



## Clark Collier Sturdivant

January 4, 1958 - July 17, 2019

Clark Collier Sturdivant died peacefully in his home, surrounded by his loving family, on July 17, 2019, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Clark, age 61, was born on January 4, 1958, at Piedmont Hospital, in Atlanta, Georgia, to the late Lewis "Bud" and Tanya Bowles Sturdivant. He graduated Cum Laude from the University of Mississippi, with a degree in Business Administration, and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. He enjoyed a very respected and successful career as Vice President of Sales for National Tobacco Company, having recently been honored with a Career Achievement Award by the Southern Association of Wholesale Distributors. Clark was a life-long supporter of Ole Miss Academics, a member of the Ole Miss Alumni Association and he continued to support and mentor his Fraternity. He was a devoted member of Ripley First United Methodist Church, and sang in the choir for many years. He philanthropically supported numerous charities and was especially committed to his four-legged children and any efforts to protect animals.

Clark loved music and was a student of music theory and history. He was in a band at Ole Miss that provided entertainment across Fraternity Row and the City of Oxford. He took every opportunity to play music with all his Mississippi and Alabama friends whenever they could get together. He was an avid collector of classic and eclectic guitars. When he knew his death was

imminent, Clark gave away many of those treasures to special friends who shared his love of music.

Clark is survived by his wife of 30 years, and college sweetheart, Kathy Hardin Sturdivant; a devoted sister, Carla S. Clements of Atlanta, Georgia; and his favorite brother-in-law Rob Hardin (Raquel) of Ripley, Mississippi. He was a role model and mentor to his three nephews and one niece, Colton L. Clements of Roswell, Georgia, Hunter Hardin of Ripley, Mississippi, Joshua Hardin of New Albany, Mississippi and Anna Grace Hardin of Ripley, Mississippi, all of whom he loved and adored.

Clark will be remembered in a beautiful service at McBride Funeral Home in Ripley, officiated by the Reverend Jason Franklin at 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 19. The family will receive visitors at the funeral home from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, Clark's family requests donations be made to the Ripley First United Methodist Church, 302 South Main Street, Ripley, MS 38663. expressions of sympathy for the Sturdivant family may be left at [www.mcbridefuneralhome.com](http://www.mcbridefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.  
206 N. Commerce St  
Ripley, MS 38663  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Clark Collier Sturdivant*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *I have known Clark for more than 30 years back to American Tobacco. He has been a friend and mentor for the last 16 years with NTC. He was always some one I could count on and call on at any time. I will miss hem dearly. I know he is at peace now and for that I am thankful. Sharon and I have kept both Clark and Cathy in our prayers for this long and hard fought battle.*  
*Larry and Sharon Candler*

**Larry Candler** - July 21, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ *Clark was as good as they come. He always greeted you with a warm embrace and the kindest words. Our family has had to pleasure of knowing him for 20+ years and Clark was always a gentleman & meant the world to all of us. He loved Ms Kathy, Ms Carla, his family, a host of great friends & his furbabies like they were his entire world. We enjoyed many great times gathered around his music and he always told the sweetest stories. He will be dearly missed and our world needs more Clarks in it today. Fly high our friend & we will see you again in our eternal heavenly home.*

**Steve & Donna Hays & family** - July 20, 2019 at 08:08 PM

AS

“ Clark was an amazing friend and leader. He always showed me the deepest kindness and love. He had a wonderful way of making me feel so important each and every time we visited. We had great laughs, conversations and times together. I respected him greatly and will truly miss him.

*Our condolences to Kathy, family, friends  
Amanda and Chip Searson*

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**Amanda Searson** - July 19, 2019 at 12:54 PM

CB

“ Clark was an amazing leader, mentor and friend. He was respected by those who knew him for his calm demeanor, compassion and quick wit. I learned so much from Clark and am a better person for knowing him. He is already deeply missed.

