



Mr. Charles Collins Clemons

May 3, 1943 - April 9, 2026

Charles Collins Clemons was born May 3, 1943, in Greenville, NC. He was the youngest child of the late William and Bertha Clemons. Charles was a person who took his education seriously and loved sports.

In high school, he was inducted into the Honor Society and played basketball and baseball. After

he graduated, he continued his love of baseball and played with various community baseball teams.

Charles attended Bethel Union High School where he graduated in 1961. He continued his education

at Pitt Community College where he received his degree in Welding and Air Conditioning. In 1972, this degree led him to his job at ECU Health Medical

Center (formerly known as Pitt County Memorial Hospital). Charles' jobs consisted of fabrication, welding and construction and he was good at it! Dad took pride and pleasure in what he welded, built, or fixed. He enjoyed working on the Operating Room beds. One of his projects that he was most noted for, was a device he built for Dr. Chitwood, a cardiologist, to use

during his operations--and that is just ONE of his projects that he is mostly noted for. After 37 years

of serving others, he retired from ECU Health Medical Center where he had performed his jobs to perfection, never met a stranger and brighten

everyone's day with his contagious smile and humorous attitude. Charles

loved making people laugh, he would tell "clean" jokes and for a while, he was

invited to events to start off their celebration.

While working at the hospital, Charles completed another important assignment: his enlistment in the United States Army Reserves, where he entered as a Private in 1964 in the 398 Supply Company.

According to Captain Meeks, Private Clemons, later promoted to Platoon Sergeant where he served as a Platoon Sergeant for all four of the Company's platoons, attended four leadership development schools and served under eight Company Commanders where he never missed a drill. The most notable honor was given to Charles on September 26, 1988 where he received the highest company enlisted grade attainable – the rank of First Sergeant. First Sgt. Charles Clemons retired after 30 years of service.

In 1973, First Sgt. Clemons met the “love of his life”, Catherine Powell Clemons. They were married in 1978 and stayed married for 47 years. They had three beautiful children.

First Sgt. Clemons was a member of St. Monica Missionary Baptist Church in Grimesland, NC

under the leadership of Pastor Johnnie Neal Jr. First Sergeant Clemons served God with all his heart and soul and it was his honor to be over the “Sick Report” every Sunday and to assist in the beautification of God's Holy Temple. One of dad's most notable project was the creation and installation of the church bell on the church grounds.

One of First Sgt. Clemons' favorite lines was “If there is anything I can do for you, let me know” and

he departed his final years of church and community service on April 9, 2026 at The Service League of

Greenville Hospice House. He was preceded in death by his parents: William Augustus and

Bertha Mae Clemons. He leaves to cherish his memories, his beloved wife of 47 years, Catherine Powell Clemons of Stokes, NC; one sister, Mildred

Cormack of Greenville, NC; his children: Doris Clemons Hill (Isaiah), Jennettia Murphy Whitaker (Anthony) and Charles Tyrell Clemons (Wendy) all of Greenville, NC; his grandchildren: Denario Brown, Ashlei Edwards, Isaiah Hill Jr., Thomas Hill, Gary (Latoya), Tre' Stokes (Sophia), Jalanda Murphy, Tramorris Murphy, Andrell Murphy, Michelle Harper (Victor), Zion Whitaker, Tiara Clemons, and Camia Clemons; great-grandchildren: Rakeith, Laila, Cayden, Cameron, Gabrielle, Nazir, Wesley, Shaniah, Kayden, Grayson, Tre', Karter and Cameron; and a host of nieces, nephews and kin.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing/Visitation

APR 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Philippi Church Of Christ
3760 Philippi Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

Celebration of Life Service

APR 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

Philippi Church Of Christ
3760 Philippi Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons*



Cecily Sene - April 27 at 08:08 AM

MH

“ *I started working at PCMH in April of 1974. He was a good, good man. The best at what he did. To his loved ones, I am sorry for your loss. He is probably working on the pearly gates right now and Jesus is saying glad you finally got here, they have been broken for a while.*

Mickey Harris - April 26 at 01:31 PM

JS

“ *Jeff Savage lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons*



Jeff Savage - April 26 at 09:53 AM

CT

“ 1st Sergeant Clemmons was the finest First Sergeant I encountered in my 33 years of military service. He was not only a leader, but also a trusted mentor and a true friend. I will always remember his unwavering dedication to Soldiers and the profound impact he had on so many lives, including my own.



