



Mr. Claude James Farrington III

July 15, 1948 - October 2, 2025

Claude Farrington, lovingly called “Claude, Daddy,” “Uncle Claude,” or “Pops” by those closest to him, was born on July 15, 1948, in Brooklyn, New York, to the late Lucille and Claude Farrington, Sr. He departed this life on October 2, 2025, in North Carolina.

He grew up in the Red Hook projects of Brooklyn, New York, and attended East New York Vocational & Technical High School. Shortly after graduation, he entered the New York City Police Academy, beginning a career of service that spanned 18 years as a proud member of the NYPD.

Following his time with the NYPD, Claude worked with a security firm in Manhattan and later spent many years at Young World, a retail clothing store in Brooklyn that he loved. Eventually, he relocated to North Carolina, where he made his home for the past 24 years. There, he worked as a security officer at the HealthPlex, a role he held with dedication until his retirement.

Claude was a man of honor who believed in giving everyone a fair chance, no matter where life had brought them. Growing up in Red Hook gave him a natural ability to connect with anyone. He never met a stranger — he could strike up a conversation with anybody, make people laugh, and light up the room with his personality. Known as the life of the party, he filled spaces with his voice, his humor, and his love of singing.

In his younger years, he was also known as the “Big Man” in the streets of Brooklyn — respected and even feared by many because of the life he lived. Yet those same qualities of strength, presence, and fearlessness were what made people admire him, and those who truly knew him understood there was always a big heart behind the tough exterior.

Above all, Claude lived life on his own terms. He always believed he was the law, and even until his last days, he did things his way. Independent, strong-willed, and proud, he truly lived a full life — his way, every step of the journey.

He was also a big sports fan, with a lifelong passion for the game. He loved his video games and collected baseball cards, enjoying the simple pleasures that brought him joy and connected him with others.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lucille and Claude Farrington, Sr.; his sister, Rosalie; his brother, Ralph; his niece, Rosemary; and his son, Perry, whom he raised and loved dearly.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughters, Rachel and Elisha Farrington; his son, CJ, whom he also raised and loved as his own; his grandchildren Bella, Mia, and Josiah, along with other grandchildren who will carry his memory in their hearts; his siblings Frank, Joe, Gregory, Rohana, and Sakeena & Anita; and many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly, including Cristal, Kendall, Allison, Dayna, Erica, Joey, Tamara, Jamal, Usama, Rahana, Taalib, Rasheeda, Basheera, Abdi, Ali, Corey, and Keith. To them, he was more than just an uncle — he was “Uncle Claude,” a steady and guiding presence in their lives. Along with a host of extended family and friends, they will forever carry his memory in their hearts.

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral Service

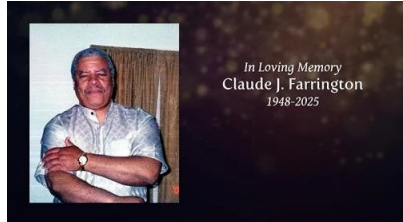
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Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Claude James Farrington III*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - October 17, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Claude James Farrington III.*



October 17, 2025 at 10:03 AM

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“ Hi I am Ruth known as Ruthie when young. I grew up in red hook Brooklyn with Claude and many other good friends of Brooklyn NY. Our family lived in the projects as well as Claude family. I remember Claude had the most captivating laughter. Young man if the hood turned police officer. He was the tallest of all the guys and always treated us gals and boys as his little siblings. Claude came from good stock. As well as his blood siblings. Donna, Jean, Frankie, Greg, Ralph and the others I cannot remember their names. To you al send my condolences and say your brother was such a beautiful friend while we were growing up. I am the sister of Louie, Sammy and Eddie. My father was Ramon the little man who always carried the Bible. May God comfort your heart like no other is able to. Ruthie

Ruth - October 15, 2025 at 07:25 AM

ME

“ He was Pops to so many of us. He was a warm heart and a welcome soul to everyone. Pops is loved beyond measure and will be missed greatly! ❤️

Megan Edwards - October 04, 2025 at 07:34 PM