



Remer Clifton Prince

August 11, 1940 - March 17, 2020

Remer “Cliff” Prince, age 79, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2020 in Atlanta, GA. He was born in Statesboro, Georgia on August 11, 1940 to Edward Prince and Johnnie B. Lee but raised in a loving environment by his Aunt Corine Prince. He married his soul mate, Korona Ingram, on October 17, 1977 in Rockville, Maryland and they renewed their vows 20 years later on October 18, 1997 in Jamaica. As a young man, he graduated from Lincoln Park Academy in Ft. Pierce, Florida in 1958. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in 3.5 years from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida in 1966, graduating magna cum laude.

Remer spent five years in the United States Air Force and was employed with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at Kennedy Space Center, Florida and NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. for 28 years. Remer was the first African American NASA Engineer and Executive at Kennedy Space Center. Among his many achievements, he was the Senior NASA Engineer responsible for the development of the Ground Checkout Computer Software for the Apollo 11 mission to the moon. He received the distinguished honor of being selected as one of 500 out of more than 20,000 workers to represent Kennedy Space Center at the Welcome Home Reception for the Apollo 11 Astronauts, (Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins. He was the NASA Branch Chief for the design and development of the computer software systems used to checkout and launch the Space Shuttles. He also was promoted to Division Chief of Utilization Requirements, responsible for ensuring that the United States Space Station Design accommodated the requirements for research experiments. He was a key player of the United States negotiation team responsible for design and utilization agreements with the Space Station International Partners (Japan, Canada and Europe). Remer was promoted to the United States Government’s Elite Senior Executive Services (SES), the highest grade for Federal Employees during President Clinton’s term.

In retirement, Remer was a keynote speaker for a St. Lucie County NAACP Annual Freedom Fund banquet and was bestowed the key to the city of Fort Pierce, Florida. He also received an award for Chapter of the Year when he served as President of the

International Caribbean Tourism Organization, CTO-Maryland Chapter in Silver Springs, Maryland. Remer was also a member in good standing with NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees). Apart from his professional accomplishments, he enjoyed traveling (especially Caribbean islands and Walt Disney World), was a beloved friend and mentor to many. He is survived by his wife, Korona Prince, children, Loretta Prince, Davey Prince, stepson, Wilbert Bradley II, siblings, godchildren, Selecia Miller, Raynaldo Marchalleck, Mavis Thomas who he affectionately referred to as his adopted daughter, numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Interment will be Thursday, March 26, 2020 at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia for veterans.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.wagesfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Veteran Cemetery Rd

Canton, GA, 30114

Comments



“ As your oldest surviving aunt and on behalf of the Prince Family, we extend our condolences to his wife Korona Prince, his children Loretta and David Prince, siblings Bea, Abram, Patricia and Ruby. His many family members, not being able to attend his memorial service do say farewell to Remer "Dug" Clifton Prince. May God give comfort to his family. Always, Catherine Prince Long

Catherine Prince Long - April 15, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ My dear friend Korona,
Called yesterday to wish you both a Happy Easter and learned of Cliff's return to heaven. My heart is broken but filled with many happy memories. I will be singing "someday my prince will come" and thinking of my friend.
Much love, Pat Smith



Patricia Smith - April 13, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ May your family have memories for comfort, friends for support. and faith to ease your sadness. Remer was a true friend and coworker, May He Rest In Peace and his Spirit live for ever. All condolences from Gloria Taliaferro.



