



Clifton Leo Taylor

May 5, 1949 - June 7, 2019

Clifton Leo Taylor was born on May 5, 1949 to the late Joseph William Taylor Sr. and Eula Pearl Walker in Demott, Arkansas. He was the youngest of three siblings, Eula Mae Smith and Joseph William Taylor Jr.

He had fond memories of occasionally staying with his maternal grandparents the late Rev. Freeman Walker and Caldonia Walker in Monroe, Louisiana. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at an early age and was active in the choir which was under the direction of his sister Eula, at Main Temple C.M.E. Church. He attended Little Flower Academy where he excelled at math and art. After attending Grambling State University for some time, he left to "find himself" and joined the United States Marine Corps and ascended to the rank of Sargent.

He found himself caught up in America's war in Vietnam where he was injured after stepping on a mine. While in recovery in Okinawa, Japan, he was told that he would never regain use of his legs, but after a year in recovery was able to walk again. He was awarded the Purple Heart for his bravery. After serving, Clifton moved to Los Angeles, California and continued to study art and math. He earned an Associate of Arts degree in accounting.

Clifton married Ella Johnson Grissom in 1988. Although they did not have children together, they brought children of their own to the union: from Clifton,

Eula, Katherine Taylor, Clifton Leo Taylor Jr., and Carla LeShawn Taylor, and from Ella Juanita, Bettina Antoinette Judd.

From working as a carrier for the United States Postal Service to manager, Clifton won numerous awards for his performance and was known as a “fixer” for his tough managerial style and ability to improve the most difficult stations in Los Angeles. Upon retiring from the U.S. Postal Service in 2004, he relocated to Monroe with Ella Juanita where he was able to pursue his longtime hobby of gardening, smoking meats, canning and preserving and mowing his lawn. During harvesting time he would donate his crops: mustards, collards, turnips, and okra as well as his canned goods. He reunited with his childhood place of worship, Martin Temple C.M.E. where he served as president of the evangelism committee and went door-to-door to invite people to come to the church.

He leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife Ella Juanita Taylor, brother Joseph Taylor Jr., two sisters-in-law Juanita Taylor and Faye Grissom Harvey, father-in-law Bennie Grissom Jr. Four children: Eula Katherine Taylor, Bettina Antoinette Judd, Clifton Leo Taylor Jr., and Carla LeShawn Taylor. Grandchildren: Cody Jahrrod Lockhart and Jayci Leanna Lockhart. Nieces and Nephews: Millie Rufus, Raymond Andrews, Arthur Breedlove, Joseph William Taylor III, Justin Harvey, Bryan Harvey, Keith Grissom Jr., and Teyah Hart as well as a host of great-nieces and nephews, cousins, chosen family, and friends.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 14. 5:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Clifton Leo Taylor*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To Nita and family,*

I am sending you love and prayers during this difficult time. God will continue to bless you, comfort you and give you peace just trust in him. I pray that you will have traveling grace and mercy and know that you are thought of always.

*Love,
Sonya*



Sonya Hull - June 19, 2019 at 08:32 PM



“ *To family of Clifton Leo Taylor Jr. my prayers are with and you, family. So stay prayed up Praise God from all whom blessing flow*

Bishop Brock A. L. Brown D. D., - June 10, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - June 10, 2019 at 05:14 PM