

Heartbreak as Gospel Hall of Fame Quartet Faces Tragic Loss

Tragedy struck as three members of the award-winning gospel quartet The Nelons were killed in a plane crash.

The victims included Jason Clark and his wife, Kelly Nelon Clark, along with their daughter, Amber Kistler, and her husband, Nathan Kistler. Also on board were Melodi Hodges, pilot Larry Haynie, and his wife, Melissa. There were no survivors. The group was en route to the Gaither Homecoming Cruise to Alaska when the crash occurred.

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The youngest daughter of the Clarks, Autumn Nelon Streetman, released a statement following the news of the crash.

"As many of you have heard by now, my father and mother, Jason and Kelly Nelon Clark, along with my sister, Amber, and brother-in-law, Nathan, as well as our dear friends Melodi Hodges, Larry and Melissa Haynie, were involved in a tragic plane crash on Friday," she said. "Thank you for the prayers that have been extended already to me, my husband, Jamie, and our soon-to-be-born baby boy, as well as Jason's parents, Dan and Linda Clark. We appreciate your continued prayers, love and support as we navigate the coming days."

As reported by Fox News, "The crash occurred about 1 p.m. in Campbell County, Wyoming, north of Gillette and about 250 miles north of Cheyenne, according to a statement from Campbell County spokesperson Leslie Perkins."

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National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Keith Holloway reported that there is currently an investigation underway into the cause of the crash.

“The aircraft is in a remote location and once they gain access, they will begin documenting the scene, examining the aircraft,” Holloway said. “The aircraft will then be recovered and taken to a secure facility for further evaluation.”

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