Gloria - April 09, 2020 at 01:01 PM



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Dear Korona,

Please accept my condolences on the death and loss of your dear husband Remer. I also lost a mentor and a close friend in Remer. He was one of the "most intelligent" and "most aggressive" individual I have ever met. He was also a trail blazer in the first wave of African-American NASA Engineers at Kennedy Space Center, FL. There is a price you pay for being in that first wave, but there is also opportunity if you have something (talent & a desire to succeed) to bring to the table. Remer set the bar high for himself and made it to the Senior Executive Service (SES), the highest pay level for Federal Employees. As you know, Remer was very proud of his heritage. I was in the second wave of African-American NASA Engineers and although I lived in the same city, attend the same high school and college, as Remer I did not know him because he was 8 years older. One day someone asked me where I grew up and I told him and he said you should know Remer Prince. When we finally met, we talked about our background and became friends from that time up to his death. We even went on family vacations together. My favorite was in 2010 on the 6,000 passenger Royal Caribbean "Allure of the Seas" New Year Cruise during the ship's Inaugural Season. NASA has been great for me in completing college. As a freshman, I only had enough money to pay for that trimester. My engineering instructor said that NASA was looking for Engineering Trainee volunteers for their Engineering CO-OP Program. You attend college 1 trimester, go work at NASA 1 trimester, and keep alternating until you graduate. If you attend 5 trimesters at NASA, they would guarantee you a job upon graduation. The money I saved working for NASA plus I qualified for an EOG Grant was enough to pay for college living on campus. Upon graduation I did get job offers from Western Electric (North Carolina) and Goodyear Atomic (Ohio). I chose to stay with NASA because I knew the culture and I don't like cold weather. Remer would talk often about that T minus 6 minutes scare for the AS-506 / Apollo 11 Countdown that Ken Clark mentioned. That event was highlighted in the book below ("Ike: The Memoir of Isom Ike Rigell") by Ike Rigell. Remer also enjoyed the NASA Alumni League annual get together with old friends from his days with NASA. And finally Remer I know you are proud of a certain God Daughter and the decisions you put in her hands for a time such as this. God Speed Remer!!



Ivory Johnson - March 29, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ Dear Korona,
Deepest sympathies to you on the passing you your beloved Cliff. We cherish the good times and pray that you will find comfort in your memories.
Take care.
Christine Walwyn of behalf of the former staff of the st. Kitts Tourism Authority.



christine - March 27, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ Dearest Korona and family, we were so saddened to hear of Cliff's passing, but know he is at peace with our Lord. Charlie was so glad he was able to talk to Cliff a couple weeks before he passed. We have such fond memories of the great times we shared, i.e., CTO moments especially winning CTO Chapter of the Year, our trip to Jamaica for the awards ceremony; welcoming in the year 2000; and special birthday celebrations. We were blessed and privileged to be called his friends by such a great guy, with his big smile and welcoming personality. Cliff will be missed but never forgotten.

With much love,

Charlie and Kathy

Charlie & Kathy - March 26, 2020 at 11:55 PM



“ I have many great memories of times with Remer. We worked very closely together from 1967 until around 1980. One of the earlier memories took place in July, 1969. Both Remer and I were working as the programming support for the ground computer network for AS-506/Apollo 11. Two weeks prior to the launch at T minus 6 minutes during the Countdown Demonstration Test (CDDT) the mobile launcher computer hung and halted the CDDT until we could reload the computer and recycle the launch vehicle. The night prior to the launch we were in a little room between Firing Room (FR) 1 & 2 at T minus 9 hours trying to convince the launch director to allow us to patch the offending program. Later, at the critical T minus 6 minutes we were sitting at console 2 in FR1 sweating bullets when we managed to get through the program and launch without the patch. Fast forward 24 years and Remer was my best man at my wedding. In the intervening years we worked on the design and development of the system software for the Space Shuttle Launch Processing System. Remer was always there to keep me focused on what really mattered throughout our friendship.

Ken Clark - March 26, 2020 at 01:49 PM



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Ken Clark - March 26, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ Korona and friends – We want to extend our condolences to you on Cliff’s passing. My first experience with Cliff was in 2006 when we both purchased homes in Tradition. We attended a HOA meeting and they were taking questions from homeowners. They recognized Cliff and ask him to state his name and address. Cliff stated “I am Remer Prince and I live on Northland Dr. – I am the Prince of my Palace”. This gave everyone a chuckle. Cliff and I became good friends over the years, luncheons, storytelling, etc. He will be missed – rest in peace my friend.

Elio & Patricia Checca
Port St. Lucie, FL

Elio Checca - March 26, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ Inez Broom lit a candle in memory of Remer Clifton Prince



Inez Broom - March 26, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Remer Clifton Prince.



March 26, 2020 at 08:17 AM



“ Dear Korona,

I am so sorry to hear this sad news. You and your family are in my prayers. Please know that I have been trying to reach you for some time. Please call or e-mail me when you can! Home 703-802-7344, cell 703-303-1341. E-mail: ctbails@aol.com! 12 grade isn't so bad! I can make it to Atlanta!

