



Roderick Clay

March 2, 1971 - October 20, 2025

Obituary

Roderick Lee Clay, 54 was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, October 20, 2025. He was born to the late Timothy McCollins, of Louisville, Kentucky. and Helen Clay James of Lexington, Kentucky.

Roderick was raised here in Lexington in the Fayette County Public School System, then acquired his GED, He began working odd jobs and spent most of his time at Hartland Health Care as a member of the dietary Department.

He accepted Christ Jesus as his personal Savior and was baptized into the membership of the Little Zion Baptist Church at Avon. Those who truly knew Roderick can attest to his Love of Basketball, Football, and his steadfast love for his family alone with determination for anything he set his mind too.

He was proceeded in Death by his Grandparents; Ben W, and Dorothy E. Clay, Step- Father; Alfonzo James, Uncle Charles H. Jackson Sr. Grandson Zyaire Waide. Cousin; Damarcus (Wootini) Clay

He leaves to cherish his cherish his memory, his mother; Helen Clay James, five loving children; Shanece M. Carter, Raymon A. Carter, DaJour T. Bond, Jalen L, (Alize) Smith, and Roderick L, Clay Jr. Cherished Step-Children; Bryce A, Carter, Jordan L, Smith, Breona R. Givens all of Lexington A Host of Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren that are too numerous to mention. a Faithful Uncle; Ben (Carolyn) Clay, a Doating Aunt Dorothy Jackson, A Special Steadfast God Sister Carita Webb, Special Cousins and Friends who were like who he could call on at any time ; Walktoria L Smith (Elder Gregory L.) Parks, Balinda Matthews, James L. (Lil Cuddy) Bobbit, James (BO) Parks, Vincent Clay, Phillip Bates, Leroy (LeeLee) Jackson, Tim Gentry, and Eric Gentry all of Lexington, Kentucky. He will be loved and missed by all who knew him.

Previous Events

A celebration of life memorial

NOV 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Smith and Smith Funeral Home

340 East Third Street

Lexington, KY 40508

(859) 255-6273

<https://www.smithandsmithfuneralhome.com>

Visitation 12 noon until 1 00 pm Saturday November 8th at Smith & Smith Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roderick Clay.



November 06, 2025 at 07:35 AM

LC

“ Little Zion Avon Baptist Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roderick Clay.

Little Zion Avon Baptist Church - November 06, 2025 at 07:35 AM

PB

“ Praying for the family love you all

Portia Burgess - November 02, 2025 at 06:56 AM

RJ

“ A beautiful man taken care too soon. I'll never forget how u always picked on me. U were an amazing person. David and I aren't gonna say goodbye because goodbyes aren't forever, goodbyes are not the end. They simple mean we'll miss u until we meet again. So, fly high RaRa and rest ez. We are gonna miss u and we love ya!



Robin & David Jacksin - October 30, 2025 at 07:52 PM

NS

“ My condolences to the family and R.I.H.P FLY HIGH YOUNG MAN

Natalie Shearer - October 29, 2025 at 09:59 AM

TS

“ Love you always Rara gonna miss you Brother,rest in power Brother Thanks for all of the Good times that we shared together when we were young, you got those wings now so Fly High,until we meet again and we mostly definitely will one Day,love you always Tupac Malik Shakur

Tupac Shakur - October 29, 2025 at 06:28 AM

AW

“ Roderick had the upmost respect for anyone he meet I love him always called me Aunt Anna I will always miss him #R.I.P. Roderick Clay

Anna Webb - October 28, 2025 at 05:11 PM

PB

“ Praying for the family love you all Helen love you

Portia Burgess - October 28, 2025 at 12:40 PM

SJ

“ I don't have social media cuddy but this was the last place I wanted to say my goodbyes. I don't like funerals so I hope this reaches you. I love you and thank you for the best cousin I could ask for Shanice. That my boo. Kiss my uncle Henny for me and tell him I kinda miss eating rabbits lol. Nanny and Aunt Betty, Aunt Juanita and aunt Tammi will be glad to see you too. Love Rell.



Sherrill Johnson - October 28, 2025 at 11:47 AM

FT

I've known you for many years and I have always loved you.I can hear you saying Mother what you cook today.Helen my heart bleeds out for you,One thing I know too be true is how much you loved this young man here.But you rest now in your Father's arm's.Love you much. ..Miss Fraser Thurman Walker AKA Mother..

Fraser Thurman - October 30, 2025 at 11:49 AM

EB

To the Clay family may the God of comfort bring comfort to each of you at this time.

Elizabeth Berrios - November 05, 2025 at 11:46 AM