

MISSION STATEMENT: Preserving the history of the Claiborne/Clayborn/Clavon Claven Families of North & South Carolina, Virginia and more. To document, prepare and present a "factual" written record of our family's history" for future generations to read and continue to build upon!

IN MEMORIUM

JOHN HENRY (Reno) SHEGOG

His sudden and untimely death on Friday, June 5, is a huge loss to every member of the family, especially those of us that live in and around Detroit. "Reno" A friendly, but stern, no non-sense husband, father and grandfather leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Staria, three daughters, Crystal, Stephanie and Tiffany, two grand children, several Aunts, brothers and an untold number of relatives and friends. He will be missed as will his willingness to help those family members who called upon his services and skills, so often. It is not good to think on death or when and how it will arrive, death will visit each of us. Rather, consider the life that one has lived. A life 'well lived', no matter how long or short is a gift to each of us, from **GOD!** We offer prayers for peace not only for today but all the days to come, for every member of his family.
LOVE AND PEACE! Gone But Not Forgotten

KENNETH WALTER (Kenny) CLAVON

The youngest son of the late LeRoy and Mary Love-Clavon:.... Kenny lost his battle to regain his health suddenly and on Monday June 14, 2010 he passed from labor to reward, in Houston, Texas. He was talkative, intelligent, and friendly with a huge zest for life. Kenny enjoyed the verbal combat of a "spirited" debate on any subject. The 2009 "Reunion" was a real highlight in his life and he really enjoyed every moment. Kenny supported every aspect of "family life." He loved to drive, even cross-country, to visit family and friends. Even after his health began to fail, he had to be convinced to stop those long road trips.

KENNETH (continued)

To say he will be missed doesn't come close to expressing the shock and grief being felt all over Detroit. There will be a memorial service held in Houston, Texas and his remains will be returned to Michigan. Funeral services will be held at the Sharon Seven Day Adventist Church, 28537 Cherry St. on June 28, 2010 at 12 Noon in Inkster, Michigan. To wife Tamera, son Kenneth II(KC) daughters Nicole & Tamera II and his grandchildren; may our prayers for you, reach **GOD** with all haste. May **HIS** peace, that surpasses ALL understanding, be with you in the days, weeks and years to come.
LOVE AND PEACE.....'Gone But Not Forgotten!'

JAKE (Bubba) CLAVON JR.

Bubba, was born and raised in Lynchburg, SC. He was the son of the late Jake & Icy Mae Clavon of Lynchburg. He passed away after a lengthy illness on March 27, 2010. Bubba was buried in Manning, SC. **Jake Jr. is survived by his son Ronald and daughter Pamela. sisters, Cynthia, Dorothy, Edna, Elouise. Mattie, Mazell, Wilahmenia and brothers, Marion, Roosevelt and Russell.** There are also a large number of nephews, niece's cousins and friends. Please know that our prayers, hearts and love are with you as the family mourns his passing. May **GOD** bless each of you during this time of sorrow.
LOVE & PEACE.....'Gone but not forgotten!'

For enslaved African Americans, the old Negro spirituals represented more than their passion for religion. The spirituals were codes. For example, "Were You There?" was a newspaper reporting the Nat Turner revolt..."Go Down, Moses" signaled that Harriet Tubman was near. "Wading in the Water" passed the word of a nearby river or stream where "GOD's Gonna Trouble The Water" meaning the water would wash away footprints and prevent dogs from picking up a scent!**Consider this fact:** The first African American Democrat in the U.S Congress was Arthur L. Mitchell. He went before the Supreme Court in 1941 and argued for equal accommodations for African Americans in interstate transportation!

LET'S PLAY BALL! (Blue & Red)

The 23RD ANNUAL "CLAVON' TOWN & COUNTRY COUSINS SOFTBALL GAME

beckons "come one, come all!" The game will be played on Monday "July 5th 2010" in Elliot S C. at the Mt. Pleasant School. **GET Ready**, cause as always, **lots of excitement** surrounds this year's get together plus the "after the game get together". Family members from all parts of the country are packing to travel. This year's baseball game between the Town Cousins & the Country Cousins promises to have a real strong competitive flavor. Our Country Cousins have dominated in the past several years but that may be about to change! **The team of YOUNG, STRONG "Town Cousins"**, will be in SC with gloves and powerful bats! **GARY CARTER** of Bishopville will be coaching the Town Cousins, once again. Now, to all of our Country Cousins, don't think this will be another 'easy win!' Those Town Cousins are hungry for a **VICTORY**. See ya all in Elliot, South Carolina...**Plan to arrive so we can meet in church on Sunday!**

ARIZONA

Hello to cousin William & Karen Deshay of Glendale...drop us a line at the newsletter sometime!

CALIFORNIA

Hello, everyone out west.....Harvey & Jackie, Madison & Courtney Clavon, Marilyn Quates & Yummie & family, 'L'il' Dock Clavon, Patrick, Lynn, Lo'ren and Vicky Ford, Alvin & Joyce, Foogie (LeRoy Jr) and everyone that we didn't mention. Charge it to poor memory it is never intentional LOVE & HUGS!

