



Clifton Earl Sprivey Sr.

May 16, 1927 - January 18, 2019

Clifton Earl Sprivey, Sr., was born May 16, 1927 in Meridian, Mississippi. He was raised by his mother, Hester Burns and grandmother Mary Ann Burns. He lived in Daleville, MS. with his siblings, Rennie, Kattie, Peggy, Levi, and Lopez (who died at a young age). Clifton worked at a box factory which made materials for the army and he worked for a sawmill as a log cutter. He married Willie B. Hall at the age of nineteen. They were brought to St. Louis by Sis. Ozzie Wattleton, a traveling evangelist, where they resided with Alice and David King. Three children were born to this union, Vanessa, Audry, and Clifton Jr. They attended the Garfield Church of God. Clifton Sr. found work at the Hawthorne building as an elevator operator, and later as a porter at St. Mary's Hospital until he retired. His hobbies were fishing, hunting, gardening, packing his own bullets, and working on cars. He loved watching old cowboy movies. He would say, "A scout is always prepared" which he learned from his former scout master, Bro. Percy Hayes. Clifton later married Myrtis Louise Tanksley and moved to the Richmond Heights area. Myrtis preceded him in death. Clifton attended the First Church of God, Richmond Heights where he served as a faithful usher and helped out wherever he could. As his health failed, he began attending Lite of Jericho M.B. Church with his daughter Vanessa Robinson. He often stated, he enjoyed hearing the choir sing, receiving hugs and kisses from the church members and hear the pastor preach. He loved good food, loved to eat, and loved to look good. He rededicated his life to the Lord on March 2014 and on November 16, 2017, he

was baptized. He attended the St. Elizabeth Adult Daycare until his health failed. He often called it his second home. His favorite scripture is the Lord's Prayer, (Mt. 6:9-13). He always said, "I believe in Jesus," "I don't hold nothing against nobody" and "My grandmother told me to always treat people right." He would often ask people to shake his hand. He stated, "You can tell a lot about people when you shake their hand." He enjoyed interacting with people. He told everyone he met, that he was a "Mississippi plant" because of his roots. He leaves to cherish his memories, his children, Vanessa C. Robinson, Audry J. Sprivey, Clifton E. Sprivey Jr., Wendell O. Stevens, Wilfred O. Stevens, and Curtis G. Stevens – two grandchildren, Clifton E. Sprivey III, and Grace M. Sprivey – two great-grandchildren, Indria E. Sprivey and Clifton E. Sprivey IV, one sister, Peggy Ruffin of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lite of Jericho M.B. Church
5429 St. Louis Ave
St. Louis, MO 63120

Service

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