



Eric Darwin Christopher Clemons

December 17, 1972 - January 10, 2016

A kind and gentle man with great strength, Eric made people laugh and smile. He was a great influence in the lives of his family and the teams he coached in summer basketball.

On Sunday, December 17, 1972 @ 7:59 a.m., Eric Darwin Christopher Clemons was born to Morris and Debra Clemons in Austin, Texas. He was the first child, first grandson, first great-grandson.

He received his education in the Austin School District. Attending Fulmore Jr. High, Crocket High School (9-11th grade) and transferring to San Marcos High School his Sr. year where he graduated and was offered a full scholarship for basketball to Texas A&I University (now Texas A&M University, Kingsville, Texas). Eric was an athlete who played 3 sports, (Basketball, Football and Baseball) he excelled in each, but basketball became his love. He started varsity in high school as a freshman, made all District 1st team at San Marcos High School, played college basketball for 4 years at Texas A&I University, and just recently (2 years ago) was inducted into the Hall of Fame at his University for Basketball.

Eric believed in God and had once again began attending church at Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Clark. He loved to hear him speak the word of God and counseled with him on several occasions. He

would say that Rev. Clark spoke to you and not at you. Thank you for making a difference and listening to a man who respected you so much.

Eric's family was his greatest joy in life. He talked daily with his sister and mother and his best friend, Orlando Smart. His love for his only son (DeShon Christopher Clemons) can never be questioned.

Eric leaves to cherish his loving memories, his father and mother (Morris and Debra Clemons), his sister (Kimberly Clemons) and the love of his life, his son (DeShon Christopher Clemons). His "Brother from another mother", Orlando Smart (Rolanda) and their children (Ashley, Orlando and Omar).

He has a host of aunts, uncles, countless cousins and too many friends to acknowledge, but rest assured you know how Eric felt about each of you. Each one of you should have had an "Eric Experience" to reflect and remember him with love and affection.

Eric was currently employed for 14 years with the Texas Workforce Commission and 8 years with Xerox Corporation when they took over the printing from Texas Workforce Commission. He loved his job, but more than that he loved working with the people. He coached summer basketball with "The Southside Dawgs" and developed a long and lasting friendship with the members of the team, which continued even as they went off to college. And more recently coaching "Austin's Finest" basketball with Orlando Smart. Eric had a way of reaching people and making them smile. Our family is mourning his loss, his laughter that he brought and the smile he shared. His ability to share a joke or tell a story with a comedic twist was so easy for him. This was Eric Clemons.

Cemetery Details

Clearview Cemetery

Bastrop, TX

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JAN 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.
1300 East 12th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Celebration Service

JAN 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church
4301 TANNEHILL LANE
Austin, TX 78721

Tribute Wall



“ *Eric Darwin Christopher Clemons*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Eric,
Miss you so much. Just know that you will always be loved! Rest In
Peace*

Aunt Linda

Linda Espy - January 12, 2017 at 03:47 PM



“ *Eric, you always had a big smile. You obviously touched a lot of
people, in your lifetime. Haven't seen you since HS days when we
first met. We played different sports but your name was always in
the mix due to your level of talent on the court and friendships. It
was a blessing to know you, GOD SPEED SIR.*

Jon J & Nicole M.

Jon Johnson - January 22, 2016 at 12:51 PM

JL

“ Eric (EC) brother you were always such a special person in our life. Your smile always lit up everyone around you and always gave everyone positive energy and that was a special gift. When we played college basketball together at Texas A& I, we had so much fun together. You will never be forgotten brother. Our prayers are with your family. Love you Always Eric.
Jason Lee

Jason Lee - January 21, 2016 at 09:24 AM

MI

“ 1 file added to the album Eric



Michael - January 17, 2016 at 12:12 PM

MS

“ Eric made me laugh from the first time I met him. We talked and laughed till 5 in the morning. The 6 years that I spent with him were and always be the happiest time of my life. There was rarely a dull moment. I met his son when he was 5 and he is a very handsome man now. Basketball is his life . He would take my daughter Ashlee to the court everyday after school and he was always looking for a league to play in which he always seem to find.one He himself enrolled Ashlee Gaotan my daughter into Bowie summer basketball. Eric you will always be loved and I will miss you. Margot Saenz

Margot Saenz - January 16, 2016 at 05:53 AM

AE

“ E. Clemons was one of Franklin Park's Finest. He was one of the reasons I played ball so much in the summer and lived at Franklin. Everybody in Dove Springs new and respected E. I remember him, Orlando and Al from Crockett going up against Fox and the crew from Johnston. What a barn burner that was!!! Bro you will be missed but you won't be forgotten.

