



## Claude James Triplett

July 7, 1929 - May 17, 2022

To follow Mr. Triplett's request, there will be no traditional funeral service, but there will be a "Toast in Remembrance of Claude J. Triplett," Saturday, July 9, 2022, 2:00-5:00pm at his former residence, 15801 Providence Drive, #8E, Southfield, MI 48075. All are welcome.

In Loving Memory of:

Claude James Triplett (affectionately known as CJ III) was born on July 7, 1929, in the Minnieville community located near Woodbridge, Virginia to John Weaver Triplett and Anita Virginia Thomas. He was the third child and oldest son of seven children. The family lived in Alexandria, Virginia, where he graduated from Parker Gray High School.

After high school, he served in the Army's 7th Military Police Company in the Second Army Area during the Korean Conflict. He received an Honorable Discharge as a Service Disabled Veteran and was decorated with the Korean and United Nation Meritorious Service Medals.

Recognizing the importance of education and taking advantage of the GI bill, he enrolled in West Virginia State College and earned a B.S. in Industrial Arts Education. Upon graduation he and his college sweetheart Marie Catheryn White married and moved to Detroit to start their teaching careers.

Claude continued his education at Wayne State University, earning a M.E. in

Vocational Administration and Ed. Sp. in Administration Supervision. His many assignments included Assistant Principal and Principal at Condon Jr. High School, Principal at Chadsey High School, and Director of Golightly Technical Center and Randolph Technical Center. He had a reputation of “taking no nonsense” and mentored countless students, guiding them toward vocational careers in the industrial arts.

During his career he served on the executive board of OSAS and board of directors of the Black United Fund; was a member of the Urban League, Inc. and Phi Delta Kappa, and advisory member of the Detroit Sex Equity Project. He was named Outstanding Vocational Administrator by VICA and Outstanding Vocational Educator by MDEA.

Known to his family and friends for his commanding and loving presence, Claude was a spirited, gregarious, and fun-loving host to those who were fortunate enough to be his friend. He enjoyed traveling, especially to Florida and the Caribbean, and realized a lifelong goal of visiting all fifty states.

Claude passed away peacefully on May 17, 2022, at Angela Hospice Care Center. He is preceded in death by his daughter Teresa (Terri) Marie Triplett, brothers Albert Triplett, John Triplett, and Oswald Triplett and sister Jennie Triplett Harris. He leaves to cherish his memory: longtime partner and devoted caregiver Barbara Swann; his sisters Phyllis Bickham and Jean Kennedy; children Claudia Dion Triplett DeBose (Andre), and Rodney Smith; and grandsons Brenden Joseph DeBose and Elliott Claude DeBose, cousins, nieces, nephews, and a bevy of beloved extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Joseph’s Catholic Church (c/o Rev. Donald Fest, SSJ) 711 North Columbus Street, Alexandria, VA 22314) or Angela Hospice (14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154) [angelahospice.org](http://angelahospice.org) in memory of Claude J. Triplett.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington , VA

# Previous Events

## A Toast In Remembrance

JUL 9. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Claude J. Triplett's former home  
15801 Providence Drive  
Unit 8E  
Southfield, MI 48075

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



May 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM



*MY FRIEND AND FUNNY AS HELL. I MISS MY BUDDY.ROD TUREAUD*

**RODNEY C TUREAUD** - July 10, 2024 at 11:13 PM



“ *Claude James Triplett*

May 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *Claude James Triplett*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Claude James Triplett*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



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June 28, 2022 at 10:09 PM



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**Lynn M. White Long** - June 28, 2022 at 10:01 AM



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“ *Claudia DeBose is following this tribute.*

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“ *2 files added to the album Condon Staff reunion 9/8/2012*



Patricia Gold - May 29, 2022 at 09:44 AM



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Patricia Gold (Rasmussen back then) - May 27, 2022 at 08:32 PM



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Debra White-Hunt - May 23, 2022 at 10:05 AM



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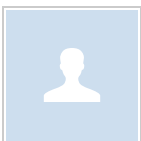


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**Paula Bickham** - May 19, 2022 at 12:09 PM



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**Elwood Collins** - May 18, 2022 at 06:32 PM

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*C. Sumeghy*

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**Clara Sumeghy** - May 18, 2022 at 05:12 PM

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*Deepest condolences to his family and friends.*

*Debra DeBose*

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**Debra DeBose** - May 18, 2022 at 11:41 AM



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - May 18, 2022 at 09:41 AM

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**Donald milledgejr** - May 18, 2022 at 05:49 PM



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