



Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.

January 29, 1931 - April 18, 2025

Claude Henry Salmon, Sr., was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on January 29, 1931, to the late Maybelle Fain Salmon and Rev. Eugene Salmon. He was called to his eternal rest on April 18, 2025.

He received his early education in the local elementary and junior high schools. He attended Howard High School and was a member of the Alumni Class of 1951. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. During his military years, he was a First Class Sergeant. He also received the Artillery Marksman Award and worked as needed in the Culinary Unit. He received an Honorable Discharge in December of 1953.

Claude was very industrious as a young man, beginning to work at the age of 15 at Erlanger Hospital in housekeeping. He worked at the Mueller Company and retired after 36 years. After his retirement at Mueller, he worked as the manager of a Fabric Care Center. He also loved working in the yard. He always kept the yard at his home neatly and well-trimmed.

He loved people and would help anyone whenever he was available to do so. He was a faithful and dedicated member of Second Missionary Baptist Church for over 70 years. He joined under the pastorate of Rev. M. H. Ribbins. His membership was a valued aspect of his life and his love of his church family.

His church activities were many during his life. He loved to sing and was a member of the Gospel Chorus, Men's Choir, and the Adult Choir. He was a member of Roland Carter's Men's Fellowship Choir. Claude was on the Men's Usher Board and was Chairman of the 21st Century Ushers. He was an organizer and the first chairman of Club No. 11. He worked in Security, was Vice Chairman of the Mission and Benevolent Committee, and lastly, he was ordained as a deacon. He continued to work faithfully in the church until his health began to fail.

One of his greatest joys was being an extra in the movie, "42" (the story of Jackie Robinson) that was filmed here in Chattanooga. He faithfully showed up for filming every day, even though hours were long.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Dimple Louise Smartt, Marie Belle Salmon Clay, and Lela Bason Few; brother, Clifford Bason; daughter, Mary L. Hall. Cherishing his memories are his wife, Lila Salmon; son, Claude (Priscilla) Salmon, Jr.; daughters, Patricia S. (Daniel) Woods, Annette S. Morgan, and Cathy S. (Charles) Allen; grandsons, Daniel (Terra) Woods, III, Claude (Esther) Salmon, III, Kevin Salmon, Anthony Hall, Tracey (Yasani) Hall, and Eric Hall; granddaughters, Chartasha (Lecarus) Mason, Princess Salmon, and Jatonne Hall; sister-in-law, Rev. Jerrie D. Bason; 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; a host of nieces, great nieces, nephews, great nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Claude will lie-in-state on Wednesday, April 30th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at 2nd Baptist Church, located at 2305 East 3rd Street. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

APR **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Second Missionary Baptist Church
2305 East 3rd Street
Chattanooga, TN 37404-2799

Celebration Of Life

APR **30**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Second Missionary Baptist Church
2305 East 3rd Street
Chattanooga, TN 37404-2799

Burial

APR **30**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall

VH

“ *He Is Gone*

You can shed tears that he is gone or smile because he has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back. Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.



Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, or you can be full of the love that you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday. Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him, but only that he is gone. Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty, and turn your back. Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love, and go on.

David Harkin

With Our Deepest Sympathy

Van E. and Regina Patten Hickman

Van E Hickman - May 02, 2025 at 03:05 AM

RH

“ *May peace and comfort be with you during this most difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. May your favorite memories, which show up as tears on your cheeks today, soon warm your hearts. Memories of your loved one will live on through all of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you—thoughts today, memories forever.*



With Heartfelt Sympathy.

Van E. & Regina Patten Hickman

Regina Patten Hickman - May 02, 2025 at 02:57 AM

PW

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers to the family during this time of bereavement.*

Pat White - May 01, 2025 at 10:01 AM

PW

“ *Pat White lit a candle in memory of Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.*



Pat White - May 01, 2025 at 09:59 AM

VB

“ Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in memory of
Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.



Vincinetta Brown - April 30, 2025 at 11:12 AM

VB

Our deepest condolences and prayers are with the Salmon family. May
God be your strength in the days ahead.
Vincinetta Patton Brown and family.

Vincinetta Brown - April 30, 2025 at 11:14 AM

BS

“ Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of
Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.



