



## David Alexander Klass

June 3, 1932 - September 2, 2021

David Klass of 2550 Cover Lane North Port, FL departed this earth on a rainy Thursday morning on the 2nd of September 2021 at approximately 10:00am.

He was born on 3rd June 1932 in a small town called Jonestown Mahaica, in the country of Guyana, South America to the late parents, Dorehis (Dolly) Roberts-Klass and Joseph Alexander Klass.

David was the husband of the late Rubena Elaine Gill-Klass (1938-1998). He was the brother of the late Edna Klass Barnes, the late Bernice Letitia Klass, the late Basil Klass, and the late Alberta Klass-King.

He is survived by two siblings, Olga Ramsey Casey and Vernon Klass. He was the father of Colin Klass, Sharon Klass and Marlene Karlin. Grandfather of Codeen Jamella Klass-Brown/Randy Brown, Justine Rubena Klass, Sophia Janine Klass/Fraser, Alexander Omar Klass-James, Sydney Karlin and Colin Daniel Klass. Great Grandfather of Chadae Somaya Harvey, Randi Olivia Brown, Jaylen Gouvia, Cody William Brown, and Sekani Daniel Klass Brother-in-law of Lynette Alexander and many others deceased Father-in-law of Lenox James, Todd Karlin and Myrtle Klass Uncle of Avril Gill, Desmond Gravesande, Linden Kling, Karen Casey, Lansford Klass, Donna Gill, Evette Gill, Michelle Bennett and many others. He was the nephew, cousin and relative of the Lynche, Bruster, Harris, Roberts, Walters, Moffeth, McPherson,

Semple, Greaves, McCurdy, Jackson, Nagamottoo, Klass from Florida, Texas, Berbice, Canada, London, France, and many more.

Our dad was a great provider for his family and anyone who needed his help. He came from humble beginnings, but a rich culture filled with knowledge of numerous trades, including carpentry, electrician and tailoring which was evident in the way he was always smartly dressed. In his earlier career, he worked as a miner with friends, mining for gold and diamond and subsequently was employed with The Ministry of Guyana Geology and Mines.

David migrated to the USA where he continued to expand his academic knowledge by acquiring his High School Diploma equivalency and began a new career with the Board of Education of the city of New York School Safety division. For 20 years, dad exemplified the greatest form of work ethics. He never took a sick day or reported late for work, retiring from The New York State Police Department in 2007.

Our dad enjoyed listening and playing all genre of music, but his most enjoyable time was playing jazz and blues music for dancing the waltz and of course his instrumentals. On Sundays some of his favorites were Ace Cannon, Tom Jones, Otis Redding and many more.

He NEVER stopped being a husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, cousin or friend. He demanded respect and he gave the utmost respect. He held his head high and maintained his dignity, even in his illness. He never allowed anyone to take that away from him.

WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO GIVE BACK WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US. But We are thankful to God for every second of every minute of every hour that we were able to have our dad, Mr. David Alexander Klass, here in our presence. His legacy will live on in us, his uncompromising and unapologetic

display of unwavering strength to defend his family in truth and grace. He was a force to be reckoned with. In our culture we all knew that 'he didn't play, and you had better have your ducks in a row before you approached him'. In all of that he was a very loving, and funny person, who loved to cook. (When he made a joke, you had to check to see if he was serious or joking...)

Our dad was a very private person and thus we are going to honor his name and have a small viewing and service at Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory, Ewing Chapel, 140 East Venice Avenue, Venice, FL 34285, on Friday September 10th, 2021, at 6-8pm.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Ewing Chapel

140 E. Venice Ave

Venice, FL 34285

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# Tribute Wall

DA

“ Sending our love and prayers of strength and comfort to the entire family. Uncle David will be missed. Love King Family.

Dian Alphonso - September 10, 2021 at 12:39 PM

DO

“ Our prayers are with you Colin, Sharon, Marlene, Alexander and the rest of the family. Dad fought a good fight, now it's time to rest. It's never easy to accept the passing of a loved one, but when you know him not only personally, but watch him fulfill God's purpose for his life, you can agree with him, "it is well with my soul". May God grant you the strength to carry on his legacy of love, something that was shared with all of you and all he encountered on his journey of life. May he Rest in God's Eternal Peace. ❤️🕊️🙏



Donna, Dwayne and the family.

Donna - September 10, 2021 at 07:49 AM

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Our condolences to you Sharon and the rest of the family on the transitioning to Glory of you Dad where God has prepared a place for him. Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning. God will give you beauty for ashes and the oil of joy for your mourning. He has run the race, now is time to rest in The Father's arms. Stay strong and wear a smile every time you remember the good times with him. May the Peace of God be always with you. 🌹🌸  
Sandra Marilyn and the Walters & Egbeto families.

