

Fritz Louis Clermont was born July 1, 1942 in Jérémie, Haiti, the son of Chérisona Gauthier and Georges Clermont. He spent the early years of his life in the care of his doting mother in Jérémie. In August 1950, he joined his father's household in Port-au-Prince, where he lived with his loving stepmother Constance Dardeau Clermont, his brother Jean-Robert and his sister Josianne. He attended "L'école Jean-Marie Guilloux", then the "Lycée Anténor Firmin". In 1962, he entered "L'école Normale Supérieure" and graduated with a degree in philosophy. He pursued concurrent studies at the "Faculté d'Ethnologie" where he earned a degree in "Sciences Anthropologiques". During that time, he met the love of his life, Eliane Dorismond, who also studied at the same institutions in Port-au-Prince.

In 1965, Fritz left Haiti for "La République Démocratique du Congo" where he worked as a high school teacher. Fritz and Eliane married in 1967. They lived in the Congo where two of their children: Frédérique and Georges Alain were born. In 1969 they immigrated to the United States and settled in Brooklyn, New York. A few years later, they welcomed their third child, Fabienne, and moved to Queens, NY.

Fritz initially worked for Chase Manhattan Bank and attended evening classes at Brooklyn College. Later, he went on to earn a Master of Arts in Mathematics from New York University and would eventually obtain a Masters of Science in Education at Long Island University, while pursuing a career in the New York City school system, first as an educational assistant, then as a math teacher.

Fritz taught for almost thirty years in the New York City Public School System where he was well liked and respected by all. He retired in 2002, moved to Pembroke Pines, Florida with his wife and spent 10 wonderful years enjoying the freedom to do the things he loved: playing tennis, reading, corresponding with friends via email, keeping up with current events, traveling the world, writing, taking care of his garden, proudly sharing with friends and neighbors the tropical fruits he harvested. His health issues which started in summer of 2011, led to the 2012 diagnosis of **Familial Cardiac Amyloidosis**, a rare disease still incurable to date. Through the months that followed, Fritz remained true to his positive view of life: connected to friends and family, participating in life activities with realistic optimism. He passed away peacefully at his residence in Pembroke Pines on May 16, 2013 surrounded with his wife and three children. He was 70 years old.

Whether you knew Fritz for five minutes or five years, you were invariably taken by his zest for life and passion for the moment. Gregarious by nature, his unique sense of humor enabled him to interact with ease with everyone he met, bringing joy and laughter to any discussion, in any setting. He will be remembered for his generosity, his compassion for the less fortunate and his availability to help others.

Fritz is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Eliane Dorismond Clermont, his children: Frédérique, Georges Alain and Fabienne; his brothers and sisters: Jean Robert, Josianne, Marc Antoine, Julio, Nephtalie and Yanick; his soul brothers and sister: Gérard, Valère and Roseline; his grandchildren: Gabriella Eliana, Alejandro Fritz, Dominick James, Adrienne Belle, Brielle Anais, Cassandra Gisèle and Amélie Françoise; his aunt Dinette Gauthier Joseph, his uncle Canès Gauthier, his nephews and nieces, his cousins and his many close friends and great camarades whom he loved so dearly.

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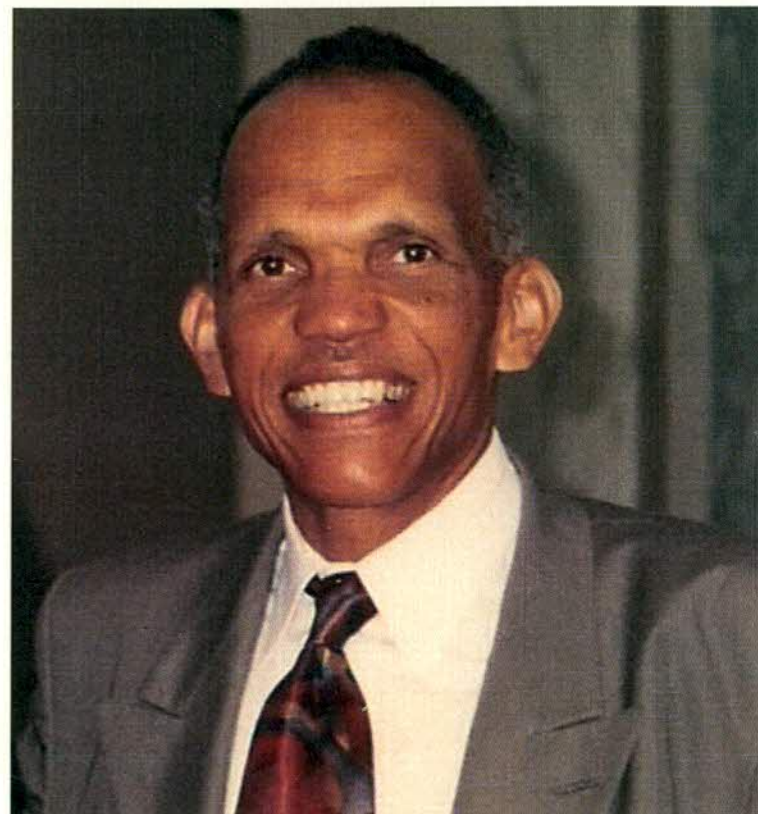


"Je ne meurs pas, chers amis; je m'absente". - Fritz Clermont

Fritz Louis Clermont

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Life Celebration



July 1, 1942

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La mort doit entrer dans la vie seulement pour la définir.

Jean Paul Sartre