



Mr. John Ivory Clifton Sr.

February 9, 1949 - February 4, 2024

John Ivory Clifton Sr. (Cliff) was born in Crawfordsville, Arkansas, February 9, 1949, to Clarence Clifton Sr. and Annie Logan. He attended Crawfordsville Elementary and High school. John worked at various jobs some of which being The Chrysler Auto Plant in Detroit, MI. The Augusta Cooperation now known as Sloan, James Matthews, and OTC in Searcy, AR. The last five years, before his retirement in 2003, he worked for the Searcy School District as a bus driver. After his retirement he worked various odd jobs, one of which was mowing yards. He loved riding that “Bad Boy” mower and his favorite joke was “Where’s my five dollars?” John married Mae (Kendall) Clifton on January 23, 1971, in Detroit, MI. Their love for each other throughout their relationship was obvious. The bride says... “May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is sweeter than wine.” (Song of Solomon 1: 2) In their union, four sons were born. He joined the Harris Chapel Baptist Church where his wife had been a lifetime member in 1973. In 1985 John moved his family to Searcy, AR and the family joined the Bethlehem Baptist Church. It is here where he “found his voice” to sing in church. John had a beautiful voice, but for a long time no one knew just how beautiful it was. He sang in the choir, and various men’s groups in the area. In 2004 he and his wife switched their membership back to Harris Chapel in Augusta and eventually in 2008 they moved back to Augusta, where they remained until his death. John was a faithful member Harris Chapel, always making sure the music and sound system worked perfectly every Sunday. John was preceded in death by his

parents and oldest brother Clarence Clifton Jr. He leaves to mourn and cherish his memories his wife, Ethel Mae Clifton, of the home; two daughters Diana Alexander and Sharon Alexander of Waukegan, IL., four sons; John I. Clifton Jr. (Judia) of Searcy, AR., Jeffery L. Clifton of Pine Bluff, AR., Julian M. Clifton (Deloris) of Conway, AR. and Jason T. Clifton of Searcy, AR.; one grandson/son JayVonte'K. Clifton of Augusta, AR; two brothers: J.C. Clifton of Chicago, Ill. and Rev. James Wilson (Jearlene) of Earle, AR.; one sister, Viola Kidd of Little Rock, AR. as well as a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, an many, many other relatives and friends. Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers. The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him. (Prov. 20: 6-7) John's legacy will live for many years to come through his family. Let the church say, Amen.

Visitation will be Friday, February 9th, 2024 - 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM - (cst) - Harris Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with funeral services to follow. Burial will follow at Harris Cemetery near Augusta.

Cemetery Details

Harris Chapel Cemetery

Co. Rd 732
Augusta , AR 72006

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Harris Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Augusta, AR 72006

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Harris Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Augusta, AR 72006

Burial

FEB 9. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John Ivory Clifton Sr.



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 07, 2024 at 01:24 PM

EE

Such a great video of a beautiful family. Mae I am praying for your family.

Ester Easter - February 09, 2024 at 06:20 PM

JW

“ Mae, I'm so sorry for your loss. I'll be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Jane Ann

Jane Ann Wyatt - February 08, 2024 at 02:05 PM

RW

“ Mae, the ability to sing is a gift from God and “Cliff” used that gift for God's glory. We are truly sorry for your loss, please accept our sincere condolences and know that our thoughts, love and prayers are with you and your family. Love you much, Richard & Marsha

Richard & Marsha White - February 07, 2024 at 12:55 PM

MW

“ *Mr. Clifton was my grandmothers favorite songster as long as his family worshipped at Bethlehem. His singing brought her great joy. I mourn the families loss, but I know the angels in heaven are proud to have a new choir member!*

Mitzi Washington - February 07, 2024 at 09:21 AM

EE

“ *Ester Easter lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Ivory Clifton Sr.*



Ester Easter - February 06, 2024 at 02:35 PM

JJ

Mae, I just learned about John's passing. I am so sorry!! I lost my Mike almost 2 1/2 years ago quite suddenly. You and the boys are in my thoughts and prayers! Love you, Jo Jones

Jo Jones - May 31, 2024 at 06:03 PM