



## Carl Cluney

April 17, 1956 - May 2, 2017

Carl Cluney, 61, of Lake Mary, FL passed away on Tuesday evening, May 2nd, 2017. Carl was born April 17th, 1956, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Lisa; daughter Michelle; and brother Patrick (Linda) Cluney. He was predeceased by his parents, Claud and Juanita Cluney. Carl was most passionate as a musician. He was a talented keyboard player and spent many years of his life performing. Those closest to Carl remember him as being outgoing, caring, and always full of laughter. His positive and uplifting personality was infectious and led him to befriend those around him wherever he went.

His family invites all to join with them in celebration of his life.

A visitation will be held at DeGusipe Funeral Home, Sanford, on Thursday, May 11th from 5-6 pm (family), 6-8 pm (family and friends). A funeral service will be held at 10 am on Friday, May 12th at Annunciation Catholic Church, 1020 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714; reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation for Family

MAY 11. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Sanford Chapel  
905 Laurel Ave  
Sanford, FL 32771  
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## Public Visitation for Family and Friends

MAY 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DC

“ I am so sorry to hear about VIP! I was talking about his incredible piano skills and keyboard talent, and someone said, “He is gone.” I had to look him up, and now know why I didn’t know. I was in Cleveland Clinic, Ohio having open-heart surgery and remained in a nursing home up there until July 1. So I never knew. I thought highly of VIP as a person and musician. I still have an original cassette tape he and Kem gave me called McCluney’s. I played it out, wore it out, and loved every song. VIP was larger than life, always smiling and full of joy, he had a richness of spirit that came in part from his music. God bless your family and know you loved a shining star. RIP, VIP! Dale Ann

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**Dale Ann Clark** - November 28, 2023 at 12:37 AM

NC

“ I love you daddy

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**Nichelle Cluney** - August 20, 2017 at 09:34 PM

BK

“ Barbara Kairis lit a candle in memory of Carl Cluney



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**Barbara Kairis** - May 11, 2017 at 07:56 PM

BK

“ Carl was one of the most wonderful people I have ever had the pleasure of calling friend. He was always there with a kind word or a funny joke, or explanation of something. A truly gentle soul. We used to call him Carwoo, due to one of the little neighbors we had, who couldn't quite pronounce the "L". He also marveled at the fact that I could always guess what he was cooking on the grill. We spent several Thanksgivings together as well as our holiday parties. The year he came to our Halloween Party with a President Reagan Mask, a Hawaiian Shirt, shorts and a straw hat, was great! And Lisa came as an old bag lady! The one thing, (well really more than one thing) that he showed what a true an amazing friend he was, was when Jennifer died. He was there for us for as long as we needed. Right by our side to help in any way and every way he could. Carl was a most amazing, caring, generous, genuine, human being, I have ever known. He will remain in my thoughts and my heart forever. I love you Carl. Lisa and Michelle, you will always remain part of our thoughts, our prayers and our family. Love you, Barbara Kairis

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**Barbara Kairis** - May 11, 2017 at 07:55 PM

JC

“ Carl truly was a VIP, as his family called him growing up. He was a truly special person with many special talents, not the least of which was playing the piano so beautifully, a gift passed on from my mother to his mother and to him. Lisa and Michelle, Pat and Linda, my spirit is with you as you honor and remember him. God give you his blessings and strength. Aunt Jeannie

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**Jeannie Carter** - May 08, 2017 at 07:42 PM

CN

“ We will always remember Carl as he generously shared his God-given musical talent by participating in the "Life Teen Band" for many years during Masses at Annunciation Catholic Church. He was always a positive inspiration to everyone, both with his music and his warm, caring personality. What a wonderful man! We send our sympathy and prayers to Lisa, Michelle, and all those who loved Carl. Bob and Cheryl Nettles

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**Cheryl Nettles** - May 08, 2017 at 06:56 PM

PA

“ Lisa, I am so sad I was not able to speak with you. The strength Carl taught me about adversity, is invaluable. You lead me by strength and example. My husband is also a cancer survivor and we struggle each day. Please believe and know, I hold you close in my thoughts and prayers. Patty (Dr H)

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**Patty** - May 07, 2017 at 10:36 AM

RR

“ Carl has played such an important role in my life. Our lives crossed when I was 15 years old. I had come to live in the US for my exchange student program, and within 11 days, I had experienced an uncomfortable situation that led me not to have a host family. Lisa and Carl learned about my unfortunate experience, and after some consideration, contacted my local coordinator, and invited me to come live with them. Carl and Lisa not only embraced me as their own child, they sheltered me, gave me love and gifted me a sister, Michelle, who was 3 years old at the time. When I think back, my heart fills up with love and joy of the memories we shared. Our pizza Friday nights, our visits to the market to buy groceries, his amazing cooking skills, his taste for wine and blues, his love for Lisa and Michelle, and his hard-working personality. I remember in 2001 when I first came back to visit, he told me how everybody at his work knew about me being considered his daughter. He made me feel so welcomed, and so proud to be considered his daughter. I remember him teasing me for the fact that I loved big Macs, cheetos, and chocolate. I remember him calling me salami face (inside joke). I remember the amazing farewell party he threw on my departure. I remember the day I was sick and he bought me medicine. I remember the day we had to say good-bye at the airport. It was the most bitter-sweet day of my life. What comforted me that day is that I knew regardless of where I was, we would forever be connected in our hearts and thoughts. Whenever I think of him, I see his laughter, his positive and high energy personality, his love and care. Dad, I am sooo proud to have met you. Thank you for enlightening my life with your presence, for reinforcing the strong family values, for gifting me with so many valuable memories. You will always be someone I will look up to. I will forever love you.

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Renata Rabelo - May 05, 2017 at 06:57 PM