CONNECTICUT

Hello Spike (Arthur Spears III) & Family in Groton: Love to hear from you, so drop us a line!

FLORIDA

Thinking about everyone in the Sunshine State, we send a big shout-out...Hallie (Buda) & family, Holly (School-girl) Dwyer, Kelly Lynn Ford-Epega & Family, Mike, Cassandra & Family, Hello to Ann Clavon & family, a big hello to Will Lancaster Jr.(drop us a line once in a while)

GEORGIA

Hello Peach State, Johnny, Gail & Jo'Les Edwards of Snellville. Oretha Claven (hope you're well) of Stone Mountain, Charles Clavon family of Lithonia, Hello 'Sheryl Perkins' & family in Fairburn.(**have you moved to Virginia yet?**)

GEORGIA (continued): Hello Reverend Dr. Robert, Carla, Meagen & Robert II in Atlanta. Did we forget to mention someone? Please charge it to the head, not the heart ...Love!

MICHIGAN

The Great Lakes State, The Water Wonderland: Thank you, to everyone that forwarded information for the Family Newsletter. This 'news' travels farther than you may know. Michiko wants another Crepe Myrtle " tree seedlings" from SC, the one she had did not survive and it is not clear as to why!. **Going to the 4th of July Annual Soft Ball game that will be played on the 5th?** We hope to see you there. Thank you for all of your prayers. **Cleveland (Brownie) Clavon**, the most senior male of our clan in Michigan, is doing real well as he prepares to attend the 23rd Annual Softball Game in SC. Hello Menrose & Charles, **Chris, Tracey & boys; Steve, Rose & Roschelle Spears. Tiffany Marie Sewell**, enjoyed her 'open house' on Mothers Day. **DeJuan and Carla Jones** of Lansing, continue to show their special ability in track & field events. **Terry Ford...take care of those knees! CLAVON FAMILY YOU'RE INVITED to AN OPEN HOUSE** Sunday July 4th 2 P.M-until 2010,: at 30827 N. Wendy Brook Ct. Farmington Hills, 48334 MI. Hosted by **Glenda Joyce Spears McClerkin & Ivan McClerkin**
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MARYLAND

Hello, Mark & Veronica To all of you and all of **Staria's siblings**. Continue comforting your grieving sister in the days, weeks and months to come. Hi **Ruby (McLeod-Henley)** of Laurel, Hello to all of the family in Maryland. Hope to see everyone on July 5th for the ballgame!

NEW JERSEY

Hi & Hello to **James & Loretta, in Jersey City, Patty & Fritz in Newark, Vernetta** and to all of the family ...we pray everyone is well!

NEW YORK

Take a bite out of the "Big Apple" HELLO FAMILY....Leslie & Rob, Gary "the bug chaser" Williams and to all of the Cousins...**COME ON DOWN** with your skills and bats.....If you're a **TOWN COUSIN** hahahahahaha!...

NORTH CAROLINA

"Tar-Heel" country...Hello to Mordell Benjamin & family, Michael, Nancylee, Tianna & young Mike hope that the family & business is continuing to do well! Hi Judy & Billy, Tuff & JAI, our prayers continue! Hello to Young Arthur and Spike & Family. Pray all are well! Hello Doc & family, the Gilchrist family, the Morrow's, Flossie (Dorothy) Allen, Annie Mae & the Ray family. LOVE

OHIO

The 'BUCKEYE' STATE...HELLO...Lisa, Paul and the Kids... Paul, We pray all is well with the Burk's....LOVE TO ALL!

PENNSYLVANIA

Hello family..Becky & Marion, Erika, the Dent family, Louise & Jesse and all of the family members in and around Philly! LOVE

SOUTH CAROLINA

Hello... Bishopville, Abbeyville, Darlington, Florence, Sumter, Columbia, Lynchburg, Goose Creek, Lugoff, Manning and St John.... CONGRATULATIONS TO Gertrude Clavon-Major THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL PERSON for the City of LYNCHBURG! Hello Wilbur, Betty, Candy, Joyce, Gail, Harriett, Charlie Jr, Pat, Ricky & Uncle Snoop, Bunky, Chris & Levi, James & Thelma, Rett. Pamela Clavon-Brunson & family, Eleese & Milton, Carolyn & Virginia and Catherine, What's up with Wilahmenia in Florence lately? Word is, she broke her foot, a few months ago.....She must be OK, they say she can still DANCE!"just joking", hope you're well. Jessica, How's JROTC camp? SEE EACH OF YOU in Elliot PLAY BALL! PS: Ruby & Cat thanks for sending info on Bubba.

TENNESSEE

Hello Lisa "Professor" Lancaster & Sarah. Still teaching at Tennessee State? Drop us a line now and then. How's Mom doing? Stay in touch and I'll bet Sarah has really grown up!

TEXAS

We mourn the passing of our beloved Kenneth Walter Clavon. His spirit lives on in our hearts and memories. Kenny never met a stranger and was never short on words or strong opinion. His care and concern for the family was unmatched!

