



## Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.

May 3, 1953 - July 29, 2024

Our beloved father, grandfather, son, brother and uncle, Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin, Jr. went home to be with the Lord on July 28, 2024 at the age of 71 years at Henry Ford Hospital. He was born in Bishopville, South Carolina to Clinton (Ned) Austin and Annie Lou Austin. The family moved to Saginaw, Michigan when Clinton was very young.

He attended Martha Long Street Elementary and Central Middle Schools. He continued his education by receiving his GED which led him to Delta College. While attending Delta College he received an Associate Degree and met his mentor Willie Thompson through a program for young black men. Professor Thompson through nurturing and encouragement helped him gain employment at Delta College as a Financial Aid Counselor at the Delta College Ricker Annex Center. He was a dedicated and faithful employee helping many students for over 28 years until he retired.

Clinton loved to cook and take care of his family and being with special friends including best friends, Marvin "Nunnie" Castell and Derrick Hawkins, they both preceded him in death.

Clinton leaves to cherish his memory his children, Kamille Thorne and Cole Austin both of Saginaw; grandchildren, Darnell and Darrion Darby, Kaliyah Jackson, Cole Austin, Jr., Cody Austin and Kyrie Culberson all of Saginaw; his

mother, Annie Lou Austin, Saginaw; two sisters, Ella Rhea Austin-Gill, Flint, MI, Dyan Austin-Bully, Saginaw; two brothers, Warren Austin, Flint and David (Janis) Austin, Garland, TX; one uncle, Willie Wright, Sr. Saginaw; four aunts, Ella Rea Peterson, Queens, NY, Leona Snead, Cherie Mitchell and Miriam (Victor) Johnson all of Saginaw; the mother and grandmother of his children, Ronda Thorne; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins other relatives that loved him dearly and many friends.

Mr. Clinton Austin, Jr. was also preceded in death by his father, Clinton Austin, Sr.; grandparents, Warren and Vicey (Chapman) Wright and Julia M. Wright; three baby sisters; many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Family Hour will take place at 10:00 AM Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, Michigan 4860, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Fred Lewis will officiate. Interment will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **14**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Family Hour

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Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

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AUG **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - August 14, 2024 at 10:49 AM

CS

“ *Cathie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



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**Cathie Stephens** - August 29, 2024 at 05:37 PM

AK

“ *Alfred Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



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**Alfred Kelly** - August 16, 2024 at 10:50 PM

LG

“ *Love you and miss you! Rest peaceful Sonny*

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**Lakisha Gillespie** - August 15, 2024 at 06:55 PM

MD

“ Rest up unk! You was a great person. My prayers to Kamile Cole, TT, The Grands and the entire family....Love Margie

Margie Dallas - August 14, 2024 at 01:04 PM

KH

“ Kim Harrold sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Kim Harrold - August 14, 2024 at 10:39 AM

VH

“ Vanessa HumesJohnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Vanessa HumesJohnson - August 14, 2024 at 08:51 AM

ER

“ Evelyn Roby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Evelyn Roby - August 14, 2024 at 05:42 AM

LM

“ Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Larry Martin - August 13, 2024 at 08:37 PM

SC

“ Shanelle Castell



Shanelle Castell - August 13, 2024 at 05:20 PM

KT

“ What an amazing man! I love you dad your mission is complete, I got it from here 🥹

Kamille Thorne - August 13, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - August 13, 2024 at 01:19 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



Kathy Shaw - August 13, 2024 at 06:39 AM

MM

“ *Michelle Macon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



Michelle Macon - August 12, 2024 at 08:28 PM

LI

“ *Lindatroutmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



Lindatroutmon - August 12, 2024 at 06:36 PM

EK

“ *I THANK You again for your kind & encouraging words...you were so encouraging during my time @ Delta (Ricker)...you helped me to stay strong...to your family deepest condolences & prayers...*



Erica Kinnard - August 12, 2024 at 01:37 PM

KD

“ Prayers and condolences 🌸 to the Austin family

Kathryn Dukes - August 11, 2024 at 04:49 PM

SC

“ Suzette Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Suzette collins - August 11, 2024 at 02:46 PM

ST

“ Sheryl Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Sheryl Thomas - August 09, 2024 at 08:42 PM

KS

“ Katrina Shivers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Katrina Shivers - August 08, 2024 at 10:06 PM



“ *My sincere condolence 🙏 to the entire family!*



Patricia Hatfield - August 08, 2024 at 07:45 PM



“ *Patricia Hatfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



Patricia Hatfield - August 08, 2024 at 07:38 PM

BS

“ *You will be missed CLASS of 1971*



Bobby Shakespeare - August 07, 2024 at 07:29 PM

BM

“ *If I knew the last time I saw u it would be the last time I would've hugged u a lil longer.. Already Missing you Unk...continued prayers to the family.. I luv U ...Cole & Millie*



BaQui McKnight - August 07, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ *Jacqueline Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



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**Jacqueline Brown** - August 07, 2024 at 03:16 PM



“ *Jimmie & Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



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**Jimmie & Beverly Westbrook** - August 07, 2024 at 02:51 PM

TG

“ I first crossed paths with Clint Austin in 1991. He quickly became more than a mentor and friend to me—he was a guiding light in my pursuit of higher education. Working at the Ricker Annex (Delta), Clint imparted invaluable knowledge and wisdom. His distinctive raspy voice and laughter resonated like a vintage '72 deuce and a quarter revving up, and he always dressed sharply.

