

Expression of Condolence for Clyde Henderson Clarke by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor Neethan Shan

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Clyde Henderson Clarke.

Clyde was a devoted man of faith, family, and service, who dedicated decades to psychiatric nursing work in Toronto, England, and Barbados. A family man at heart, Clyde was a devoted husband to Carmen, and loving father to Ricardo (Clydie), Cecil Henderson Clarke, and Nadia Marquita Henderson Clarke (Pereira).

Growing up in Barbados, Clyde swam like a fish in the ocean, enjoyed hitting 6's at cricket, played tennis, and developed a love for music and the theatre. Clyde trained as a nurse and his studies brought him to England before he and his family moved to Toronto in the late 1960s. Settling in Scarborough's Rouge Park neighbourhood, Clyde continued to work as a psychiatric nurse at Queen Street Mental Hospital (now CAMH) until he retired.

In Canada, Clyde became known for bringing family members from Barbados to Canada, providing shelter until they established themselves. He was always willing to offer a helping hand, help financially, or open his home as a place of refuge; never expecting anything in return. Clyde had a strong voice, was passionate, insightful, and well versed on many topics from politics, current events, to religion. It was this depth of his knowledge, insight and passion that enabled him to be such a strong ally and support system to so many.

Clyde's home was often filled with music, laughter, great food and fun; especially around the holidays. After Clyde retired he spent much of his time reading the bible, gardening, phoning friends and family; and especially, doing what ever he could to help with his children Cecil and Nadia, his son-in-law Sherman, and his three beloved grandchildren Darius, Tiana and Juliana. Above all, Clyde mostly enjoyed and cherished spending time with his wife Carmen watching their favourite programs.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Clyde's family.

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