Sandra M Walters (Rock) - September 10, 2021 at 08:22 AM

AL

“ *Mr Klass was like a grandfather to me from my Guyana days to my days here in the States. I remember his sternness, his wise words, his quite movements that presented a commanding presence when he was in the room. My weekends in NYC and also my times in Florida spending in the Klass household with Gramps was always amazing. Sharon, Colin, Marlene, Alexander and the extended family I send prayers to you all. Thank you for sharing him with us. Love always Alexis and Alyssa.* 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️

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**Alexis** - September 10, 2021 at 04:06 AM

LJ

“ *Mr David Alexander Klass has always been a beacon of light that shine brightly . He always greet you with a warm smile. I remember as a child during the early 1960's Mr. Klass was always well dressed and as he passed by he would always greet us , while we were playing around his home. My home was at 470 West Ruimveldt in Guyana . In those days he was a security officer. To his children Colin, Sharon and Marlene , the Jordan family express our deepest sympathy. Your father good legacy will for ever live on through. The good memories will always be there to comfort you. Let us all celebrate his birth into eternity.*

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**linden Paul Jordan** - September 08, 2021 at 06:19 PM

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*My prayers are with you and your Family may his soul rest in peace and his wonderful memories live on in every one who was touched by your dad Sharon.*

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**Delnique** - September 10, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Alexander Klass.*



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September 08, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ *Hi Sharon, Marlene and Colin. I remember David Klass as a man whose presence command discipline and order even though he uttered few words his stern look commanded a conduct of orderliness and respect. His house at 472 West Ruimveldt in Guyana was our liming headquarters and as teenagers he would observe us and never hesitate to correct and guide our behavior as a responsible parent to us all. I have never known him to execute corporal punishment to any of his children (on reflection he should have to at least one of them) yet he was respected by all . A very hard working man that loved his family. I will never forget him giving me the largest English potatoes that was grown in Guyana it was the size of a medium size bread fruit and that was around the time when all Guyana was encouraged to eat locally grown food. When we were preparing for GCE his house was the place we studied and one night he came downstairs and questioned me as to why was I looking through the 45's (small records like CD's today) and not helping Colin who was making a map of Trinidad or Barbados I had an answer but it would have put me in hot water so I humbly pretended to help. He liked to see usefulness. I will miss him . David Klass left a legacy.*

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**Gavin Stephens-Horsham** - September 07, 2021 at 07:49 PM

LJ

*Mr David Klass was a gentle giant in his character. Stern but still gentle. As a child living at 470 West Ruimveldt in the early 1960's my family and the Klass family shared many good times. My dad and Mr.Klass were work mates during those early years. Despite the fact that life journey took them in different directions, The good memories always remain. In his children his legacy will live on as the emulate and display, the qualities and values they learned from their dad. The entire Jordan family express our sympathy to Colin , Sharon and Marlene and all others in their extended family. Linden Paul Jordan.*

**linden Paul Jordan** - September 08, 2021 at 02:12 PM

SK

*Thank you very much. 🙏💎💎💎📖*

**Sharon Klass(daughter)** - September 08, 2021 at 02:25 PM



*“ To my dear Sisters Marlene, Sharon and brother Colin I mourn with you and my prayers is that you all find strength in the lord to carry daddy's flag of honour for all the world to see . David Alexander klass lived a remarkable life .*

**Gavin Stephens-Horsham** - September 07, 2021 at 07:46 PM

SK

*Thank you 🙏 we did receive a rich upbringing with love n discipline*

**Sharon Klass(daughter)** - September 08, 2021 at 02:27 PM



*“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Alexander Klass.*



September 07, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Alexander Klass.*



September 07, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ *Father God, I lift up my cousins who are mourning the loss of their father. I ask that You would bring them comfort in the midst of this life-shaking event. Thank You for Your promise to walk with and even carry them as they travels through the darkness of grief. Let them not be overcome with sadness, as those who have no hope, but to be strengthened by an awareness of Your presence. Thank You for being God of all comfort, the One who holds us in Your hands. It says in Your word that one day there will be no more death. But for now, I praise You for holding my cousins close and giving them peace, comfort, encouragement and rest. We pray in the Strong Name of Jesus....Amen...Love Philip*

**Philip Klass** - September 07, 2021 at 03:57 PM



*Thank you my beloved cousin. We rejoice in God's love and are comforted knowing that our dad is at peace. Family is everything!! 🙏🙏*

**Sharon Klass(daughter)** - September 07, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Alexander Klass.*



September 07, 2021 at 02:51 PM

DC

“ I remember seeing him walking every day to exercise.

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**Dr Marcia Rubena Collins** - September 07, 2021 at 02:30 PM

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He loved to walk n had more energy than me ☐. You guys were there with us from the beginning of our move to GL. We appreciate you 🙏🙏

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**Sharon Klass(daughter)** - September 07, 2021 at 03:05 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Klass family.  
Grandpa is now in a better place resting.  
My prayers are with you.

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**Somia Owen** - September 07, 2021 at 11:57 AM

SK

Thank you my dear. You know we travelled everywhere together .☐☐

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**Sharon Klass(daughter)** - September 07, 2021 at 04:35 PM