

FOREVER LOVED...



'DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP'

MARY ELIZABETH FRYE

*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.*

*I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush*

*Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.*

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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

*Honoring the
Life of*



Sunrise
October 19, 1931

Sunset
July 28, 2021

Clifton James HARRINGTON

Sunday, August 8, 2021 • 1:00 PM

**PANTHERSFORD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

10010 North Carolina 211
Red Springs, North Carolina 28377

Order of Service

REV. WILLIE McCASKILL, OFFICIATING

Processional	Ministers and Family
Solo	Mrs. Sandra McQueen
Invocation	Rev. Willie McCaskill
Scriptures	Elder Dennis Corbin THE OLD TESTAMENT / THE NEW TESTAMENT
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Clarence Page
Acknowledgment	Elder Tonie Brite
Obituary	Please Read Silently
Remarks (2 minutes)	
Solo	Mrs. Sandra McQueen
Eulogy	Rev. Willie McCaskill
Song	Mrs. Sandra McQueen
Recessional	Rev. Willie McCaskill

INTERMENT

PANTHERSFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY
10010 NC 211
Red Springs, North Carolina 28377

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair
Perhaps you sent a floral spray, if so we saw it there
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that
any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there
at all, just prayed for us this day
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we the family of the late

CLIFTON JAMES HARRINGTON

thank you so much for every part.

Clifton's Life...

How does one memorialize greatness? How does one effectively articulate courage, commitment, intelligence, stoicism, resourcefulness and pure, unadulterated love? These traits, collectively, can be captured in three words. **CLIFTON JAMES HARRINGTON.**

CLIFTON JAMES HARRINGTON, a doting father, a committed husband, a dynamic intellectual, a resolute professional and a man that commanded respect from anyone he encountered was born on October 19, 1931 in Franklinton, NC to George and Clara Harrington. At an early age, he developed a profound work ethic, one he cultivated in tobacco and cotton fields throughout Robeson County. Although his beginnings were modest and unassuming, his assiduous spirit, one he fostered during his formative years, allowed him to embark on a successful military career while establishing himself as a distinguished pillar of the community.

CLIFTON graduated from Peterson High School (now Red Springs High School) in 1949 and in 1950, at the height of the Korean War, he was drafted into the US Army. In 1953, he re-enlisted and spent the next 23 years of his life serving our great nation with honor, valor, courage, and skill. In addition to his combat experiences in Korea, he completed two combat tours in Vietnam and was awarded a Bronze Star and Combat Infantry Badge, both complementing his extreme heroism and selfless service. In 1978, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Fayetteville State University which spearheaded a career with the United States Civil Service.

CLIFTON was an avid, committed, and long-standing member of Panthersford Presbyterian Church in Red Springs, NC. Spiritual actualization, community uplift, and maintaining family integrity were at the forefront of his endeavors so he worked diligently with others to realize those objectives. He served as an Elder, a Deacon, a Trustee, President of the Men's Council, Chairperson of the Veteran's Day Committee, and President of the Stewardship committee just to name a few. In addition, he was a founding member of the Nu Chapter of Guys and Dolls Inc., a family centered organization that promoted Black Excellence via cultural development, educational development, health education (and advocacy) and social networking.

CLIFTON understood and embraced the concept that one's journey from the womb to the tomb is a relatively short one, especially within the context of space and time. He often embodied the questions, what type of human being will I choose to be? What type of virtues, visions, and values will I enact and exemplify throughout the course of my lifetime? To many, which included his family, friends, et al, Clifton was their battle cry against despair, an eloquent voice that consistently demanded dignity and decency and through example, he was a poignant personification of manhood and strength that a number emulated and sought refuge in. He was and remains, a portrait of moral and ethical rectitude.

CLIFTON is preceded in death by his lovely wife of 41 years, Mrs. Shirley Patricia Monroe Harrington, six sisters, Margaret Harrington, Mary Cozart, Viola McPhatter, Willie Mae Hicks, Rosa Harrington, Estelle Harrington and three brothers, Billy Harrington, Robert Harrington and Galvester Harrington. He leaves to cherish his memory three sons, Terry Harrington (Nancy Harrington; Spring Lake, NC), John Harrington (Clayton, NC), and Marcus Harrington (Durham, NC), five grandchildren, one great grandchild as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Even in spirit, Clifton remains a veritable hero to many, a symbol of excellence, integrity and fortitude. And as we honor him today, we are also honoring the best in each and every one of us. May we live as he lived.



Thank You for the Love.