



## Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr.

May 9, 1944 - May 12, 2018

WILKES, Jr., CLARENCE A., 74, of Teaneck formerly of NY, NY died peacefully on Saturday, May 12, 2018. Beloved partner of 30 years to Tina Motley. Loving father of Traci Wilkes Smith & her husband Charles H. Smith, III. Dear brother of Lynne King and the late Helen Harding (2013). Cherished grandfather of Zoe Evelyn Smith and Charles H. Smith, IV. Adored uncle of Karen Marable, Bryant King, Chris King, Kiel King, Ashley Marable, Courtney Marable and Jennifer King-Baurie.

Before retiring Clarence was the Director of Admissions at Lehman College, Bronx, NY. He was a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a member of the Unity Church of Christ, Maywood, NJ. Clarence was an alum of Wilberforce University, OH.

Friends and family will be received on Thursday, May 17th from 4-8 PM at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday promptly at 10:30 AM at the funeral home. Interment to follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Hastings-On-Hudson, NY. Donations may be made in Clarence's name to any local Veteran's Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

50 Jackson Ave (Jackson Ave at Saw Mill  
River Rd.),  
Hastings-On-Hudson, NY 10706, NY 10706  
(914) 478-1855  
<http://www.mounthopcecemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 17.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
(201) 836-0202  
[info@volkleber.com](mailto:info@volkleber.com)  
<https://www.volkleber.com>

## Service

**MAY 18.** 10:30 AM (ET)

Teaneck  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
(201) 836-0202  
[info@volkleber.com](mailto:info@volkleber.com)  
<https://www.volkleber.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr.*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Condolences to my youngest brother, from Kansas City, Missouri, Loretta Wilkes Sr. and Arnold Wilkes*

**Loretta Wilkes Sr.** - August 20, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *Clarence and I met at Wilberforce University on the first day I arrived in 1966. He approached me a week later and said "I am going to marry you", and he did. We were married for 14 years and celebrated the birth of our daughter Traci during that time. We have shared many family experiences for over 50 years including the births of our grandchildren. There are no words to express the loss. Clarence, may you rest in peace with all God's blessings.*

*Sandra*

**Sandra Wilkes** - June 01, 2018 at 06:51 PM

KJ

“A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again.” - Maya Angelou

*Rest in peace, Clarence. You will be missed.*

*Karlene Johnson*

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**KJ** - May 18, 2018 at 09:16 AM

JG

“Clarence / Red Wilkes was my first boyfriend and fellow classmate at Wilberforce University. Although we were both from Manhattan we lost contact after graduation. We reconnected a while later both as CUNY faculty in the Bronx. During our tenure he at Lehman college and I at Bronx community college we shared our love for the amazing CUNY students. My condolences go out to Traci, Tina, their family and friends. RIP dear friend.



*Joanettia E Grier 67*

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**Joanettia Grier** - May 17, 2018 at 09:03 PM

LE

“love always, Paul & Audrey Elsenhout purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr..



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**love always, Paul & Audrey Elsenhout** - May 17, 2018 at 06:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr..



May 17, 2018 at 05:32 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr..



May 17, 2018 at 09:06 AM



“ Deborah Buchanan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr..



**Deborah Buchanan** - May 17, 2018 at 08:30 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr..



May 17, 2018 at 08:15 AM

MP

“ As a faculty member and department chair, I had many opportunities to work with Clarence at Lehman College. He gained my highest respect and admiration. He was completely dedicated to the college and, most importantly, to our students. My deepest sympathies go to his family and friends.

*Manfred Philipp*

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**Manfred Philipp** - May 16, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr..



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May 16, 2018 at 10:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr..



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May 16, 2018 at 09:42 PM

NH

“ Nathaniel Hunter lit a candle in memory of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr.



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**Nathaniel Hunter** - May 16, 2018 at 10:00 AM

NH

“ Clarence was one of my dearest childhood friends. I always appreciated his good nature and flamboyant style. I saw a rainbow after the storm last night around 8 pm and felt a sense of peace that my brother was okay. RIP

Nathaniel Hunter - May 16, 2018 at 09:59 AM

CF

“ Charles Smith, Jr & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr..



Charles Smith, Jr & Family - May 16, 2018 at 09:52 AM

CG

“ To Clarence's family: I worked with Clarence all the years he was at Lehman College. He always assisted me as a faculty member and later in my role as the chairperson of the Department of Nursing. Clarence's priority was helping students. His work at Lehman College lives on.  
May God keep all of you in his prayers during this difficult time.  
C. Alicia Georges

catherine alicia georges - May 15, 2018 at 06:32 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr..



May 15, 2018 at 08:49 AM

LS

“ Love, Elaine, Lou and AJ Solomon purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr..



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**Love, Elaine, Lou and AJ Solomon** - May 14, 2018 at 10:48 PM

LV

“ Leon,Rosie,Julian. Chesapeake Virginia. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr..



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**Leon,Rosie,Julian. Chesapeake Virginia.** - May 14, 2018 at 03:57 PM

DB

“ Danielle Benya lit a candle in memory of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr.



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**Danielle Benya** - May 14, 2018 at 12:21 PM

DB

“ Clarence was my boss at Lehman College but more importantly my friend. He always looked out for me and treated with love and respect. I will miss him

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**Danielle Benya** - May 14, 2018 at 12:18 PM

MB

“ Marion and Elsa Brown purchased the With Distinction for the family of Clarence Arthur Wilkes Jr..



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**Marion and Elsa Brown** - May 14, 2018 at 09:21 AM

MB

“ Clarence was my dear friend through high school, college and life. I will remember him always.  
Marion Brown

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**Marion Brown** - May 14, 2018 at 08:24 AM

WH

“ I will never forget that laugh. Thank you for casting a shadow larger enough for me to walk behind. Bill Hill

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**William Hill** - May 13, 2018 at 02:08 PM

JM

*I had the good fortune to work with Clarence for many years at Lehman College. He always put students first. A person of great integrity and humanity. A great friend and colleague. His memory lives on forever. Te queremos mucho mi hermano.*

*Jose Magdaleno - Lehman College Student Affairs Division*

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**Jose Magdaleno** - May 17, 2018 at 02:15 PM