If you or a family member send me your information, I will contact or come to see you real soon!

God Bless, Be Safe & Love you more!!
Connie & John Bails

Constance T. Bails, Ph.D. - March 25, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



John Truesdell - March 25, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Christina's memories of Remur



Christina Scott - March 25, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ Thank you Daddy Prince for all the wonderful memories and new experiences. I'll never forget my first cruise and all the fun times I had with you and Mother Prince in Silver Spring, MD, during the summer of 1992. So many other fun times were shared over the near 30 years and I thank God for bringing you and Korona into my life. Love you always. May you rest in the arms of our Lord.

Christina - March 25, 2020 at 11:08 PM



“ Korona,

Love you and I am looking forward to talking with you soon. I have tried to call many times, to no avail. Cliff will be missed. Contact me when possible (919-453-0375). I also lost the love of my life (Kenneth) this past year.

Much Love,

Cle Neely

Cleaster Neely - March 25, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ Dearest Korona, please accept our sincerest sympathies and condolences for the loss of your beloved “Cliff.” You should know that you continue after more than 12 years to be our favorite Civil Rights Director. We the Civil Rights Division in the USDA Office of the General Counsel will pray for your comfort and peace in the days to come. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need ANYTHING. We love you and want to be here for you.

Arlean Leland, Steven Brammer and the entire CRD staff.

Arlean Leland - March 25, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ Uncle Doug, my heart is heavy knowing that you are now with your Big Brother my Dad Junior Prince! You will be missed. I Love You!

Gail Prince-Owens - March 25, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ Korona and Family

Judy and I are sorry for your loss, may God give you peace in your hearts and souls.

Darrell Cole - March 25, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ My deepest and sincere condolences to Korona on the death of her beloved husband Cliff. They have been friends of ours for 30 years. Cliff as we called him was a loving, caring and kind man and he will be missed. May the arms of angels wrap around Korona and help her through this grief. My family and I are at a loss for words.

Anna, James, Deborah and Denise Grayson

Anna Grayson - March 24, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ Cheryl Prejean Greaux, cprejeangreaux@gmail.com sends her regrets at the passing of Cliff and looks forward to hearing from Korona in April, 301-438-4119.

Cheryl Prejean Greaux - March 24, 2020 at 09:32 PM



“ Celentria Prince-Young lit a candle in memory of Remer Clifton Prince



Celentria Prince-Young - March 24, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. I worked with Remer very many years ago and he was an outstanding person - a class act. He will be missed.

Rick Weiss - March 24, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ Remer was one of the first real computer engineers I had the pleasure of working with in the NASA Launch Vehicle Operations Directorate at the Kennedy Space Center. Computers were very new and I knew nothing about them. Remer was a whiz when there were no computer gurus, and he made us all proud as he carried the load in working with an electromechanical monster know at the RCA 110A. It was housed in the mobile launcher as an integral part of the launch control system for the Saturn V, and Remer's name was perfect - he was a Prince indeed!

We will miss him greatly at our NASA Alumni League sessions, and I send my heartfelt condolences and sincere sympathy to Korona and all of Remer's family and friends. We lost a truly great person but the memories of his life and work at NASA will be remembered by all of us who knew him.

Godspeed Remer; may you rest in peace.



Dr. Al Koller - March 24, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ Remer and I were classmates at Lincoln Park Academy, class of 1958. He was very smart student and befriended everyone. He will be dearly missed. Rest in peace my dear friend.

from,

Ethel (Sue) Collins Baldwin

Ethel Baldwin - March 24, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ My dearest cousin: Although we've shared such fond memories from when you would often visit us in Statesboro, those memories will be forever cherished! It saddens me to know that you were just a couple of hours from us and we didn't even know it. Because had I known, we would've visited you numerous times just to revisit old times and share some laughter! You will always be remembered for a lot of things, but more especially for my first trip to Disney World! I love you so much and you will be forever missed. Forever loved by your cousin Beverly Prince - Statesboro, GA

Beverly Prince - March 24, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Beverly Prince lit a candle in memory of Remer Clifton Prince



Beverly Prince - March 24, 2020 at 02:44 PM