Kenny (con't)

He was a tremendous baseball player in his youth and could have played professionally. One of his wishes was to bring his group from Texas to help bolster the Town Cousin's team and show the Country Cousins some baseball skills! WE WILL MISS HIM,! ... Hello Cousin Lexie (McClerkin) how are studies going in Med School? Hope you are feeling and doing well. Let us hear from you! LOVE

VIRGINIA

Hello family, especially Albertine who recently underwent a medical procedure. After a recent conversation, with her, spirits were high and she seems to be progressing well. We pray GOD speed, her healing and health. WE CLAIM IT with PRAYER! HELLO Theodore (Mr. Albertine), Elouise, Beverly & family, Hi Reverend Dr. "Cuz" Chandler . To family members all over the State of Virginia, hello! We really want to see everyone in July, bring some LOVE, and WE'LL BRING THE COLD BEVERAGES!

VIRGIN ISLAND (USVI)

HELLO.... ATTORNEY CATHY (Scarborough Franklin) and her HUSBAND...DR. Franklin. How's the weather? Hope you both are well!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of OUR MAY, JUNE, JULY & AUGUST babies and big folks... With a special birthday wish for three family beauties.. Elouise Clavon-Fleming, Mattie Clavon-Nettles and Dorothy Mae Clavon-Fleming, All of Florence, SC.....We're singing that song

"Happy Birthday toooooo youuuuuu."





No new arrivals? Is there anything in the ovens? My guess is, the young folks in the family must be sleeping more...then they use to!.....Hahahaha!



UNDER THE WEATHER/ON THE MEND our family's SICK & SHUT-IN's

- Sara "Bunky" Blyther (Sumter, SC)
- Sammie Fleming (Florence, SC)
- Cleveland 'Brownie' Clavon (Southfield, Mich)
- Gladys Clavon (Lynchburg, SC)
- Sally Clavon (Detroit, Mich)
- Charlie & Wilbur Davis (Sumter, SC)
- Jeanetta Ford (Detroit, Mich)
- Natalie "Kitty 'Cat" Ford (Detroit, Mich)
- Anna (Bootsy) Gray (San Deiego, California)
- Wilahmenia Clavon-Gabriel (Florence, SC)
- Almeda Elizabeth (Tuff) Hobbs (Durham, NC)
- Aunt Becky (Rebecca Laws of Lynchburg, SC)
- Sylvia Pearson (Redford, Mich)
- Marilyn Clavon-Quates (L.A California)
- Mark Whiting (Baltimore, MD.)

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

The Roving Reporter

James (Cowboy) & Thelma in Columbia, you may have some company stopping in! Clarence & Thelma celebrated t-heir 53nd wedding anniversary... WOW Thelma, you're a true Saint! Hahahaaha. Well it has happened, Bruce (Ford) is officially off the 'wanted' list...He recently became engaged. The lucky lady is named 'Hope Facen-Berry'!



Congratulations 2010 GRADUATES

A LONG "DRUM ROLL PLEASE"

Markis R. Capehart South Florence High, SC. He will attend Francis Marion University. He is the grandson of Dorothy Mae Clavon-Fleming and also the great-great grandson of Jake & Icy Mae Clavon!

Juan P. Clavon II, of Detroit was awarded a Bachelors Degree in Business & Finance, from Prairieview A&M. L'il Juan is the son of Juan & Lela Clavon

and grandson of Clarence & Thelma Clavon of Detroit!
The GRADUATES (continued)

Kendrick K. Muldrow, Finished "historic" Wilson High in Florence. He will attend USC in Columbia, SC this fall! Ken is the grandson of Wilahmenia Clavon-Gabriel & great-great grandson of Jake & Icy Mae!

Dexter Perry, Mumford High School, in Detroit W/Honors. He will attend WMU in Kalamazoo, MI. this fall. Dexter is the son of Debra & Bruce Perry and the grandson of Ken & Shirley Moore!

Reginald Da'Quan Thomas, West Florence High. Will attend USC-Aiken, SC. Reggie is the grandson of Wilahmenia Clavon-Gabriel * the great-great grandson of the late Jake & Icy Mae Clavon!

Sharell Wilson, Sumter High, SC. Will attend Lander University in Greenwood, SC! She is the youngest daughter of Gail Wilson and the granddaughter of Betty Clavon-Dwyer! (Hello Shemeka)

Bruce C. Ford III, (aka) Beau graduated from Vandenberg Elementary in Redford, Mi and will begin David Ellis Academy this fall. Beau is the son of Bruce II & Denein. You'll never guess who his granddad is! ... TO THE GRADUATES: You have made the entire family proud and given everyone a reason to smile. Please keep up the good work and keep on going, once again CONGRATULATIONS!

Talking About '2011 Richmond Reunion?

In a recent report from Albertine (Brown) and the Reunion Committee, the job of planning continues. You'll be happy to know that the Reunion will be held in historic Williamsburg, Virginia. The next 'best' news is that the hard working committee negotiated a 40% discount, for hotel and motel accommodations!

The site is spectacular and Williamsburg holds the promise of a rare look into American history! A list of host hotels & motels will be shown in our next issue of the news, so you can make your reservations!

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A BIT' OF BLACK HISTORY
