



## Mr. Ruben Bernard Clarkson

June 22, 1957 - October 24, 2024

Mr. Ruben Clarkson, 67, of Columbia, South Carolina entered into eternal rest on October 24, 2024 at MUSC Health Columbia Medical Center. Born on June 22, 1957, in Columbia, South Carolina, was the beloved son of the late Ruthine Clarkson Ladson and the late Albert Ladson.

"Bernard", as he was affectionately called by family and friends, Ruben was educated in Richland School District One Schools and graduated from A. C. Flora High School as a member of the Class of 1976. He worked at Fluor Daniel Construction and the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station in Jenkinsville, SC, where he was recognized for his exceptional carpentry skills. He was also an entrepreneur, running a business called Ruben's Rottweilers, which showcased his passion for dogs and the breed.

Ruben had a deep passion for fishing and was an avid bodybuilder in his younger days, but his heart truly belonged to the USC Gamecocks. He was a devoted fan who proudly wore the garnet and black colors, eagerly attending and watching every sporting event. His enthusiasm for the Gamecocks was infectious and enriched his life, creating countless cherished memories with friends and family. Known for his candid nature and ability to speak his mind, Ruben impacted all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his beloved brother, Sam Ladson.

Ruben is survived by his five children, A'ketia Hickmon, Angela Fletcher, Sherrod Craft, Justin Hickmon, and Taylor Alexis Clarkson. He also leaves behind his loving sister, Ruthine Ladson, and devoted brothers, Albert Ladson, Jr. and Thomas Ladson; five grandchildren, Zayden Hickmon, Alonna Hickmon, Giovanni Craft, Maddux Craft, and Zivan Craft; special friend, Essie "Tina" Flores and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 2, 2024 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home, 6400 North Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29203. Reverend Veronica Bailey, officiating. Interment to follow in the Promised Land Cemetery.

Public viewing will be held from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m., Friday, November 1, 2024 and from 9:00 a.m. until time of service, Saturday, November 2, 2024 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home.

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# Cemetery Details

## Promised Land Cemetery

1740 Cushman Drive  
Columbia, SC 29204  
(803) 254-4673

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel  
6400 North Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29203  
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*To view the service for Mr. Ruben Clarkson, please click on the link: <https://fb.watch/vMOc-80obZ>*

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ I just found out about Ruben’s passing. My condolences to the family. Ruben was like a father to me. We both shared a love for breeding dogs and having long talks about life. I also will truly miss him.

*Demetres Wages*

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**Demetres Wages** - April 11, 2025 at 10:22 AM



EN

“ Just found out about Bernard, Sorry for your Loss. We all grew up together in Hendley Homes (off Rosewood Drive). Such a nice person, you will be missed, but not forgotten.

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**Elaine Norwood** - November 06, 2024 at 12:09 PM



TE

“ My sincere sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and friends.

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**Tammy Harrison Edwards** - November 03, 2024 at 10:44 PM



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“ *Angela Washington Ruff lit a candle in memory of Ruben Clarkson*



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**Angela Washington Ruff** - November 03, 2024 at 02:59 PM

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“ *We the Ruff Family extend our condolences to the Clarkson Family in the home going of “Bernard!”*



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**Angela Washington Ruff** - November 03, 2024 at 02:57 PM

SK

“ *To the Clarkson and Hickmon family. Justin and Aketia I am so sorry about your dad. Sending God’s peace, love and comfort to the entire family.  
May God hold and surround you during this difficult time.  
Love,  
Shirley Hughes Kennedy*

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**Shirley Kennedy** - November 01, 2024 at 12:09 PM

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“ *Mr. Ruben has been a part of the Harrison/Spence family for years. He was like a brother to my aunts and uncles. We will miss your laughter and the highlights you would give on the football game(s) at Thanksgiving dinners. God bless the Clarkson family and rest in peace Mr. Ruben. 🙏*

*Shanell Smith & family*

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**Shanell Smith** - October 30, 2024 at 06:33 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.*



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**Tammy Harrison Edwards** - October 29, 2024 at 10:13 PM

SN

“ *I have known Ruben for many years and all threw high school. he has always been a nice intelegent man. he will be truly missed. to the family of Ruben sorry for your loss and you have my Condolances. I will keep the family in my Prayers. ( sarah nelson}*

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**sarah nelson** - October 28, 2024 at 07:44 PM