*Our condolences to Kathy, family, friends and fur kids,  
Ray and Cat Belisle*

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**Cat Belisle** - July 19, 2019 at 09:33 AM

MJ

“ I first met Clark back in 2005 shortly after I came to NTC. He came out to L.A. on business for a few days and spent a portion of the time riding along with me. Initially the conversation was quiet and minimal until we came to discover our mutual love of music and that we both played instruments. That ice-breaking conversation turned into numerous others over the next 12 or 13 years and also turned into what I considered a friendship. Clark had a unique mix of intelligence, compassion, and coolness that you could not help but love and respect about him. I feel honored to have known him, to have eventually worked directly under his leadership, and to have had the opportunity to share the stage with him on several occasions doing what seemed to be his passion-playing music. I will sincerely miss him.  
Rest in Peace Brother...May God bless your wife and family.  
Marvin Jones

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**Marvin Jones** - July 19, 2019 at 02:34 AM

SC

“ Clark was an exceptional man, leader and friend. So many good times and memories for so many years that I will always carry with me. More than anything, I will miss our customary hug and greeting when we were able to see one another.  
  
Rest in Peace my brother.....I will miss you.  
  
Steve Clark

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**Steve Clark** - July 18, 2019 at 09:33 PM

EB

“ *Kathy and Family*

*I am honored to know and work with Clark . He was always had gentle soul with the heart of a person that loved and cared for everyone he came in contact with.*

*I had the pleasures of having Clark working with me for a few days and oh Lordy there weren't enough Mickey D's and sweet tea for those days, he sure loved his sweet tea.*

*I will miss the meetings and Guitar playing man we all came to know and love.*

*Thanks for sharing Clark with us.*

*He will be missed*

*Ed Bell*

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**Ed Bell** - July 18, 2019 at 09:22 PM

BF

“ *Kathy & Family,*

*So sorry to hear of your (our) loss. I worked with & for Clark nearly 15 years at National Tobacco. His "cool" under pressure and the grin that usually came along with it stick with me along with a few nuggets of wisdom he shared. Will be missed.*

*Sincerely,*

*Brian Freese*

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**Brian Freese** - July 18, 2019 at 08:47 PM

MW

“ *Clark was a great guy whom I knew in the tobacco industry from the old American Tobacco days up until we met again at National Tobacco again. His sense of humor was of none other. He also had a calm demeanor about him that made him a great leader too. Rest in peace my friend and colleague. With deepest sympathy to his family, Mark Weeks*

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**Mark Weeks** - July 18, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clark Collier Sturdivant.*



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July 18, 2019 at 05:17 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clark Collier Sturdivant.*



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July 18, 2019 at 05:12 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clark Collier Sturdivant.*



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July 18, 2019 at 04:39 PM

GR

“ My deepest sympathies go out to Ms. Kathy and she and Clark's extended family and loved ones. I will miss everything about Clark. I had the honor to work with him side by side for 15 years. It did not take long to see what a special man he was. It is not hard to find the words I would use to describe him...wicked intelligent, quick witted, joyfully funny, artistic, big hearted, kind and loving are just a few that come to mind. He taught me through his actions to be a better husband, father and co-worker. I will always consider him to be the big brother I never had and a friend I will forever cherish.

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Graham - July 18, 2019 at 04:39 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Clark Collier Sturdivant.



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July 18, 2019 at 04:32 PM

CS

“ Clark, you will be greatly missed. Your leadership was inspired. I will miss our Hotty Toddy comments each fall... This world seems a little more void without you and the presence that you showed all... Rest in peace, my dear friend.

Curt Schmidt

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Curt Schmidt - July 18, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clark Collier Sturdivant.



July 18, 2019 at 02:17 PM



“ Kathy, So sorry to hear of Clark's passing.He was one of my favorite people at National whom I considered a good friend. Will always remember when you'all came to Tyler and you took Brenda and me to the lake to eating crawfish.Know that our prayers are with you.  
Steve and Brenda Lawson

Robert Lawson - July 18, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ I know Clark would want to keep things simple and low key, but I'm sure he wouldn't mind Elvis singing How Great Thou Art tomorrow. Accompanied of course by Duane on Slide, Ronnie Wood on guitar, Keith Moon on Drums, and Allen Woody on base with a long piano prelude by Chuck Leavell. Love you Man! Peace

Mike Clark - July 18, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clark Collier Sturdivant.



July 18, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clark Collier Sturdivant.*



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July 18, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clark Collier Sturdivant.*



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July 18, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ *Clark was a talented musician and our family spent some wonderful times playing music with him. I still think of him every time I hear, "Country State of Mind". Our family will always treasure his memory.*

*Kim Clark Trama*

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**Kim Trama** - July 18, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clark Collier Sturdivant.*



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July 18, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Clark Collier Sturdivant.



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