Clint's impact went beyond his role; he inspired me with his dedication to helping others. I'll never forget his advice: "Don't spend that refund money all in one place." Though we last connected about two years ago, fate brought us unexpectedly together again when I visited a student residence on the southwest side of town, and Clint turned out to be their neighbor. Our reunion was filled with laughter and candid conversation—qualities that defined him.

Looking back, I realize I've adopted Clint's approach in mentoring young people, just as he did for me. Clinton Austin, your dash was lived with great satisfaction, and I'm grateful to have been a part of your dash. Rest peacefully, my friend. My thoughts are with his family during this time.

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**Twannie Deon Gray** - August 07, 2024 at 01:39 PM



“ Vickie Pearce sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



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**Vickie Pearce** - August 06, 2024 at 08:04 PM

BW

“ *My sincere condolences out to the Austin family he gained his wings and have now worries and no my pain just rest*



Barbara a Watkins - August 06, 2024 at 07:37 PM

DM

“ *Dale Mitchner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



Dale Mitchner - August 06, 2024 at 02:09 PM

LA

“ *Larry Abernathy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



Larry Abernathy - August 06, 2024 at 12:32 PM

CH

“ *Clifford Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



Clifford Harris - August 06, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ *Bernadette Tinsley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



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**Bernadette Tinsley** - August 05, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ *Shirley Castell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



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**Shirley Castell** - August 05, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ *Joyreeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



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**Joyreeves** - August 05, 2024 at 05:01 AM



*My prayers and condolences to Mother A Austin and family ipray that God will keep you strong al way love, Rosa wilson and family Bishopville sc 29010*

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**Rosa M Wilson** - August 14, 2024 at 12:59 AM

DB

“ To the family of Clinton,

*Prayers and condolences to the entire family for the loss of Clinton a/ka Sonny boy was a good friend of the Green Family just like a brother.*

*Rest in peace, Sonny Boy*

*Mrs. Darliane Green-Blackmon and Green's Siblings*

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**Darliane Blackmon** - August 04, 2024 at 02:32 PM



CR

“ Carl & Rosemary Ruth, your heart soon will be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

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**Carl and Rosemary Ruth** - August 03, 2024 at 08:18 PM



CW

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family.

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**Cynthia Wright** - August 03, 2024 at 08:14 PM

VB



“ To the family of Clinton,  
I am truly sorry for your family’s loss. Clint was such a cool guy. I  
met him years ago at the Ricker Delta Annex. I extend my deepest  
condolences to you all.

Rest in peace, Sonny Boy

Love,  
Brownie

Velissa Batts - August 03, 2024 at 06:33 PM



“  Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas.  sent  
a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny  
Boy" Austin Jr.



 Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas.  - August 03, 2024 at 04:16 AM

JB

“ Jennifer Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Jennifer Bates - August 02, 2024 at 05:04 PM

SB

“ Sabrina Brittain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Sabrina Brittain - August 02, 2024 at 02:27 PM

LW

“ Louis Weems lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Louis Weems - August 02, 2024 at 11:03 AM

K-

“ KAY DAWKINS -CHESTER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



KAY DAWKINS -CHESTER - August 02, 2024 at 07:48 AM

GD

“ George Drain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



George Drain - August 01, 2024 at 09:37 PM

EH

“ My condolences to the family ❤️❤️



Evelyn Hardy-Garrett - August 01, 2024 at 06:28 PM

SC

“ Sonny was my uncle Nunnie best friend may he rip praying for the family



Shanelle Castell - August 01, 2024 at 05:34 PM

WH

“ Walter/Dorothy Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Walter/Dorothy Harris - August 01, 2024 at 04:51 PM

VT

“ Vacey Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Vacey Tolbert - August 01, 2024 at 04:04 PM

K-

“ *KAY DAWKINS -CHESTER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



**KAY DAWKINS -CHESTER** - August 01, 2024 at 03:51 PM

DU

“ *Dock & Debra Williams Underwood*



**Debra Williams Underwood** - August 01, 2024 at 01:37 PM

JO

“ *JoyReeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



**JoyReeves** - August 01, 2024 at 01:18 PM

JF

“ *Jackson Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.*



**Jackson Family** - August 01, 2024 at 12:49 PM

CF

“ Carol Jackson Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Carol Jackson Family - August 01, 2024 at 12:47 PM

EM

“ Earl Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Earl Martin - August 01, 2024 at 12:27 AM

ST

“ Sheryl Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



Sheryl Thomas - July 31, 2024 at 11:25 PM

YV

“ YvonneSanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



YvonneSanders - July 31, 2024 at 06:40 PM

DL

“ Deacon Donnie & Sharyn Langston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton "Sonny Boy" Austin Jr.



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**Deacon Donnie & Sharyn Langston** - July 31, 2024 at 06:32 PM