



## CLIFFORD CALHOUN JR.

July 6, 1937 - November 6, 2016

Clifford (Sammy) Calhoun Jr., 79, of Kankakee, IL, died Sunday, November 6, 2016 at his residence. Visitation will be Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 4:00 until 8:00 P.M. at Lax Mortuary and again on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. until time of funeral services at 11:00 A.M. at Second Baptist Church. Reverend Tyler Prude will officiate and Elder Carl Randle Sr. will deliver the eulogy. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory.

Clifford (Sammy) Calhoun Jr. was born July 6, 1937 in Olmsted, Illinois to the union of Clifford Sr. and Annie Calhoun. He moved to Kankakee at a young age where he was a member of Second Baptist Church, and was baptized by the late Reverend James M. Smith. He attended Kankakee schools and graduated from Kankakee High School in 1955. He married Louise Pendergrass and together they raised six children. He worked many years for Caterpillar Tractor Company and later for Commonwealth Edison, where he retired after 30 years. A hardworking man, Clifford was an accomplished carpenter and electrician and in addition to his full-time job, he ran a successful television repair business, an auto repair shop, and was a successful landlord; doing most building improvements himself.

Clifford was a humble man with a generous heart, often quietly helping those in need. He regularly contributed to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Veteran's Association, The Fraternal Order of Police, and other service oriented

organizations. On Sunday, November, 6, Clifford peacefully departed his earthly home, to reside with his Heavenly Father.

Left to bear the torch of his love and cherish his memory, are his children, Kathy Wilder, Marietta, GA, Cheryl Lewis, Fort Wayne, IN, Nicole Calhoun, New Orleans, LA, Clifford D. Calhoun, Edward Calhoun, and Craig Calhoun Sr., all of Kankakee, IL, Julian Calhoun, of Utah, and Anthony (Micki) Carter, of Marietta, GA; three sisters, Dolores Calhoun Farr, Chicago IL, Frances Blye, Marion, IL and Sandra (Derek) Barnes, Belleville, IL; two brothers, John Calhoun, Phoenix, AZ and Sherman Calhoun, Kankakee, IL; 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; long time companion, Christine Carter; special cousin, Claudette Wilson, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Waiting to embrace him, are his mother and father, Clifford Sr. and Annie Calhoun; step-mother, Naomi Smith Calhoun; sisters, Ernestine Hall and Loretta Adams; a brother, Jewel Crumble and former wife and lifelong friend, Louise Calhoun.

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *My friend will always remember you. Ronald sykes*

ronald sykes - July 06, 2020 at 06:52 PM

HM

“ *Cliff was a great trainer, mentor, teacher and friend. I am fortunate to have had the pleasure of knowing & working with him.*

Howard J Moore - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *Deepest sympathy in your loss of Mr. Sammy.*

Miriam Odeneal - December 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *Deepest sympathy to Mr. Sammy's family.*

Miriam Odeneal - November 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ *Praying for the family in your time of loss. May God give you strength.*

Rev. Tom & Deborah Ivy - November 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Our prayers are with you and the family we love you all dearly and will continue to pray for strength!! Love you all!!!*

Boykin Family - November 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ On behalf of my family, we like to express our sincere condolences to the entire Calhoun Family. Mr. Sammy was so kind to my mother and would always come when she called him to repair things. They shared a friendship. May he now rest in the arms of the

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**Ethel Lee & Family** - November 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Sorry for your loss..

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**elton Jackson** - November 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ to the family...our hearts go out to you. we know that the lord is with us all and we all will meet on the other side. god bless you all.

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**the odeneal family** - November 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ We send our condolences to the family with love from the Grays. Our hearts are heavy.

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**Arthur & Doretha Gray** - November 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ My condolences to the family for your loss. My family and I regret that we cannot share your sorrow in person but would like you to know all of you are in our prayers. Dale, Cheryl, (Birmingham, AL) Dede,(Sacramento, CA), Michael, (Atlanta, GA) Andre, an

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**Beddow 'Bill' Williams** - November 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Dear Mr. Calhoun

*This letter is so hard for me to write, but I never knew that this day would come so soon, waking up to hear that you have went to be with the lord just broke my heart. We go back 15 years as you as my landlord and I could not ask for a*

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**Dominique Ilion(Kids)** - November 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR DAD HE WILL BE MISSED DEEPLY MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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**DEACON TIOMTHY AND ELAINE GRAY** - November 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ *My condolences to the family. I have very fond memories of Mr. Calhoun. He was a good example of a hard working black man determined to make a way for his family.*

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**Ray Underwood** - November 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Our prayers are with you at this sad loss. May God hold you in His embrace, dry your tears and bring smiles because of your fond memories. Hugs, Mary and John*

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**Mary & John Thomson** - November 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of Clifford's passing. May God bless and take him into his arms.*

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**David West** - November 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *My heart goes out to the family of Mr. Calhoun. You are all in my prayers.*

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**Elder Danny C. Brewster,Sr.** - November 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *Extending my condolences to the family.*

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**ELAYNE COFFIE** - November 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My condolences to the family.*

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**Cheryl Wilson** - November 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *My deepest condolences to you all, I have very fond memories of your father, he was a very nice man. I so understand the loss! Prayers and Hugs to you all! Mz. Phyl.*

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**Phyllis C McNeal** - November 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *My condolences to the Calhoun family in the passing of your loved one. I pray that peace and comfort surround each of you during this time of change.*

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**Patricia Jamison** - November 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *We offer deepest condolences to the Calhoun family. May the Lord continue to comfort you all..*

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**Terry and Eddie LLoyd** - November 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *I'm sorry for the loss of your father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and great friend, he was a great man.* ”

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**Teresa (Shawna) Jones** - November 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM