

To All of Saint's Family, Friends, Colleagues and Admirers

By now you are probably aware of the shocking news of St.Clair's sudden passing.

Early morning, on December 15th, just before he was to be released from the hospital following the successful removal of a benign tumor from the surface of his brain, he developed blood clots, which traveled to his lungs.

We all remain heartsick and know that you share our grief and distress. The warmth and support that has been extended by so many has been essential to our retaining some balance in these circumstances. Saint's ashes were interred with those of his parents at the Cypress Hills Cemetery on Friday, the 28th of December.

If you have internet access, you may wish to "Google" St.Clair Bourne. You will be astounded at the immense outpouring of grief and emotion about Saint's death. There have been numerous newspaper articles and internet and blog postings concerning his stature within, and contributions to, the documentary filmmaking community and African-American social and political life.

St. Clair's passing is particularly mourned by his devoted sister Judith L. Bourne of St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands, numerous cousins and other relatives both in the USA and in Antigua, West Indies, dear and faithful friends Tinoa Rodgers and Faith Childs, former wives and continued close friends Sylvia Azure Bourne and Dr. Linda Miller, and a vast host of colleagues, associates, partners, protoges and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at 7:00 pm on the 25th of January 2008 at The Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, Manhattan, with a reception following.

A small group of family members, Saint's closest friends, and a couple of his oldest and closest colleagues are involved in the planning of this celebration of his life.

Despite his accomplishments, Saint's financial circumstances were difficult and many of you have asked how you can contribute to this event. Contributions should be made payable to Judith L. Bourne with a note in the memo line for the St. Clair Bourne Memorial and mailed to Saint's long time accountant and friend:

Barry Kornblum
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245 Fifth Avenue, Ste. 2203.
New York, NY 10016

Judy Bourne is also working on establishing a fund or other not-for-profit entity to continue some of Saint's mentoring and community nurturing activities.

Thank you

St. Clair Bourne Memorial Planning Committee

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