Antowin Edwards - January 16, 2016 at 03:04 AM

BC

“ I recruited Eric to A & I when I first got the job in 1991. He was a very hard working kid, with a great attitude. His love for the game of basketball was always evident. His family always supported him, and it was easy to see why he was such an outstanding young man. I always enjoyed his wonderful smile his upbeat approach to life. For all the teammates he played with and for all the coaches who had the opportunity to work with him, this is a tremendous loss. He will thoroughly be missed but never forgotten. Eric was and always will be a true "Javelina". We all love him and wish only the best for his family as they go through this very sad time. God Bless all of you, and I hope to be there Saturday to help pay him the tribute he deserves.

Coach Carter & Bonnie

Bill Carter - January 15, 2016 at 04:13 PM

PL

“ Patrick and Jackie Lochrie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eric Darwin Christopher Clemons.



Patrick and Jackie Lochrie - January 15, 2016 at 10:48 AM



“ *This young man was like the son I never had, I became close to him and his family I remember when he came to A&I as a freshman, and how hard he would work to show that he belonged, and how hard he would work to keep his grades up. He will be truly missed RIP EC. To his family my prayers go out to you. God bless.*

Larry Gibson - January 15, 2016 at 08:39 AM

DC

“ To everyone who new and loved Eric as much as his family did. Thank you all for the support, calls, and personal condolences we are receiving. Just wanted to post information for today, Friday, January 15, 2016. His body will be open for public viewing at the funeral home - King Tears on 12th Street - today from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm - Eric's family will be attending from 5:00 to 7:00 pm to visit with anyone who knew and loved Eric.

The funeral will be tomorrow, January 16, 2016 at Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church - 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue - Austin, Texas - Eric's body will be open for viewing from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for public viewing at the church and will NOT be opened for final viewing after service.

The family will remain at the church for lunch (about 1 hr) directly after service is concluded (also to meet and greet those people who will not be able to attend burial service) - The family (and anyone who chooses) will depart the church for Eric's burial in Bastrop, Texas after lunch is concluded.

We wanted to especially note that Eric had signed up to donate his organs and at least 52 people have benefited from his donations. We may not know who has received these donations, but we take comfort in knowing he lives on in others and has made a difference.

Sincerely,


Debra Clemons
612 Sweetgum Lane
Round Rock, Texas 78664

Debra Clemons - January 15, 2016 at 08:35 AM

MJ

May Our Lord place His Arms around you and your family during this time. Eric's Gift of Kindness by donating his organs is definitely the True Meaning of an Unselfish Caring Man who would do just about anything for anyone. It is with great honor that I had the pleasure of knowing him. Eric's memory, spirit and soul will live on in others and this the greatest legacy Eric has left behind.

Mary Jane - January 15, 2016 at 10:24 AM


Blanca
Flores-

Sorry for your loss. God bless you and your loved ones with comfort and peace. Eric always wore a smile and shared his laughter with his TWC family. The halls of TWC are saddened with our loss of Eric. He was ready and able to lend a hand to anyone that needed it. He shared his stories of his basketball players with us. The Lord shared him with us for as long as possible he is now in the arms of our Lord. We miss him dearly.

Blanca Flores-Arizpe - January 15, 2016 at 06:27 PM

SG

So sorry for your loss. He was such a nice man. I will miss hearing him ask me how my children were and saying, glad it's Friday. God be with you and your family. Susan Gonzalez

Susan Gonzalez - January 17, 2016 at 03:29 PM

CB

“ *Coach Bill Carter and Bonnie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eric Darwin Christopher Clemons.*



Coach Bill Carter and Bonnie - January 14, 2016 at 05:03 PM

VG

“ I hope that our Lord brings you and your family the much-needed peace during this sad time. My condolences to you and your family.



vanessa Gomez - January 14, 2016 at 12:49 PM

MJ

“ May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, May God Hold You In The Hollow Of His Hand.

Mary Jane

Mary Jane - January 14, 2016 at 12:00 PM

RN

“ I remember that he was always in a good mood, smiling, and talking about his children. roni at TWC.



RoniLou Navarro - January 14, 2016 at 10:53 AM