



## Mr. Steele Rodney Sinclair

July 21, 2017

Steele Rodney Sinclair of Toronto, Ontario passed away on Friday, 21st July, 2017. Born in Jamaica, West Indies in May, 1963, he attended Knox College Junior School, Spalding, Clarendon. He immigrated to Canada in 1976 and attended Deer Park Junior School and North Toronto Collegiate Institute where he participated as a member of the soccer team and was a member of the school junior choir. He later moved to the U.S. where he attended Miami-Dade College then joined the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the Communicable Disease Control Clinic. He later returned to Toronto in 2004. He was articulate, innately intelligent, polite, kind and self-less. He will be dearly missed by his children, Samantha and David Sinclair, Arkansas, U.S.A., his mother, Kaye Hilton also close relatives and friends both in Toronto and the U.S. He will be cremated and laid to rest in the U.S. in a private ceremony.

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Admittedly, these days, I can no longer tell if the memories with my father are few, or fading.

*I remember, one time accidentally seeing him naked in the shower after he asked to me to retrieve a towel for him and how embarrassed I was. He made a joke about us being made the same way, and it was the first time I can recall understanding who he was to me.*

*Growing up, I always had a great desire to connect with my father. Most of the events during time spent in his company escape my memory, but the emotions that cemented in my core registry were that of inspiration; discovery; passion; ambition. It felt as if that was how he navigated his world and it seemed to be of upmost importance to him to see that I saw the same excitement in the world.*

*I never was meant to understand whatever troubled Rodney and ultimately prevented us from connecting further, but it was always clear to me that I was drawn to him and resonated at the mention of his being, even to this day; an alternate long lasting relationship with each other, surely would have led to plenty of meaningful experiences. I give him grace for who he became, and take solace in who he was.*

*The way my family speaks of him, here on this obituary, is indicative of the manner he was always spoken of when I was a child. It is the way he has been remembered in my own mind, all these years, as well. I've learned much about my father from finding his obituary, and feel thankful to connect with him once again through all of the kind words. In some ways, my father has always existed through through the navigation of my own life, due to the high regard his family always held him in, which I have never forgotten.*

*May the spirit of Steele, that which seemed to have affected so many people around him, be resting peacefully.*

*Pictured are my son and I; and a photo of my father and my mother at the time of Samantha's birth, circa; May 1993.*

*- David Steele Hylton Sinclair*



**David Sinclair** - February 09, 2025 at 05:33 AM

OR

“ *Ophelia Royale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steele Rodney Sinclair*



**Ophelia Royale** - September 24, 2017 at 09:17 PM

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“ *Ophelia Royale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steele Rodney Sinclair*



**Ophelia Royale** - September 24, 2017 at 09:14 PM

OR

*My dearest Rodney, I am truly saddened by your passing. The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. RIP. Aunt Ophelia and family.*

**Ophelia Royale** - September 24, 2017 at 09:36 PM

BD

“ I loved my nephew, Rodney. He was an intelligent man, always so gentlemanly, and genuinely kind. I will always remember how well he treated his grandmother - with heartfelt love and respect and she was incredibly fond of him as well. There wasn't anything she wouldn't do for him, how she loved him so.



*I remember when Rodney was in the Navy and he was stationed at Camp Lejeune, I was in North Carolina visiting my husband's family and we were able to see him. The visit was brief, he graciously made time to see us although he was on duty. He was clearly as happy to see us as we were to see him. May he rest in peace.*

*My prayers and thoughts are now for his family - my dear sister Kaye and his children. I pray for their comfort during this time of grieving.*

*Aunt Beulah*

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**Beulah Daniels** - September 23, 2017 at 10:39 PM

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“ Valrie & Almando Henry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steele Rodney Sinclair



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**Valrie & Almando Henry** - September 23, 2017 at 10:40 AM

VA

*We lit a candle for our loving, kind and considerate Nephew, " Steele Rodney Sinclair." We are truly saddened at your sudden passing. We might wonder why soon, but God know best. May your dear "Soul " rest in the arms of Jesus. Gone but will never be forgotten.*

*Auntie Valrie & Uncle Alman*

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**Valrie** - September 23, 2017 at 11:02 AM

