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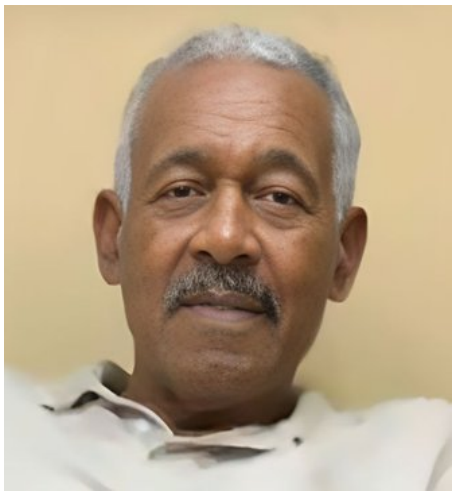

Clarence Jones Francis

March 18, 1945 - March 25, 2026

Clarence Jones Francis, 81, of Morganton, NC passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

Born in McDowell County, Nc on March 18, 1945, he was the son of the late Jesse Young Francis, Sr. and Katie Ben Thomas Francis.

Clarence was raised in the Baptist faith. He owned and operated Francis Salvage for 50 years.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughter, Taunia M. Francis; grandson, Maurtice D. Francis; granddaughter, Tatiana L. Francis; sister, Ola F. Caldwell (Robert); brothers, Charles L. Francis and H. Leon Francis; sisters-in-law, Mary A. Francis and Virginia C. Francis; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and friends.

In addition to his parents, Clarence was preceded in death by his son, Chance D. Clemmons Francis; brothers, Joseph W. Francis, Robert G. Francis, Jesse Y. Francis, Jr., and Otis F. Francis; sisters, Mary Sue Francis, Lillian F. Walker, and Maxine F. Rutherford; and nephews, C. Lamar Francis and Bobby G. Rutherford; niece, Donna F. Bristol.

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The family will receive friends starting at noon, Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Tommy Carpenter officiating. The funeral will be streamed on the funeral home's YouTube channel. The graveside service will follow at Park Hill Memorial Gardens.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Condolences to the Family.

–Nora Hardy



One of the finest humans I've ever met. REST IN JESUS Bro. Clarence.

–Greg Means

Condolences

–DELORIS A JOHNSON

Rest in peace old friend. I will miss you. I'm sorry for your loss but I'm happy you are with Jesus rejoicing forevermore. Rest well my friend. You deserve it. Love you my friend.

–Cecil Robinson

I called you Uncle, you didn’t say not too Weeping may endure for a night,but joy cometh in the morning Psalms 30:5

—Gracie Fullwood

Condolences to the family, may you find The Peace of the FATHER knowing he is at eternal REST in HIS ARMS

—Carolyn K. FLEMING



Sorry for your loss. He was a good man. He will be missed.

—Monica Mintz Bill Mintz



—Jimmy Powell



Blessings to all the family. With love Vernice Francis The late Hillard Francis daughter

—Vernice Fra M cus



Rest in Peace my friend you be truly missed

—Suzanne PippinsLipscomb

–Tammy R Benfield

He was a good friend to Manny of people he was always there to when needed he will be missed by rip prayers for the family

–Terry Whisenant



Heartbroken at the transition of Clarence J. Francis. He was such a good friend to most of all my family, my brother, son, and grandsons! He was a quiet man and had an even quieter laugh but such a good person all around. The last time that I got to speak to him at the hospital, he was just as humble, sweet and with that same quiet laugh/smile. that I came to love and respect. To the Francis family I offer my deepest, sincere condolences, and pray that GOD will give you all strength to get through these coming days, weeks, months and years without Clarence presence. Ruth Roseboro

–Ruth Roseboro

My Condolences to Clarence's family! I grew up right up the hill from him. My daddy was a regular visitor to Clarences house! I was often with him! Im so sorry for your loss. He was quiet and a wonderful man! Donnie

–LaDonya Edwards

Clearance was a dear friend and loved by many. A great help to the community in more ways than one fixing cars etc. He will be missed. Rest from your labor friend and ill see you again one day in heaven,when we will live forever prayers

–Evangelist Daniel Corpening



Clearance was a great man God took one of the best .. ..

–Shannon bell



My thoughts and prayers to the Francis family. You have my condolences on the passing of Clarence. In my younger days we had many good conversations and always greeted each other with a hug. He always lovingly called me cuz. He will be missed.

–Belinda Vinson

My most sincere condolences to the Francis family. May God bless each of you during this difficult time in your lives with strength, comfort and peace.

–Diann Thomas Tate

He was a good man he'll always be missed I loved him dearly

–George L Ware



RIP Clarence, you will be missed here on earth. Thanks for all the help and wisdom you shared with me over the years.

–Zane Garrison

Sorry for your loss , Clarence was a great friend.

–Ray Roland

R.I.P. Clarence. Prayers for you Leon Ola and the test of the family

–Tammi D Nichols



going up for family I’m so sorry for loss

–Andrea robinson



My condolences and prayers to Taunia and her family. Love y’all

–Kim Lipscomb



Our deep felt condolences on the passage of yet another loved family member. Clarence was not only family, he was a part of Glen Alpine history. his auto repair business fostered many shade tree mechanic aspirations in the generations of boys that sought to follow in his foot steps and learned at his proverbial knee. He was a reliable and affordable resource to a community that was in need. He will be long remembered and sorely missed by all that had the privilege of coming in contact with his big heart and capable hands. RIP

–Christopher J Ware and Family

To the Francis family our thoughts and prayers are with you during this part of your life's journey. May you feel the loving arms of the Lord around you. May his blessings continue to rain down on the family

–Herbert and Jackie McDowell



Our condolences to the family!!

–Michael and Vicki Paige (daughter of the late Lillie Mae Davis)

God is good, even though we never met. I was down there this year for the family reunion. My heart felt condolences to you and the family earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal, resting heaven family God bless.

–Allen Snodgrass



RIP Margaret TATE

–Margaret Tate

My condolences to family he has always been a good man when I was growing up we lived next door and me and his daughter was like best friends we always stayed together as a whole family I love you Taunia I know this so hard but God is in control sweetie if you need me I'm here.

–Trevia Lipscomb

My condolences to the family. R.I.P Mr. Uncle Clarence

–Jerri Pettiford



Love and prayers to the family as a whole. I'm truly sorry for your loss.

–Christina

I’m so sorry for the loss of your father my prayers and condolences to you and your family. I’m here if you need a shoulder to cry on!

–Corie Miller



Prayers for my cuzn and the family

–Sabrina Dishman

My most Heartfelt & Sincere Condolences to Taunia and all other family members. Please know my Prayers and Thoughts are with you all at this time. RIH Clarence .

–Linda Tilson





RIP going to be missed love you

–Juanita Rutherford