Because of his encouragement and mentorship, I proudly served 33 years in the Army Reserves. Even over the years, he remained a constant source of support—calling to check on other Soldiers and me from time to time, offering words of encouragement, and letting us know when there was a fallen Soldier.

He had a heart of gold and lived by his words: “If there is anything I can do for you, let me know.” His kindness, faith, and selflessness were evident in everything he did.

I will deeply miss his calls and his uplifting voice. May he rest in peace, and may his family find comfort in knowing that he was a true man of God and a cherished friend to many.

*Chief Warrant Officer 4
Cynthia Parker Thomas*

Cynthia Parker Thomas - April 26 at 09:25 AM

GM

“ Charles was an excellent friend. One who was always there for you and never complained about anything. He showed himself first as a Godly person-one who loved God, family and friends. Our friendship grew stronger over the 20 years we spent being a blessing to each other. We miss you Charles but find peace in knowing you are safe in God’s hands.
Garrie Moore

Garrie Moore - April 25 at 07:28 PM

TF

“ Charles Clemmons was a special friend. He was always kind, friendly, and dependable.
Charles attended the Pitt County Memorial Hospital retirement meetings whenever he was able, often accompanied by his lovely wife Catherine. We will miss his presence and his smile. May God give his family peace and comfort now and in the days ahead.

Tommy & Wanda Forrest - April 24 at 09:35 PM

DC

“ Our deepest condolences to you and family. We are so sorry for your loss.

David & Ruth Council - April 24 at 12:34 PM

DV

“ RIP 1st Sergeant Clemons. You were my Co Worker at the Hospital, my Leader in Desert Storm, and a personal friend in Life. You will be missed!!

David Vines - April 23 at 10:18 PM

GB

“ I have known Charles for a number of years, he been a friend to so many people, I used to ask him is there any one you don't know. The Boyd's and Catherine and Charles have been friends for many years. Charles you will be missed, continue to RIHP Gloria and Johnnie Boyd and family.

Gloria Jean Boyd - April 21 at 09:53 PM

JM

“ Sending my condolences to Mrs.Catherine, Sis. Doris Hill and to the rest of the sibilings and family. It was always a pleasure to see Mr. Clemons along with his wife out and about or at a church service. Mr. Clemons would always have a smile on his face and would talk about how good the LORD is. I am praying for the family for strength, comfort, and peace as you continue to trust in the Lord as you go through this difficult time.

Joe & Missy Tammy Murchison - April 21 at 02:07 PM

LS

“ Lossie Savage lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Lossie Savage - April 21 at 01:39 PM

AC

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family 🙏



ALONA CHANCE - April 21 at 12:12 PM

AC

“ Agnes Clemons sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Agnes Clemons - April 20 at 02:44 PM

WF

“ Charles,
-69 years plus as Classmates; Friendship;
Buddy; Pal; Military Comrades in Arms; Best
Friend; Selfmade Brothers and Finally
Brothers In Christ.



-May God Continue To Bless The Family above and Beyond Our
Family Condolences of Love and Support,

Bro Willie and Cora Andrews Family,
Fayetteville, NC

Willie and Cora Andrews Family - April 20 at 12:29 PM

SH

“ Sylvia Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Charles Collins Clemons



Sylvia Howard - April 20 at 09:21 AM

SC

“ Shirley Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Shirley Cox - April 18 at 04:02 PM

AB

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the Clemons family. Praying for strength as you endure days ahead. Charles was a very nice person always willing to help others. Aletha Britt



Aletha Britt - April 18 at 10:23 AM

JA

“ Sincere condolences to the family!



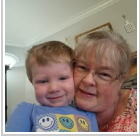
Jacquelyn and Lillie B. Adams-McClaud - April 17 at 06:32 PM

JB

“ Jackie Clemmons Bullock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Jackie Clemmons Bullock - April 17 at 06:26 PM



“ Tony and I always looked forward to seeing Mr. Clemons at the 398th Breakfast over the last several years. Everytime he'd see me; he'd tell me he had a "joke" to tell me - always LOVED hearing him tell his jokes; he'd always get tickled before he could get to the "punch-line". Such a SWEET, SWEET man; RIP in my dear friend. Prayers for the family.

Lori Dixon - April 17 at 05:59 PM

EC

“ Charles loved the game of baseball very much and hit his final HOMERUN on April 9, 2026. I believe the Heavenly Angels cheered him on.



