr. Sandra Tynes** - January 19, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Soror Clara Sue and I became friends at the initiation of her daughter Brandi into the Tay Pi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in 2006. We always found time to catch up at each event. Soror Clara Sue was very proud of Brandi and loved her grand babies dearly. Rest well Soror, God has welcomed you with open arms.*



**Theresa House** - January 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ *Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Clara Sue McMillian Davis*



**Dot Newsome** - January 15, 2021 at 06:10 PM

MB

“ Soror Clara was a very "Special Sister to Me". We shared many, many great experiences. You shared your talents within our Chapter & Sisterhood in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. In fact- You were the author and publisher of our FIRST and ONLY Chapter History Book (2014). You had a vision that many could not see and understand. So- Good Bye from one Golden Soror to another Golden Soror.  
Soror Marion Pinkston Blocker

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**Marion Blocker** - January 15, 2021 at 12:38 PM

MC

“ Maleka Campbell lit a candle in memory of Clara Sue McMillian Davis



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**Maleka Campbell** - January 15, 2021 at 11:45 AM

DT

“ To the Family of Soror Clara Sue,  
I met Clara Sue in June 1979 when my family  
and I moved to Palm Bay from Savannah,  
GA. We were neighbors at Woodlake Village  
Apts. We both worked at Harris. We both  
would become members of Mount Moriah, and of course, our  
special bonds of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Over the years, we developed  
a friendship based on shared values and mutual admiration. It is my  
prayer that your cherished memories will give you comfort. Clara  
Sue was a gift to us from the Gracious Hand of God.



*His Love will Lift You,  
Dr. Sandra Nixon Tynes  
Kissimmee, FL*

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**Dr. Sandra Tynes** - January 15, 2021 at 11:22 AM

MF

“ Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cotton and family purchased  
the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family  
of Clara Sue McMillian Davis.



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**Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cotton and family** - January 15, 2021 at  
01:19 AM

HD

“ Clara will always have a special place in our hearts and memories. May God provide continuous comfort, peace and love to the family.

*Our deepest sympathy,  
Henry & Dianne Debnam*



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**Henry & Dianne Debnam** - January 14, 2021 at 03:19 PM

CC

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family of Soror Clara. May God provide you with strength and comfort during this difficult time.

*Soror Cheryl Chew-Render  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Tau Pi Omega Chapter*

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**Cheryl Chew-Render** - January 14, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara Sue McMillian Davis.



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January 14, 2021 at 02:20 PM

AG

“ We were friends since we were four. Classmates, Charmettes, and sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha, friends for life. I'll miss you.  
Love,  
Addie

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**Addie Grier** - January 14, 2021 at 11:15 AM

TC

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Soror Clara. When I talked with her this summer, she talked so proudly of her Granddaughters, her love for HBCUs and was in such good spirits. We touched bases again on 12/9/21. She texted that she was being released from the hospital. I just knew she was on the road to recovery and was so surprised to learn of her passing about a month later. Only God knows best. Peace, Love and Blessings. Twila Chapman and Family



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**Twila Chapman** - January 14, 2021 at 09:24 AM

KS

“ With deepest sympathy. A woman that touched the lives of many always striving for perfection. You will be missed. #Rattlerforever #AlphaKappaAlphawoman RIP



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**Kim Stockton** - January 14, 2021 at 08:07 AM

MS

“ Maxine Sweeting lit a candle in memory of Clara Sue McMillian Davis



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**Maxine Sweeting** - January 14, 2021 at 03:05 AM



“ *Your cousin 2x Geri Mcgarvin I'm going to miss you purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Clara Sue McMillian Davis.*



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**Your cousin 2x Geri Mcgarvin I'm going to miss you -**  
January 13, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Clara Sue McMillian Davis.*



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**With deepest sympathy -** January 13, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clara Sue McMillian Davis.*



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January 13, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *Cover Brown lit a candle in memory of Clara Sue McMillian Davis*



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**Cover Brown -** January 13, 2021 at 02:49 PM

EP

“ To the Vaughn Family - I am praying for your comfort during this time of grief. Know that your memories will help keep Soror Clara's legacy alive in your hearts and those lives she touched. She was warm and giving spirit and held a special in my heart. I will miss her and our talks.



Erika R. Pierre - January 13, 2021 at 01:50 PM

LM

“ Love Olivia, Tracy and Maxine purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Clara Sue McMillian Davis.



Love Olivia, Tracy and Maxine - January 13, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clara Sue McMillian Davis.



January 13, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clara Sue McMillian Davis.



January 13, 2021 at 10:08 AM

EL

“ *Eddie Mae Luckett lit a candle in memory of Clara Sue McMillian Davis*



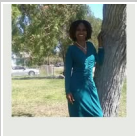
Eddie Mae Luckett - January 13, 2021 at 05:13 AM

EL

“ *Eddie Mae Luckett lit a candle in memory of Clara Sue McMillian Davis*



Eddie Mae Luckett - January 13, 2021 at 05:07 AM



“ *Lois Morss lit a candle in memory of Clara Sue McMillian Davis*



Lois Morss - January 12, 2021 at 04:14 PM

DN

“ *Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Clara Sue Mcmillian Davis*



Dot Newsome - January 12, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Mrs. Sue was the sweetest lady and she will be dearly missed!*

*Love,  
Carl dernet Davis  
Zanders Funeral Home Staff*



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**Carl dernet Davis** - January 12, 2021 at 11:05 AM

SA

“ *Satara lit a candle in memory of Clara Sue McMillian Davis*



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**Satara** - January 12, 2021 at 10:55 AM

WC

“ *Willie Coleman-Smith lit a candle in memory of Clara Sue McMillian Davis*

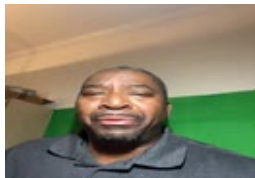


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**willie coleman-Smith** - January 12, 2021 at 09:50 AM

RS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Ronald Smith** - January 11, 2021 at 10:56 PM