Beverly Sales - April 30, 2025 at 09:25 AM

ET

“ My Deepest Condolences to the Family. I
grew up with his kids at 2nd Missionary
Baptist Church and attended Howard High
School with Patricia. Prayers of Comfort,
Peace and Strength. ❤️🙏💪



Lanita White (Fred and Evelyn White's Daughter)

E. Lanita Strickland, Knoxville TN - April 28, 2025 at 04:27 PM

JD

My condolences and prayers for comfort to classmate, Patricia, and the family.
Joyce Dawson

Joyce Dawson - April 28, 2025 at 09:36 PM

VT

“ *Vickie Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.*



Vickie Thornhill - April 27, 2025 at 11:17 PM

MT

“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.*



Marva Taylor - April 27, 2025 at 07:25 PM

GR

“ *My prayers go out to the family. May God hold each of you in his loving arms.*
Gwendolyn Rice Robinson HHS 71'

Gwen Robinson - April 26, 2025 at 04:38 PM

EN

“ I grew up all my life knowing the Salmon family. I was always treated with love and respect by Mr. Salmon and the entire family. They will always hold a special place in my heart. My family extends our deepest condolences to all who knew and loved Mr. Salmon. His memory will surely be a blessing as we mourn his passing and celebrate his life. We love you all. Your friends John and Earvenia Nolan.



Earvenia Nolan - April 26, 2025 at 03:05 PM

LH

“ Laretta Harrison lit a candle in memory of Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.



Laretta Harrison - April 25, 2025 at 11:22 PM

DJ

“ Much prayers and condolences to the entire Salmon family. Know that God is an ever present help in the time of need.
The Morgan Family



Deborah Johnson - April 25, 2025 at 11:10 PM

TF

“ *The HUNTER, TATE, GREENE & WHITE FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.*



The HUNTER, TATE, GREENE & WHITE FAMILY - April 25, 2025 at 07:59 PM

GM

“ *We are sending our deepest sympathies to the family.
Deaconess Gwen Moore and family.*



Gwen Moore - April 25, 2025 at 07:08 PM

DC

“ *Debra Carter lit a candle in memory of Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.*



Debra Carter - April 25, 2025 at 09:14 AM

EC

“ *Eloise Cooke lit a candle in memory of Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.*



Eloise Cooke - April 24, 2025 at 08:17 PM

BS

“ *Beverly And Larry Rowe Sr. lit a candle in memory of Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.*



Beverly and Larry Rowe Sr. - April 24, 2025 at 11:34 AM

BS

We extend heartfelt love and condolences to the entire family.

Beverly and Larry Rowe Sr. - April 24, 2025 at 11:35 AM

CJ

“ *To Cathy and the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time and in the days to come. I pray that God's peace will give you the comfort that you are needing for this time. Carol Blackburn-Johnson*

Carol E Johnson - April 24, 2025 at 08:47 AM

DM

“ *Sending my deepest condolences and prayers for the family in the passing of your loved one.*



Daphne Moore - April 23, 2025 at 05:30 AM

CL

“ To: The Family of Deacon Claude Salmon,
May the love of God, the love of Deacon
Salmon, and your memories of him bring you
comfort and peace.



Cheryl Locke - April 23, 2025 at 04:09 AM

SK

“ Sharon Kennard sent a virtual gift in memory of
Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.



Sharon Kennard - April 21, 2025 at 04:12 PM

SB

“ Mr. Salmon was a very nice and kind hearted man. Helping people
whenever he could. A long time ago, he helped my family, he would
go the the nursing home to feed my grandmother, when she could
no longer feed herself, until my mom could retire from her job. May
he R.I.P ☐

Sandra Brown - April 21, 2025 at 02:53 PM

BH

Thoughts and prayers are with the Salmon family in the loss of Dea.
Claude Salmon, Sr. He was a very kind Christian gentleman who was a
tremendous help to our family in feeding our Grandmother at the
nursing home. He would also sing to and with her and she enjoyed his
visits very much. May God rest his soul and comfort the family.

Belinda Hatcher - April 25, 2025 at 03:33 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Brown lit a candle in memory of
Claude Henry Salmon, Sr.*



Sandra Brown - April 21, 2025 at 02:48 PM

LP

*We fondly remember Deacon Salmon. Our prayers are with the family
especially during this challenging time. Loretta and Dwight Prater*

Loretta and Dwight Prater - April 28, 2025 at 11:21 AM