



## Stephen Jabulani (Clark) Issa

*January 24, 1956 - March 15, 2021*

Stephen Jabulani (Clark) Issa passed away peacefully in our family home, just as he wished, at 10:08 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021. Roni, his wife of 25 years, was by his side when he took his last breath and can honestly say that he was truly at peace - there was no struggle, only comfort.

Stephen was born on January 24, 1956 to Stephen W. and June Carolyn (Griffin) Clark in Detroit, Michigan. He lived a full and charmed life as a devoted husband, engaged father and active community servant, educator, and humble leader. Stephen privately, gracefully, and courageously soldiered through a 2-year battle with cancer, beating the odds and rallying beyond medical expectations many times. Through it all, he remained positive, faithful, and never lost hope. Stephen selflessly touched and positively impacted many lives during his 65 years, on this planet. He is now able to continue his service, on another sphere, free of any physical limitations. Stephen's example and kind spirit will prevail as a living legacy in his beautiful and accomplished stepdaughter, Kelley and our 15-year-old son, Bakari, whom Stephen shared his greatest joys with and both of whom made him very proud.

Stephen's message to those he loved was "Bye for now, I'll see you on the other side"...

Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 22, 2021 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas 75013. The service will also be live streamed at TJMfuneral.com on Stephen's obituary page by clicking on the following link: [Celebrationoflife.tv](https://www.celebrationoflife.tv). After the service, the recorded live stream will be available for viewing at the same link location.

## Memorials

*Our sincere condolences for your loss. Stephen was truly an Angel, a unicorn actually because there are none others like him. We however are Christians, so I know we will all see him again. I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. John 11:25-26*

**ERIC AND YOLONDA HABIMANA, MAY 10, 2021**

*Thank you for being the one to show me the things in life I couldn't find Mr. Issa. You've done miracles for my life and God will do the same for you and your family. You're dearly missed.*

**SHEPPARD, APRIL 23, 2021**

*I will forever look back with fondness and gratitude on my time working with Stephen both as a co-worker and later as my Principal. I couldn't have asked for a better individual to work with. His willingness to listen to others and his undying devotion to helping our students overcome their struggles and move forward with their lives was unmatched. I miss seeing his smiling face and sitting in his office just to chat for a few minutes. I miss you Stephen, thank you so much for letting me be a part of your journey on this earth. See you on the other side my friend.*

**RICK SCHAAP, MARCH 29, 2021**

*The Vaughns and Issas sat next to each other many times on a soccer field in McKinney and later on bleachers at a baseball game. Steve, Roni and Bakari are an example of "good people" that bless their community by being present. We truly are saddened by Steve's passing but truly blessed by having known him. We wish peace and comfort to Roni and Bakari. Akanni, Vanessa Manny and Obe sending you prayers and love.*

**VANESSA VAUGHN, MARCH 27, 2021**

*To the Issa Family Stephen was a man of kindness, thoughtfulness, possessing a heart of compassion. The lives that he touched were many, the impact that he made on this world will never be forgotten. God's Blessings on you his beloved family and friends. My heartfelt respect for a life well-lived.*

**SONJA HARRISON, MARCH 27, 2021**

*I'm praying for your family.*

**FERLANDA WILLIS, MARCH 26, 2021**

*"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:3 May God wrap his arms around you and the entire family and give you peace. We love you all and are so blessed to have Stephen apart of our family. Family laughs, Thanksgiving dinners, and every lasting memories that are now treasures. You guys are forever in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Wendy and Addison*

**WENDY PETTY, MARCH 26, 2021**

*May fond memories of Stephen bring you comfort during this hard time in your life. My heart and prayers go out to you and the family. We consider ourselves as family and we are with and for you. The entire Petty family.*

**WILLIAM PETTY, MARCH 26, 2021**

*A hero for many. A man that changed the lives of many youth. I am blessed to have worked with him and know him.*

**NANCY , MARCH 25, 2021**

*Stephen's kindness, generosity of spirit, and humility made a significant impact on my life. He will be missed greatly and brought to mind with a smile of gratitude. Deep condolences to his precious family and many friends.*

**JENNIFER AKINS, MARCH 25, 2021**

*To Roni and family, may the precious memories of Stephen grant you joy during your sorrow and may God's love give you peace as He sustains you as always but especially as you grieve. What an outstanding man Stephen was and a great blessing to so many. Sending hugs and sincerest prayers.*

**JOHNETTA ALLEN SCALES, MARCH 25, 2021**

*Stephen was definitely one of the good guys. He lived his life in devotion to his wife, Roni and son Bakari. Stephen would literally light up when talking about them. He also left a legacy to those who knew him. Prayers for the family and loved ones that Stephen touched throughout his life. May you rest in peace.*

**CYNTHIA MORTON, MARCH 25, 2021**

*Stephen was one of the most genuinely kind and deeply GOOD men I've ever*

*known in my life. I feel lucky to have known him. The world was lucky to have him in it, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him, leaving a hole even for those who didn't. We will look forward to seeing him on the other side.*

**KATE PARKER, MARCH 24, 2021**

*To Roni, Bakari and Kelley, Stephen's gentle spirit has inspired me during these past 17 years that we worked together at Serenity. Stephen's devotion to his family was unequalled and has left a lasting legacy. I will miss Stephen's positive attitude, approach to seeking solutions when there was a concern to be managed and upbeat approach to life until the time of his passing. Prayers of comfort and compassion offered to Stephen's extended family too. JULI*

**JULI FERRARO, MARCH 24, 2021**

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