

*A piece of our heart lives in*  
**Heaven**

*My Husband - Your Smile*  
Though your smile is gone forever, and I cannot touch you, I still have so many memories of you, who I love so much. The memory of you is my keepsake, with which I will never part. God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart. Sadly missed, but never forgotten.

*Your Wife* ♡

**OUR DAD,**

There was never a moment, when we did not know you loved us greatly, securely, and uniquely. Your expression of love for us and others was through your actions, not your words. If you were far or near, we felt your presence, your guidance, and your pride in us. Your journey, your fight, and your resilience to battle through difficult circumstances, to stay the path, not complain and remain humble, will be our guiding light. When you smiled and laughed it was like magic, and when you showed passion, it was like fireworks. You do not have to fight any more for us; we will be strong for you. Take your rest, be at peace.

WE LOVE YOU AND CHERISH YOU ALWAYS.

*Your Children & Grandchildren* ♡

**FLORAL BEARERS**  
*Lewis Chapel Church Deaconess*

**PALL BEARERS**  
*Sons & Lewis Chapel Church Deacons*



**DON'T CRY FOR ME**

*Don't cry for me,  
My soul is at rest,  
my heart lives on.  
Light a candle  
for me to see  
and hold on to  
my memory,  
but save your tears  
for I'm still here,  
by your side  
through the years.*

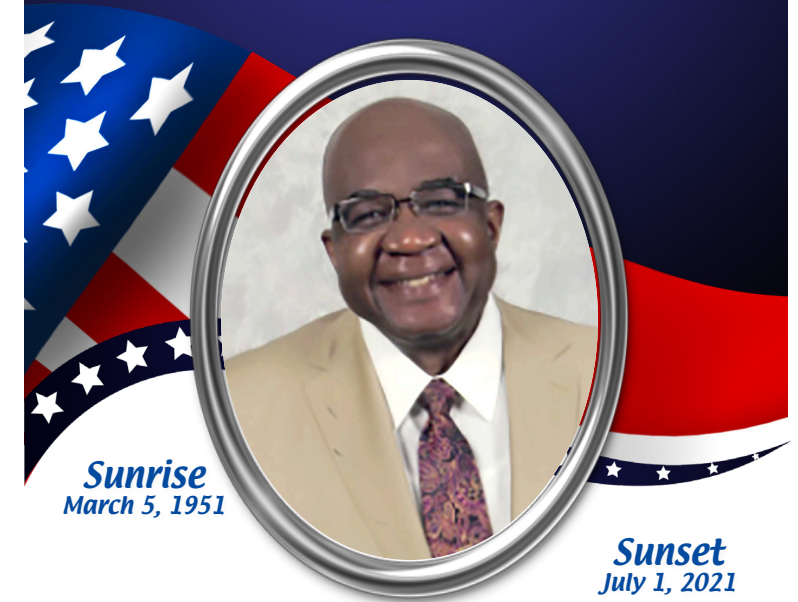
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**THE LIFE &  
LEGACY**

*Honoring the Life of*



*Claude Robert*  
**RACINE, SR.**

**Thursday, July 8, 2021 • 11:30 PA**

**LEWIS CHAPEL MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

5422 Raeford Road • Fayetteville, North Carolina

*Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Stackhouse, Sr., Eulogist*

# Order of Service

Processional . . . . . Clergy & Family

Hymn of Praise . . . . . "Praise Medley"  
Minister Will Harris  
Minister of Music, Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church  
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Scriptures:

OLD TESTAMENT . . . . . *Psalms 23*  
Rev. Eliza Ballentine  
Associate Minister  
Long Branch Baptist Church, Greenville, SC

NEW TESTAMENT . . . . . *John 14:1-6*  
Rev. Perry B. Irby  
Pastor, Restoration Missionary Baptist Church  
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Prayer of Comfort . . . . . Rev. Irby

Hymn of Comfort . . . . . "Near the Cross"  
Minister Harris

Acknowledgements . . . . . Sister Janifer Campbell

Obituary . . . . . Please Read Silently

Hymn of Assurance . . . . . "I Feel No Ways Tired"  
Minister Harris

Eulogy. . . . . Rev. Dr. Christophher D. Stackhouse, Sr.  
Senior Pastor, Lewis Chapel Misisonary Baptist Church  
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Hymn of Victory . . . . . "Let the Church Say Amen"  
Minister Harris

Recessional

## INTERMENT


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## Acknowledgement

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# Robert's Life...

*I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course.  
I had kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a  
crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous  
judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only,  
but unto all them also that love His appearing.  
II TIMOTHY 4:7-8*

 **LAUDE ROBERT RACINE, SR**, affectionately called by many "Rob/Ray", "Dad" or "Pop" was born March 6, 1951, to Gerard and Geralda Racine in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He grew up and completed his education in Brooklyn, NY.

On April 19th, 1980, he married Vernell Caldwell. They celebrated 41 years of blissful marriage this year. Robert was a member of Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC.

His service provided to our nation exceeds thirty-five (35) years of active military and civilian service.

**ROBERT** served more than twenty-five years in the United States Army. During this time, he served in many levels, roles, and locations as a Logistics Specialist and a French Translator. He retired in January 2004 as an E-8/First Sergeant.

**FIRST SERGEANT CLAUDE ROBERT RACINE** received numerous Awards and Commendations including Meritorious Service, Army Commendation, Joint Service Achievement, Army Achievement, Good Conduct, National Defense Service, Korea Service, Global War on Terrorism, and Humanitarian Service Medals, as well as

NCO Professional Development, Army Service, Overseas Service, and NATO/Bosnia Service Ribbons. Robert was also awarded The Parachutist and Mechanics Badges.

**ROBERT** spent his military career serving at numerous duty locations (CONUS and OCONUS), which includes Fort Bragg, NC, Republic of South Korea, Vicenza Italy, and Mannheim Germany. In all, he remained a Die Hard 82nd Airborne Paratrooper, even after retirement.

After his military retirement, he continued to serve the military mission for more than thirteen (13) years as a Department of Defense Civilian with the Army's Recruitment Command, and as a Department of Defense Contractor.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gerard and Geralda Racine.

His memories will be cherished by his loving wife Vernell; three sons, Claude Robert "Bobby" Racine, Jr. (Ilah), Plymouth, MN, Clinton Roderick Racine, Fayetteville, NC, and Clifford Ryan Racine, Fayetteville, NC; one grandson, Theodore "Teddy" Raleigh-Racine, Plymouth, MN; one sister, Micheline Desvallons, Brooklyn, NY; very special cousins, Celia Lafontant, Jacksonville, FL, Margaret Gerard, Brooklyn, NY and Ronalde Hyacinthe, Marlboro, NJ; special friends/brothers, Peter (Renee) Sanderson, Fayetteville, NC; Gregory (Margaret) Alexander, Fayetteville, NC; and a host of other relatives and friends.