



## Crawford Bernard Lindsay Jr

June 20, 1930 - June 18, 2019

Crawford B. Lindsay Jr. peacefully departed this life for eternity at the VA Medical Center in Nashville during the early morning hours of June 18, 2019, two days before his 89th birthday. Born on June 20, 1930 in Goldsboro NC, Crawford Jr. was the first of three children of Crawford B. Lindsay Sr. PhD, LLB (former head of the Department of English at Tennessee State University and attorney) and his devoted wife, Rachel Darden Lindsay. Crawford Jr.'s brother is Henry Eugene Hill Lindsay, MD (86 and retired) and his sister-in-law is Rubye Lee Chandler Lindsay (83 and a retired social worker), both of Philadelphia PA.

Crawford Jr. was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Hettie Jane Lindsay McCants (former teacher), Hettie's young daughter, Junice Sneed, and by his brother-in-law, Jessie L. McCants Sr., PhD (former teacher, banker, and entrepreneur).

Crawford Jr. graduated with honors from Pearl High School and from Tennessee State University in Nashville by the 1950s. He was warm, open, friendly, and excelled in foreign languages. He later

undertook graduate studies at Ohio State University. Like his father and brother, Crawford Jr. as a young adult, had opportunities to travel cross-country while he worked on the historic Great Northern Railway's transcontinental luxury train, the Empire Builder.

Following his studies at Ohio State University, Crawford Jr. enlisted in the army. He received an honorable discharge, and began a career to counsel veterans that spanned for more than 20 years, while garnering accolades, at the US Department of Veteran's Affairs in Chicago ILL, where his language talents

and scholarly traits were put to good use. Crawford Jr.'s first marriage was brief and ended in divorce, however, love was much lovelier the second

time around when he wed Helen Jean Patterson, more than 20 years his junior, in Chicago Ill, after she won his heart. This union stood the test of time, and lasted 41 years until Crawford Jr.'s death.

Having dedicated his life to Christ at a young age, Crawford Jr. committed himself to a lifetime of selfless, charitable giving. A lifelong member of the Living Church of God in Chicago, Ill and later in Manchester

and Nashville TN, Crawford Jr. tithed and contributed most of his worldly income to his

church. He had little interest in amassing wealth or in acquiring material possessions, but was, instead, rich in spirit and

in Christian kindness with a cheerful smile freely offered to all.

Crawford Jr. and his loving wife spent their senior years residing in the Nashville area with the Good Samaritan Health and Rehab Center in Antioch, TN as Crawford Jr.'s final residence. Left to celebrate his

rich life and legacy of giving are his widow, Helen Lindsay, his brother Dr. Henry H.

Lindsay, sisters-in-law Rubye C. Lindsay and Dorothy Patterson, nieces Sheree McCants Joyce, Traci Lindsay, Jacinta McCants

Anderson, Janella McCants, nephews Jesse L. McCants Jr., Jerel McCants, and a host of other family members, church members, lifelong friends and associates.

# Cemetery

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## Middle Tennessee State Veterans

7931 McCrory Ln  
Nashville, TN, 37221

# Events

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**JUN 28** **Celebration of Life** 10:00AM - 12:00PM  
Ellis Funeral Home & Cremation Service  
2627 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, US, 37211

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**JUL 3** **Inurnment** 01:00PM  
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# Comments

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“ I am Harriet Collins Nunley from Dania Beach, Florida.  
My Father, M. Sterling Collins was a student of Dr. C.B. Lindsay Sr. at Morehouse College...(class of 1941).  
Over the years our Family Ties continued such that we exchanged phone calls, visits, cards and letters. The families decided to have Crawford, Jr. visit Dania, Florida as a summer retreat! All of our friends, relatives, and neighbors were amazed at C.B. Jr. 's Genius around "ALL" Topics.  
It was exciting to see Crawford, Jr. recite facts and figures with ease.  
He was always a brilliant speaker with an affable demeanor.  
Crawford, Jr., who preferred to be called Bernard, was always in Total Command of the King's English and a few other Languages.  
He was Always a Loving Bright Star in our Universe.  
May he Rest Peacefully.

Harriet Nunley - July 03 at 01:17 AM

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“ Rest in eternal peace, dear uncle, knowing that your lifelong charity and ebullient smile have enriched us all.



Traci Lindsay - July 02 at 01:09 PM

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“ I met Crawford Bernard Lindsay about a decade or so ago when he lived in the Parthenon Towers. I was sent there to be his caregiver, but he was having none of that. He was still able to care bodily for himself (according to him), and needed just small things done like grocery shopping and light cleaning. He was an interesting man and as he shared many of his life's experiences, I came to look forward to our "visits" as he called it. I think more than anything, I provided companionship for him and I consider it a blessing to have known him. He had the most beautiful gray\white hair and still made his bed up daily ... military style, as best he could. He was hard of hearing, so I was often "yelling" at him, but every conversation was worth the effort. He spoke most frequently of God and his wife, Helen and his desire to see both. Well Mr. Lindsay ... I pray that you are now in the presence of the Lord! I'll miss you, but I'm glad you're free from the limitations of your aging body and the nursing home experience which you never wanted, but needed these last few years Still, we continued to stay in touch through cards and letters. You ran your race sir ... I was

blessed to be on the sideline during part of it, to cheer you on.

If there's any little kindness I can extend to the remaining family, which I believe to be very few, please contact me.

Much love, Mrs. Leslie Hatchett-Hill  
615-200-5875



**Leslie Hatchett-Hill** - June 28 at 12:15 PM



“ Your fond memories are greatly appreciated, Leslie!

**Traci Lindsay** - July 02 at 01:26 PM