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Claude Martin Chisholm, 66, passed away on February 7, 2019. Claude was born in Wichita to Selby & Naomi Chisholm, both who have passed on. He was a wonderful brother to Karen Liby and Kemper Chisholm of the Wichita area. He was an incredibly beloved father to his only child, Shelby Rene'e Chisholm of Charleston SC. He was adored by his nieces and nephews along with the great nieces and nephews he had as family. Claude was a graduate of Rosehill High School in Rosehill, Kansas. He earned a dual college degree in teaching instrumental music & voice from Friends University, he was privileged to belong to the world renown Singing Quakers while there. He moved to Memphis in 1976 to pursue a Master's degree and remained until his death. Mr. Chisholm was a faithful member of Bellevue Baptist church since 1976; he was known to have played there all the way up until the church services the Sunday before his Home Going. He taught music in many schools in Tennessee and Mississippi. After leaving teaching in 1994, he rendered his talent to the Shelby County schools instrumental repair shop. He was featured in the Commercial Appeal newspaper for his excellent craftsmanship in instrument repair. People said God broke the mold when Claude was created; he was truly one of a kind. Claude was gifted with an amazing musical talent, he played and sang in many local big bands. He played for the Shriners, Memphis Knights, and Swingtime Explosion for enjoyment alone. He was undoubtedly appreciated by everyone who heard his tunes and musical style. He will be sorely missed by his band mates and coworkers. Besides being a man of music, he was also a talented mechanic. He was often a blessing to others in times of need. His hobbies also included large flying model airplanes and restoring racing street cars. All his cars were all named, and if this hobby was known to people; they knew his favorite vehicle was Edna. Edna was a 1965 Chevy Nova that was originally cherry red. For Claude's family, friends, coworkers and acquaintances, you knew you were truly blessed to have known him.



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The visitation will be held in the Pollard Chapel at Bellevue Baptist Church from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, February 14th. The service will begin at 6 p.m.



Tribute Wall

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PH

Patsy Queener Heiller posted:

Prayers and blessings for his daughter Shelby Renee and those who loved him dearly Shelby is Aunt Patsyk

February 16 at 9:45 AM

SD

Steve Dillon posted:

What a shock to me. I haven't seen or spoken with Claude maybe since our time at Friends university in the Singing Quakers. What a fun guy to be around. And, was unaware of any illness that has taken him. My, my, what a shock to me this morning. My prayers go out to all his family.

February 14 at 4:26 AM

MA

Mary Armstrong posted:

I have been and will continue to pray for all of the family and friends of Claude. He was an amazing man, and I am so sad that he is gone. I do have every confidence that he is playing a top notch bari sax in the most amazing band in heaven. I got to know Claude when I started the band at E. E. Jeter five years ago. He was so helpful and kind to me getting instruments prepared for my group and fixing instruments when things went wrong. I just wanted the family to know that I am thankful that I got to know Claude, and he will truly be missed. His work made it possible for countless students in the Memphis area to be given the opportunity to learn to play an instrument. There is no telling how many students lives were enriched because they were able to play an instrument that Claude fixed.

February 12 at 2:35 PM

MB

Melody Buss posted:

Gary and I were just with you at the Shrine, you carrying on and joking like you do. We will always hold you in our memories! We miss you! ??

February 12 at 1:45 PM

VE

Vernon posted:

So very sorry for your loss. John 5:28,29

February 10 at 1:06 PM



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William Clark (Billy) posted:

Claude you will be missed until that grand reunion in heaven. Keep playing your music. See you shortly.

February 9 at 4:21 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Claude by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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