



## Anthony Charles Crawford

April 25, 1953 - June 6, 2023

Anthony Charles Crawford, affectionately called “Tony” entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at the age of 70. He was a loving husband and father who was always there when we needed him. He had many friends and was well-known and loved throughout the Charlotte community.

Tony was born and raised in the Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. He attended New York City Schools, including Holy Rosary Catholic School and graduated from Boys High. Before moving to Charlotte in 1989 and choosing a lifelong career in law enforcement, Tony worked as a dry cleaner in the family business.

Tony was a beloved member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD). Tony had been a member of the CMPD since 1989 – serving as one of the first bike patrol officers and community coordinators in the Central Division. He also served as a valued and appreciated member of CMPD’s security team for the Charlotte Hornets since the team’s inception in 1989. Known, trusted and counted on around the Spectrum Center, he is truly irreplaceable. Tony also worked for the Carolina Panthers in the money room, from 1995-2020. Coincidentally, the Hornets and Panthers were his favorite sports teams. Officer Crawford retired from the CMPD in 2013 and returned to service in September of 2013 and was assigned to the Airport Division. Tony touched the lives of everyone he met, and he will be missed dearly.

He was predeceased by his father, John S. Crawford Sr., mother, Lorraine A. Crawford, brothers, John S. Crawford, Jr. and Brett Crawford and Debra S. Crawford.

He is survived by his wife, La'Kesha S. Crawford, sons, Courtney C. Crawford and Khai Julian Crawford, daughters, Sheila Sanders and Ka'Rin A. Long, grandson, Ethan Charles Sanders, brother, Clinton M. Crawford, sister, Valerie L. Crawford. Along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: Khai Julian Crawford Scholarship Fund.

C/o La'Kesha Crawford

P.O. Box 447

Waxhaw, NC 28173

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

JUN 15. 12:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Charlotte  
301 S. Davidson Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202

# Tribute Wall

ED

“ *My sincerest condolences to your family Tony. You will be missed. It was always a pleasure to see you at the gym, Rest in peace.*

**E Davis** - June 26, 2023 at 01:42 PM

DW

“ *Tony my friend, I will always thank God for you. Your last words I heard you say walking through the airport was take care of yourself. You kept me away from many dangers. You blessed so many with your huge heart Sir. You will be missed. Father send your Peace into his families camp in Jesus Name.*

**D. Williams** - June 15, 2023 at 11:43 AM

VA

“ *It is with great sorrow that I, Tony's sister Valerie, along with his first three children Teshia, Dawn, Tony and his only grandson Kin-nah (KJ) are heart broken especially in the way he left us to be with the Lord. I would like to share a story of how when we were kids, Tony yelled at a drunken stranger who wanted to take me to the store to buy me some candy Tony said "hey Mister leave my sister alone." It did not matter to Tony how big that man was, he was not going to let anyone take me away.*

**Valerie** - June 14, 2023 at 02:25 PM

DC

*My condolences to my niece La'kiesha  
I had the pleasure of meeting Tony  
He was very kind and friendly ... May he rest peacefully in heaven 🙏*

**Desiree Coulter** - June 15, 2023 at 07:10 PM

LP

*It is with sincere sadness and genuine hurt that I've learned of the untimely passing of Mr Tony. Definitely a father figure and always greeted me with love. Meet him in 1989 when I befriended his daughter who became bestfriend in high school . My beyond numb to hear of this just now. I would have been honored to pay my last respect. Rest well Tony☐. My condolences to Courtney & Sheila as well as the immediate Family*

**Latravia N Perry** - August 06, 2023 at 12:07 AM

BP

*“ I'm pleased to have met officer Anthony Crawford at CLT. I'm a representative of Spirit Airlines he was such a warmed Spirit man of God. He will be truly missed. To the family please remember. The word of God tells us to be absent from the bottom is to be present with the Lord. May the peace of God be with you during your time of bereavement. Humbly submitted Bishop Britt Pledger.*

**Britt M Pledger** - June 14, 2023 at 09:53 AM

WR

*“ Prayers of comfort for the family. Officer Crawford as I called him was a gem amongst officers. When I had the pleasure of seeing him which was every other day; he always had a word of wisdom and a smile. I will miss seeing him at the podium. Great officer, true friend.*

**CBPO WRIGHT**

**WRIGHT** - June 13, 2023 at 07:36 PM

AB

“ Tony was a great guy. He loved to laugh and have fun. He would help anyone out. He was a friend to everyone. We worked together in the old A1 and at The Airport . Prayers for the Crawford and CMPD family  
Take your Rest A.C.

*AGB CMPD (Metro ) Retired*

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**A.G. Brown** - June 12, 2023 at 09:47 PM

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*Tony you will be missed*

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**LindaOrtiz** - June 13, 2023 at 09:31 PM