Ernest B. Clemons - April 17 at 04:29 PM

EF

“ Condolences for the Clemons, Shepard, and associated families. May God comfort and strengthen us all. 🙏❤️



Ernest B. Clemons and Family - April 17 at 03:40 PM

EF

“ Cuz,
You served mankind and your country well.
Rest in heavenly peace from all your labor.
Thank you for all your services. 💜✝️❤️



Ernest B. Clemons and Family - April 17 at 03:34 PM

LC

“ *LaForis Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons*



LaForis Clark - April 17 at 12:38 PM

LC

“ *Louvenia Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons*



Louvenia Clemons - April 17 at 10:58 AM

JS

“ *To Doris and Family:*

I am sending my sincerest condolences to you and your family. You all are definitely in my thoughts and prayers. I worked many years with Mr.Charles at ECU Vidant Health aka Pitt Co Memorial Hospital. Mr. Charles was a very gentle giant who always had a smile on his face.



Juana Short

juana short - April 17 at 07:47 AM

DK

To Doris and Family,

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Charles. He was loved by so many of us at the hospital. Mr. Charles never met a stranger. He was always friendly with his signature smile. Take your rest my dear friend. You will be greatly missed. My condolences and prayers are with the family 🙏

Darlene King

Darlene King - April 18 at 12:37 PM

AH

“ Alton, Ella, and Amber Harris light a candle to honor the memory of 1st Sgt. Charles Clemons of the 398th Army Reserve Supply Unit. All of our families share beautiful memories through the years.



Alton Harris - April 16 at 08:23 PM

BW

“ Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Ben Wooten - April 16 at 08:13 PM

JK

“ My prayers and condolences to the family Charles was a good man and a great husband and father He will definitely be missed I'm sending my prayers and love to you Catherine ❤️🙏🙏🙏



Joyce Pollard Kornegay - April 16 at 07:47 PM

LB

“ *What a nice man he was. He will be missed.* ”



Linda Bakers - April 16 at 07:27 PM

BD

“ *Just a great guy Pitt County will miss this Man RIP* ”

Byron D.Tyson - April 16 at 04:31 PM

BD

“ *Byron D. Tyson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons* ”



Byron D.Tyson - April 16 at 04:29 PM

CH

“ *Carolyn Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons* ”



Carolyn Harrell - April 16 at 11:08 AM

GA

“ Rest Well You Will Be Missed 🕊️🕊️🕊️



Gwen Andrews - April 16 at 08:45 AM

DC

“ Papa Clemons, your love lives on in every conversation we shared, every smile you gave, and every warm hug that made everything feel okay.

Your presence will always be felt, your lessons will never be forgotten, and your spirit will continue to guide us. Autumn and I will miss you deeply, but we will carry you with us in our hearts forever.

Dereka Crandol - April 16 at 07:08 AM

SS

“ Pastor Frank and Sheila Swinson

Lite a candle for our sweet cousin Charles clemons. You will be miss.



Sheila Shepard Swinson - April 16 at 01:41 AM

CH

“ Charles Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Charles Howard - April 15 at 03:07 PM

CF

“ *Charles Howard And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons*



Charles Howard and Family - April 15 at 03:06 PM

CR

“ *Cleveland And Denise Rountree-Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons*



Cleveland and Denise Rountree-Moore - April 15 at 03:05 PM

WA

“ *Willie And Mary Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons*



Willie and Mary Andrews - April 14 at 11:16 PM

EG

“ *Ella Grimes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons*



Ella Grimes - April 14 at 10:15 PM

CL

“ Doris continued prayers to you and the family

Conchita Lawhorn



Conchita M Lawhorn - April 14 at 09:05 PM

CC

“ Carlton Clemons sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Carlton Clemons - April 14 at 07:51 PM

TF

“ Teresa Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Charles Collins Clemons



Teresa Fleming - April 14 at 06:36 PM

BP

“ Brenda Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Charles Collins Clemons



Brenda Purvis - April 14 at 06:16 PM

JB

“ Praying God comfort and strength for the Clemons family. Mr Charles will be greatly miss I always enjoyed the small talk whenever we met asking about the family. ❤️

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Julie Bunn - April 14 at 05:34 PM

JW

“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Clemons, he was a thoughtful and kind hearted man that will be missed by many but never forgotten. Praying peace, comfort and strength today and the days ahead.

James and Evangeline Wilson



James Wilson - April 14 at 05:26 PM

ML

“ Our deepest condolences goes out to the family of Mr. Charles Clemons, Praying for peace and strength during this time of sorrow. God be with you at this time and the time to come 🙏🙏😊



Mildred and William Little - April 14 at 05:02 PM

VP

“ Vernestine Clemons Paige lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Vernestine Clemons Paige - April 14 at 04:33 PM

ZB

“ Zachary Bunns sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Zachary Bunns - April 14 at 10:32 AM

DP

“ We are sorry for your loss of your loved one, Charles Collins Clemons, we will be praying for you as God will give you the strength to carry on in a time like this, ok.

