



Chima Lee Williams Clanton

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Chima Lee Williams Clanton went home to be with her Lord on February 16, 2008. Chima, born and raised in Austin, Texas, graduated from the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. She was a devoted wife and loving mother. Chima loved her Lord and worked diligently to share her love and belief with others. She shared her time, talents and passion for music with the children and youth at Briarwood School and Memorial Drive UMC in Houston, Texas for 18 years and then for the next 9 years at Cedarwood School and St. Timothy UMC in Mandeville, Louisiana. She directed children and youth choirs and was a very active member of both the Adult and Handbell Choirs. She loved and cared about so many and was a best friend to all.

Chima was preceded in death by her parents Gerald and Karleen Williams, a stepmother Beth Stone Williams and a brother Gerald E. Jr. She is survived by Buz Clanton her loving husband of 37 years, a son Kerry Hughes, a daughter Leah Chima, a brother Jerry Williams and his wife Denise, a sister Jinx Lacey, a stepbrother Rhett Stone and his wife Candy, two wonderful caregivers, Cindy Robinson and Mary Howell, and many, many other fantastic family and friends. Chima was a wonderful aunt to two nephews and five nieces.

A celebration service will be held at St. Timothy UMC in Mandeville, La on March 1, 2008. Visitation is at 10 a.m., the Celebration Service at 11 a.m., and lunch after the service. Following lunch, Chima's ashes will be spread in the Memorial Garden. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Chima Williams Clanton Piano Fund at St. Timothy UMC in Mandeville www.sttimothyumc.org or to the Alzheimer Association www.alz.org. Sign guestbook online at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



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TC

Terri Caldwell posted:

Jinx, Kim, Susan, Laura, and Chima's extended family. We are so sorry for your loss of Chima. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. Terri & Jay Caldwell

February 24 at 7:00 PM

BC

Bill Civitarese posted:

Chima Clanton was truly an angel on earth. I am thoroughly convinced of that! She elevated your spirit by merely being in the same room. The radiance of her everlasting smile could light up the darkest sky. Her infectious laugh could be heard for miles. I was blessed to have had the privilege of being neighbors with Buz and Chima for several years. I watched our children laugh, play, and cry together. We shared holidays together. I can't remember one instance in all those years when Chima wasn't smiling, giving, or caring in some capacity. How is that possible by someone other than an intermediary between heaven and earth. Chima touched my life just as she has many others. She has, and continues to make me a better person through her spirit. I love you Chima! Your guiding influence will live in my heart forever.

February 21 at 7:00 PM

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February 21 at 7:00 PM

GW

Gary Wood posted:

Chima, I met you at Reagan! You were a good friend when I didn't have very many friends! May God smile on you and keep you in His hands! Blessings on your family! Gary Wood

February 20 at 7:00 PM



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EM

Elizabeth King Moseley posted:

I grew up with Chima in Austin in several church choirs at First Baptist Church. Her mother was one of my Sunday School teachers. I remember Chima as very outgoing and kind. I know her illness was so difficult and I am sorry for the loss of such a lovely lady.

February 20 at 7:00 PM

CA

Carma posted:

I have lost one of my best friends....she had the biggest heartand generous spirit. I know she will be with me always, when ever I need to talk with her I can. Buz, you were her best friend of all!!

February 19 at 7:00 PM

CB

Charlsa Boren Bentley posted:

I'm saddened to read Chima's obituary in this morning's Austin American-Statesman. The last time I saw Chima was at our Reagan High School 20th reunion, back in 1988. Chima and I had been close friends in elementary school. Back then we went to TexLake Girls Scout Camp together; we took piano lessons from the same wonderful teacher (Mrs. Meadows); and we spent the night with each other and played Elvis Presley records (from Blue Hawaii) over and over again. At Pearce Junior High and Reagan High, we were in the band together. I remember her as a kind and caring teenager, and certainly those traits only deepened throughout her life. My sincerest sympathies to her family and all who loved her. Charlsa ***If not for the dark of night, there would be no stars.***

February 19 at 7:00 PM

EP

Edna And Edward Pichon posted:

I Love You Chima, and you will be missed greatly. May God keep you in his Care.

February 19 at 7:00 PM

VB

Vickie Henninger O'bannon posted:

Condolences as I remember many good times, sharing and singing with Chima at Reagan High School. She was a warm and delightful friend to all. Many wonderful memories will remain for such a beautiful person.

February 19 at 7:00 PM



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BG

Beth Hill Grillos posted:

I attended St. Timothy UMC with my family as a teenager from 1994-1997. I was involved in the handbell choir at that time, and found that activity to be very rewarding. One could not be involved in the music program without knowing the passion and skill of Chima. I remember Chima as upbeat and utterly happy to be involved where she was. Her involvement at church through music was not merely an activity; it was an extension of who she was. Beyond the music program, I did not know Chima or you, her family, very well, though Kerry was in youth group at the same time I was, but attended a different high school. Like many teenagers, I suppose, I did not stay in contact with very many people from Louisiana, and none from church, when my family moved. However, this morning I woke up with Chima's name on my mind, googled her name, and found her obituary. My name may not ring a bell, but please know that though I am far removed from my time in Louisiana, I remember Chima warmly and offer my condolences, sincerest regards and prayers.

February 18 at 7:00 PM

SO

Sabrina Owens posted:

Kerry, Mr. Buz and Leah i am really sorry your mother and wife. i am thinking about you. i know she will be missed and i have moved away in december. she was a very nice person i knew her when she was my she director the senior in 1995. love you and take care

February 15 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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