VH

*(Steele) Rodney Sinclair (Nephew)*  
*You were to me a very loving, kind and considerate person. I am deeply saddened at your sudden passing. We might wonder why so soon. But God only, knows best. May your soul rest in peace. Gone but will never be forgotten.*

*Aunty Valrie & Uncle Almando*

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**Valrie Henry** - September 23, 2017 at 11:55 AM

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“ My nephew Rodney Steele Sinclair was very loving, kind, considerate and full of compassion. What ever need that one found them self in, he did not hesitate to extend an helping hand, even if it meant taking the shirt off his back to help. He never thought twice to do so. Laughter and a hug was Rodney's his life. I remember going to the airport to where his grandma took him to get his flight to Canada. I will never forget that in his breast pocket was his pet, (a cute little green turtle) both of them on their way to Canada.



*Gone too soon but will never be forgotten. We cannot Lord thy purpose see, but all is well that's done by thee. Sleep on dear Nephew, sleep and take your rest. We love thee more, but Jesus loves thee best.*

*Good night Rodney, good night, good night.*

*Aunt Islyn & Uncle Dazel*

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**Aunt Islyn & Uncle Dazel (Chen)** - September 22, 2017 at 09:27 PM

CM

“ Claudette McPherson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steele Rodney Sinclair



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**Claudette McPherson** - September 21, 2017 at 12:38 PM

CM

*Kaye - sorry for your loss my friend:*

*Those we love we never lose  
For always they will be  
Loved, remembered, treasured  
Always in our memory.*

*RIP Rodney*

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**Claudette McPherson** - September 21, 2017 at 12:40 PM

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Chen

“ *I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.*  
-- *Maya Angelou*

*My cousin Rodney, being around you always brings so much joy. That's the way you made us feel. You were an avid swimmer, lover of the outdoors, and an amazing mind. Gone too soon, but never the less into the arms of Almighty God. RIP*

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**Peter Chen** - September 19, 2017 at 06:55 PM

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“ *May your sweet soul Rest in Peace my nephew.*

*Uncle Hope*



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**Stanhope Hylton** - September 19, 2017 at 11:10 AM

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“ *The Management and Staff of Toronto Community Housing 2765 Islington Avenue wish to express our condolences to the family of Mr. Steele. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy for your loss during this difficult time of grief. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Winsome Smith** - September 19, 2017 at 09:20 AM

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*No farewell words were spoken,  
no time to say goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it,  
and only God knows why.*



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**Mother** - September 19, 2017 at 09:02 AM

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“Rodney was my cousin. We had fond memories growing up in Jamaica and even in the US. He had a great sense of humor and just loved to laugh. We shared the same taste in movies, poetry and classical English tales. A few years back he called me from Canada just to tell me to read Chaucer's Canterbury tales. I will always remember him to be a very kind and thoughtful human being. He was very loved by all of us in the family. Knowing that he's no longer here on this earth with us, I will truly miss him. "Good night, sweet prince. May hosts of angels sing you to sleep."

*My deepest sympathy to my Aunt Kaye and my cousins, Samantha and David.*

*With Love, Marie*



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**Marie Chen** - September 19, 2017 at 12:42 AM

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“Alecia Charny lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steele Rodney Sinclair



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**Alecia Charny** - September 18, 2017 at 11:53 PM

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“ We are all here to learn, to be the best we can be. Browed time, Is where we all are, we own nothing, Not even our own children. They are not our property, they are God's Children, as we all are. Every day is special, make the best of our time, love, laugh, open our hearts to all the sunshine. Forgive, and have peace in our hearts. Yesterday it is gone, tomorrow we never know, this moment be the best that we can. Sadly missed, but at peace, too complicated of a world. Sending the Family my deepest condolences, and sending them love of the Universe to comfort their sad hearts.

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**Alecia Charny** - September 18, 2017 at 11:52 PM

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“ *In Memoriam*  
My memories of Rodney are as a bright, fun-loving, beyond-polite teen-ager: so sad that he is gone too soon at an unconscionably early age.  
“Take him and cut him out in little stars,  
And he will make the face of heaven so fine  
That all the world will be in love with night  
And pay no worship to the garish sun.”  
— William Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet*  
Fausta Bennett



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**Fausta Bennett** - September 18, 2017 at 09:41 PM