Derrick Perkins - April 14 at 09:36 AM

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Cecily Sene - April 13 at 11:08 PM



“ Joseph & Peggy Slade sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Joseph & Peggy Slade - April 13 at 07:35 PM

CW

“ *What a great man Charles was. A good friend, and man who loved the Lord and his family.*

Charles Winstead - April 13 at 06:22 PM

LM

“ *Linda and James Mclawhorn send their sincere condolences to the family..*

Linda Mclawhorn - April 13 at 05:25 PM

DC

“ *Sending condolences, sympathy and prayers to our family.... May God strengthen and keep us uplifted at this time of grief. 🙏💕*



Dorothy Clemons - April 13 at 05:17 PM

ST

“ *Kat, Tyrell and the family. Our condolences and prayers to you both and the family. Shelia Yarrell Taylor and family*

Shelia Taylor - April 13 at 05:12 PM

FW

“ *Frances Warren sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons*



Frances Warren - April 13 at 04:40 PM

JF

“ You have my prayers and condolences.



Joyce Daniels & Family - April 13 at 04:29 PM

EF

“ Our condolences and prayers to you, Family.
Eddie & Faye Chance



Eddie and Faye - April 13 at 01:30 PM

DB

“ GRACE BE UPON YOU ALL

Donnie Brown - April 13 at 12:12 PM

PL

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you. May
Grace and Peace be upon you.



Pam Little - April 13 at 11:08 AM

GD

“ *Gloria Evans Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons*



Gloria Evans Dixon - April 13 at 11:05 AM

PD

“ *Peggy Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons*



Peggy Daniels - April 12 at 08:45 PM

WC

“ *Walter And Mildred Council lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons*



Walter and Mildred Council - April 12 at 07:12 AM

VM

“ *So sorry for your loss,we prayed hard for his recovery,but God had other plans and he knows best.We will also miss the best neighbor anyone could ever have in this world! We are praying for the family that God will comfort you and keep you in his loving arms!We are looking forward to being neighbors with Charles once again in heaven!*

Vernon Morris - April 12 at 07:12 AM

A1

“ Annias Moore Family - Code 19 lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Annias Moore Family - Code 19 - April 11 at 05:38 PM

RB

“ To Katherine, Tyrell....my family...I am so sorry for your loss. Charles was always smiling and going out of his way to help others... One thing I know is...He truly loved his family. I will be lifting you up in my prayers. MAY GOD continue to comfort and keep you during this time and always...🙏❤️ BLESSINGS

Rena Bunns - April 11 at 03:21 PM

JM

“ Johnny L Moye And Pricilla Moye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Johnny L Moye and Pricilla Moye - April 11 at 02:54 PM

EH

“ My Deepest Sympathy Are With The Family 🙏



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - April 11 at 09:35 AM

HD

“ Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Collins Clemons



Hazel Brown Davis - April 11 at 03:59 AM

CC

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations - April 10 at 01:38 PM

BR

So sorry to hear about Charles. Condolences to your family.

Barbara Rodgers - April 10 at 07:02 PM

CL

Continued prayers to the family,

Conchita M Lawhorn - April 12 at 05:18 PM

PW

Sorry for your loss, may God keep his loving arm around you and the family.

Pastor Delores Wilson - April 13 at 12:28 PM

VP

So sorry for your loss. Charles was closer to my Brother Willie L. Andrews than his natural brother ever since Stokes Elementary School and thru high school at BUHS. I know that he will be truly missed.

Victoria Highsmith Porter - April 13 at 02:25 PM

DB

My condolences 🙏 to the Clemson family i meet Mr.Clemson in the 70th, and played baseball with him for several years great days and time in our lives. Mr Daniel Lee Blount Jr the Photographer 📷

Dainel Blount - April 16 at 07:35 PM

JF

*We Are Family of Warren Moore who share in your sorrow at this time. May the link that has been broken remain connected in the family hearts. Dear Cousin
Charles always had a smile and joke to share. Now may days ahead be comforted with pleasant memories and joyful hearts. May he rest in peace until we all meet again. Be blessed the entire family.*

Jill Ebron & Family - April 18 at 08:41 PM

PG

My prayers are with Cat & the family during this time and may God give you strength today and for days to come. Patricia

Patricia Gibbs - April 21 at 08:24 PM