



*We little knew that day  
God was to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.  
You left us beautiful  
memories,  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.....*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

*The family wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

*CLAVIER FAMILY*

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# *Celebrating the life of*



## *Joseph Harold Clavier*

*Sunrise: May 10, 1947-Sunset: Nov. 20, 2015*

*"I came forth from the father and have come into the world.  
Again, I leave the world and go to the father." John 16:28*

**Service**

*Friday, December 11, 2015, 9:00a.m.*

*Frederiksted Baptist Church*

*89-B Wheel of Fortune*

*Frederiksted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands*

*Marthious Clavier, Minister*

*John Gilbert, Pastor*

**Interment**

*Kingshill Cemetery*





# Survivors of Joseph Clavier

Loving Wife  
Margaret Clavier

Daughter(s)  
Ann Marie Nervais, Davillia Watson, Murita Clavier-James  
Natasha Clavier

Son(s)  
Howard Clavier, Marthious Clavier, Uriah Clavier

Sister(s)  
Veronica Clavier, Marcella Raymond, Anicia Clavier, Julie George,  
Mary George, Josephine Clavier

Brother(s)  
Lincoln Clavier, Marthious Clavier

Niece(s)  
Jacqueline Romer, Joanna George Robinson, Janice George,  
Julienne Clavier  
And many, many more, too numerous to mention

Nephew(s)/Nephew In-Laws  
Cyrille George Jr., Jason Romer, Brian Robinson  
And many more nephews overseas

Grandchildren  
Howard J. Clavier Jr., Mikaela Clavier, Timothy Clavier,  
Maya Clavier, Collin Watson Jr., Amanda Nervais, Alicia Nervais,  
Uriah Clavier Jr., Josiah Clavier, Clayton James

Special Friends  
Donat & Anetta Joseph & Family, Peter Chalery & Family,  
Matthew Valcin, Frederiksted Baptist Church and many, many, many more to  
mention

Lovingly Submitted  
The Family

# Poem - "Daddy's Little Girl"

*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not  
depart from it." -Prov. 22:6*

I am down and oh my soul, so weary  
Troubles have come and my heart burden be  
But I know I'll always have you with me daddy,  
Though today you're no longer sitting here with me

You've gone on, but with all the things you've taught me,  
And all the ways you've shown me how to be  
Your free and happy spirit  
Lives on in every breath in me


Every joke you ever told me,  
Every riddle you gave to solve  
I'll pass on to generations to come  
As I tell them of your laughter and your love

Of how you raised me to be God-fearing,  
And to put school before game play  
Now because of how you raised me  
Look at your little girl today

I say it not to be boastful  
But to give credit where credit is due  
I'm the woman I am today daddy,  
All because of Mommy and you

"You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains,  
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas  
I am strong when I am on your shoulders  
You raise me up to more than I can be"

~Natasha Clavier





## TRIBUTES

In August 2015, we all reunited for the 4th Clavier family reunion. Everyone was in attendance for the lovely cruise including my amazing grandpa, Joseph Clavier. Everyone ate together, laugh together but most importantly memories were made. I'm so glad I got to spend time with all my family, but I was not aware it would be our last time we'd all be together as a "complete" family I will always remember it as the last time I got to spend with my grandfather. Life works in mysterious ways and you never know when God will call you back home. I wish I could speak to him now. I would said a few more "I love You's". The cruise was the last time I heard my grandpas sweet voice... You're in a better place now but I do anything to talk to you one last time. The cruise will be my last memory of you and it was in my heart forever. I love you grandpa. Rest In peace.

-Amanda Nervais

TRIBUTE: I've known you my entire life, but for the past 20 plus years we have worked, laughed and we have cried together. You've always been there for me, not only in the good times but more importantly you were there when life got rough. I truly thank God for you. I don't know where I would be if it was not for you. You've been a mentor, a father, and a friend. Rest peacefully brother Clavier, until we meet again.

-Norse Joseph

Words cannot adequately express the sadness in our hearts, nor the joy that exist in our souls. You will be thoroughly missed, but we feel so blessed to have had you in our lives. To the Clavier household you've been an excellent father, husband, counselor, and friend. Thank you for how you loved and took care of us. There is none other like you and you will remain in our hearts forever. Though you are not physically here, we carry forth all that you've thought us and will continue to hold on to Joshua 24:15b "....But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

~Margaret Clavier & Children

## Order of Service

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Song Leader .....         | Freddie Barrant   |
| Congregation Hymn .....   | How Great Thou Art  |
| Opening Prayer .....      | Pastor John Gilbert   |
| Scripture Reading .....   | Jada Romer (Grand-niece)  |
| Poem .....                | Pamela Rogers (Family Friend)                                   |
| Song Selection .....      | G.A.P. Ladies   |
| Musical Selection .....   | Timothy Clavier (Grandson)                                      |
| Song Selection .....      | Clayton James (Grandson)  |
| Eulogy .....              | Syreeta Clavier (Daughter In-Law)                               |
| Choir Selection .....     | Frederiksted Baptist Church                                     |
| Poem .....                | Natasha Clavier (Daughter)<br>& Nisha Clavier (Daughter In-Law) |
| Tribute .....             | Julie George (Sister)   |
| Congregational Hymn ..... | Blessed Assurance   |
| Song Selection .....      | Kristen Gooden (Grandniece)                                     |
| Message .....             | Marthious Clavier (Son & Youth Pastor)                          |
| Closing Prayer .....      | Pastor John Gilbert   |

### Recessional

#### PALL BEARERS

Howard Clavier, Marthious Clavier, Uriah Clavier, Chalton James,  
Thomas Nervais, Norse Joseph

#### In-Laws

Daughter-in-law: Syreeta Clavier, Karen Clavier, Nisha Clavier  
Son in law: Thomas Nervais, Chalton James  
Grand Nieces: Jada Romer, Sara Robinson  
Grand Nephews: Ryan Robinson, Malik Robinson  
Brother In-Law: Michael Caliste, Embert Calixte, Charles Calixte,  
Camillus Calixte, Kenneth Rice, Cyrille George

Interment: Kingshill Cemetery





## TRIBUTES

Brother Clavier was my landlord/neighbor and was like a brother, father, and dear friend. Most of all he was the most caring individual I have ever met. When I and my husband moved in as his tenants he did not know us so well, but as we lived together we became closer and got to know each other very, very well. I can remember one of the first things he said to me very clearly. He said "sister Aggie, as long as I'm going to the sea you don't have to buy fish." I thought wow! This is unbelievable. There were times when he gave us fish I would try to give him the money for it and he would say with love, "if you want us to remain friends don't do that". This was a man who had a heart of gold. He was someone with an open heart. I think God every day for placing me in the care of this wonderful couple.

Brother Clavier always had a secret to tell me. Sometimes when I arrived from work, before I stepped into the house, he would be standing there either with a CD he made for me or a plate of food that was prepared. I can still hear him say "go for your plate".

We had wonderful moments together laughing as he always had a joke to tell, especially about his wife. Then Sister Clavier would run the two of us from the area. One cannot be in his company and be a serious person, because he was always laughing and there was always laughter wherever he was. I will forever remember him as the giving, caring and jovial person he was. This world will not be the same without him but we know he is in a far better place today. A place with no more pain, no more sickness. Rest in peace brother Clavier, 'till we meet again someday.

-Ali and Aggie Rogers



I thank God for giving me such a loving, caring, and compassionate father. Most of all I am blessed to have had a father who was a man of God, who raised his children with the fear of God. I have met many great men, but he out shown them all. Now that he has entered into his rest, he will be missed but never forgotten. I know that he is in a better place now, for 2 Cor. 5:8 states, "Absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

Love, your Son, Marthious





## TRIBUTES

Sis Clavier:

*It is with deep sorrow that I write this tribute. But our God knows best He giveth and He taketh blessed be His name.*

*We may weep but we have this hope that we will see our beloved Bro. Clavier again.*

*J - Joyful*

*O Outgoing*

*S Sincere*

*E Entertainer*

*P Patient*

*H Honest*

*C Compassionate*

*L Loving*

*A Ambitious*

*V Victorious*

*I Independent*

*E Energetic*

*R Religious*

*Joseph Clavier - My friend, gone but not forgotten. He will always be in my thoughts.*

*Mil Robinson.*



*My grandfather was a good man. He always put a smile, not just on my face, but on everyones. When I was going through difficult times my grandpa would always talk to me and say that everything was going to be okay and that he loved me. He told me I was the prettiest girl ever. My mother would also tell me stories about him, of when she was younger and of how he raised her. She told me he was strict but that without the way he raised them, I would not have The best mom, aunties and uncles. If I could say one more thing to my grandpa I would say, "I love you so much", and give him one last hug and kiss... I'll love you forever grandpa.*

*-Alicia Nervaís*



## EULOGY



*Joseph Clavier was born on May 10, 1947 on the beautiful island of St. Lucia to Clive Clavier St. John and Emilia Henrietta St. John. In 1968 he relocated to Croix, U.S.*

*Virgin Islands in pursuit of a better life. On a return visit to St. Lucia, he met Margaret Calixte in 1969 and won her heart with his selfless ways and those charming brown eyes. Two years later, he sent for Margaret and the two united in matrimony soon after. They enjoyed 44 years of beautiful marriage, committed to each other as husband and wife.*

*Joseph held several skills and trades, but selected Fishing as his master craft. He thoroughly enjoyed fishing and spent many days and nights at sea. Through the example of his wife and the urging of Lord, he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior in 1975. He became a committed member of the Frederiksted Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon for several years, and also preached the word of God whenever the Lord gave him the opportunity.*

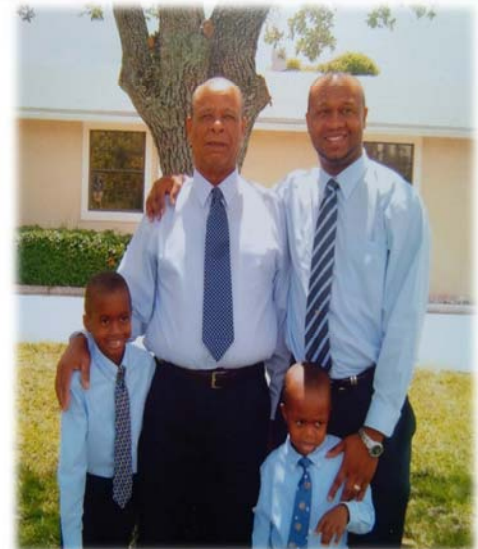
*Joseph and Margaret had seven beautiful children: AnnMarie, Davilia, Murita, Howard, Marthious, Natasha, and Uriah. He was a loving and compassionate father who raised his children with discipline and love to "fear the Lord and depart from evil". When it came to raising children, Joseph followed Proverbs 22:6 - "Train up a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."*

*Joseph Clavier was a man of the community. He was affectionately known to many as Reds, Robin Man, Blanco, Brother Blue, Yellow man and a few others. He loved to cook and enjoyed serving others in his home. He was very generous with a true heart of gold. He could be counted on to share what he had with others, provide a helping hand when needed, lift your spirit with a riddle or a joke and ensure everyone felt welcome at his home. Being the "joke-ster" he was, he had several quick phrases to keep you on your feet. Many have been tripped up by, "You sure your lie?" In addition to his jovial spirit, he also had a passion for music which he frequently played. Gospel and Country were his favorites. His Country, Westerns, Gospel and Hymns could often be heard from his home throughout the neighborhood.*

*Today, Joseph has gone on to be with the Father in glory. Gone but never forgotten, we say farewell to a loving husband, cherished father, beloved brother, and true friend. Still, we do not sorrow like those who have no hope. For we who are in Christ know we shall see him again one glorious day.*

*Enter into your rest until we meet again...*





## TRIBUTES

*An Eternal Memory, Until We Meet Again...*

*Those special memories of you, will always bring a smile. i f only I could have you back, for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again; just like we use to do you al- ways meant so much me, and always will do too. The fact that you're no longer here, will always cause me pain, but you're forever in my heart, and that's where your going to stay. Until we meet again...!*

*The thought of no longer hearing your voice or coming over to visit hurts, but I am so thankful for The memories we have created that I will forever hold near in my heart. My memories of you gives me strength and courage to move on. I love you Blanco! Until we meet again.*

*Your Sister, Mary*

*Uncle, you are such a blessing in our lives and very special to us. You were a shining ex- ample of high morals, loving guidance, unconditional love, and a true man of God. You exemplified true Christianity characteristics that we follow and should portray in our lives. Your legacy of family and excellence will never be forgotten. We will always love and miss you Uncle.*

*-Jaqueline, Joanna, Janice and Cyrille Jr.*

*Dear Uncle,*

*As family, I always believe in giving individuals their flowers while they live. But now, this is the moment to give the Lord thanks for putting you in a place to rest in Jesus. Because you loved as an in-law, you encouraged me through life's strug- gles. You were my friend and also my best comedian. I am not saying farewell, I am saying sleep in the Lord.*

*-Scholastica Calixte*

## *A Tribute to Brother Clavier*

*We have known Brother Clavier for the past 43 years. He has been a loyal and faithful friend of ours. We could not ask for a better friend. He was a real and compassionate friend and Brother in Christ, and we will miss him. He was a personal friend who helped me when I need help, and I am thankful for his assistance on my behalf. He was loved by me and my wife very much. Now that the Lord has called him home, may his soul rest in peace in the Lord.*

*From, Donat & Anetta Joseph & Family*