

Celebration of Life Services
Clifford Vernon Young



Arrival: January 31, 1947 Departure: June 08, 2022

Tributary Service

Thursday, June 30, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Elmwood Park
Min. Rusty Watson, Officiant
Rev. Brian K. Jackson, Pastor

Life Celebration Service

Friday, July 1, 2022 - 10 a.m.
Hopewell Baptist Church
Dr. Donald Ray McNeal, Pastor and Officiant



The eye behind the camera

Clifford Vernon Young

“Tributes to a Great Man”

Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Minister Rusty Watson, Officiant

Family Hour	Soft Music	
Selection	First Baptist Church – Elmwood Park	
Scripture	Psalm 23	Pastor Brian Jackson
Prayer	Dr. W. Taft Harris, Jr.	
Purpose/Process	Minister Rusty Watson, Officiant	
	3 Tributes (3 minutes each)	
Praise Dance	Pastor Madelyn Mickles and Kennedy Mickles	
	3 Tributes (3 minutes each)	
Selection	First Baptist Church – Elmwood Park	
	Condolences (3 minutes each)	
Instrumental Solo	Bishop Cedric Hayes	
	3 Tributes (3 minutes each)	
Solo	Sis. LaTanya Dillingham-Rucker	
	3 Tributes (3 minutes each)	
Selection	First Baptist Church – Elmwood Park	
Reflections	Minister Rusty Watson	
Final Remarks and The Blessing	Pastor Brian Jackson	



*Young Family Reunion
July 2018*



Family



Clifford Vernon Young

Celebration of Life Service

Friday, July 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Donald Ray McNeal, Officiant

Quiet Period	Ex Nihilo String Ensemble
Final Viewing	The Family
Salute	Cheryl Young and the Pallbearers
Selection “He’ll Welcome Me” – led by Sis. Denise Atty	Combined Choirs
Old Testament Scripture Psalm 23	Rev. Belinda Hubbard
New Testament Scripture II Corinthians 5:4-9	Rev. Robert Lindsey
Prayer	Rev. Gwenndolyn Lee
Prayer	Evangelist Connie Ivy
Condolences and Telegrams	TLOD Dorothy Fisher
Acknowledgements and Familial Thanks	
Solo “He’ll Understand and Say Well Done”	Sis. Lavinia Hogan
Felicitations and Words of Encouragement	(2 minutes)
First Baptist Church Elmood Park	Deacon James Smith
Redemption Ministries	Superintendent Thuston Packnett
Xenia Church	Pastor Kingston Arthur
Friends of AGAPE Holly Elizabeth Borden and Adrain Hall	
Hymn Lovers Conference	Minister Carlton Burgess
Praise Break Representing Gloryland Pastor’s Choir	Bishop Cedric Hayes
Felicitations and Words of Encouragement	(2 minutes)
City of Refuge Christian Church	Pastor Ralph Petty
NCGCC aka The Dorsey Convention	Dr. Marabeth Gentry
Music & Arts Gateway Chapter	Bishop Andrew Latchison
The Wealth Improvement Network	Marlene Trice
Eastern Star M. B. Church	Dr. Theodore V. Foster, Sr.
Selection “Over in Zion” – led by Dr. E. Wayne Evans	Combined Choirs
Family Tributes	
My Grandfather	The Grandchildren
My Dad	The Children
My Brother	Kathy Young
My Baby	Cheryl Young
Solo “If You Could See Me Now”	Bro. Leslie Johnson
Panegyric	Pastor Brian Jackson
	First Baptist Church – Elmwood Park
Recessional	
Selection “I Just Want To Praise You”	Combined Choirs
Internment	Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery



His Story

Clifford Vernon Young was born January 31, 1947 to Clifford Young and Bertha Marcella Eddington in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was the eldest of two children. Both parents went home ahead of him. He went to elementary and high school in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Cliff came to St. Louis with his mother and sister when he was sixteen. His mother and sister returned to Minneapolis but he remained in St. Louis with his Uncle, Daniel Eddington.

Cliff came to know the Lord early in his life and was baptized at the Prince of Peace M. B. Church. Several years later, he became a disciple at the First Baptist Church in Elmwood Park. Rev. John Hubbard was the pastor at that time. When the Lord called Rev. Hubbard home, he remained faithful to First Baptist with her new pastor, Rev. Brian Jackson. Cliff was a tither and an active participant in the church. He was always giving, whether it was his time, photography gifts, donations or other published items. Cliff loved the Lord and spent an hour a day studying the Word and praying. His favorite passage of scripture is “We walk by faith and not by sight,” II Corinthians 5:7.

Cliff is an army veteran who served his country for three years during the Vietnam crisis in Germany and stateside at Fort Lewis Washington. He served from August 18, 1966 until August 15, 1969 with an honorable discharge back to civilian life. Cliff earned his GED during his tenure in the army and went on to finish four years of trade school in flooring systems. Later, he connected with other Veterans of Foreign Wars through the American Legion.

Cliff coached young football players at Matthew-Dickey where his son, Michael, got his start in football. Michael is a scout for the Rams, NFL team. This was one of Cliff’s proudest moments. Cliff believed in giving back to future generations. He coached boxers with his Uncle Daniel. He was afforded the opportunity to attend the Ali vs. Frazier fight. Furthermore, they worked together in a company founded by his uncle called Universal Flooring. Together, Dan and Cliff worked on many projects in the Midwest area and beyond.

Cliff's first marriage was to Virginia Webster in 1968. In this union, three children were born. Later, Cliff met Marie Whitt in 1983 and one child was born.

In 1997, Cliff met Cheryl Morgan at the Palace Skating Rink and the rest is "their-story". Cliff and Cheryl married the person God designed for them on an absolutely perfect day in February 1999. There are no children but together there were six cats between them; two of which remain today. They founded HRMS Properties and HRMS Travel, both based on the scripture "He restoreth my soul" from Psalm 23:3. Holly Borden, Cliff and Cheryl also founded Friends of AGAPE, Inc.

Cliff was quite passionate about Friends of AGAPE and was always the one taking the pictures and videos. He thoroughly enjoyed the smiles on everyone's faces and was concerned about their well-being. He was generally there daily until his health wouldn't allow him to be there. However, he was still very involved in the operations from a distance.

Early in their marriage, they were established in business together. They were seen on international television during the Carlton Sheets "No Money Down" infomercial. They participated in frequent events hosted by Robert and Kim Kiyosaki including the launch of their Cash Flow 202 – the E-Game. They taught workshops and boot camps helping new investors to get started in real estate. They were also involved in local and international investor networks. They did everything together and people always referred to them as "Cliff and Cheryl." They traveled everywhere and experienced a variety of cultures across the States and Caribbean. Another proud moment was when he and Cheryl went scuba diving to 65 feet. He was thoroughly excited about that adventure. Recently, they began traveling to many places with the cats in their Four Winds Hurricane. God allowed them to live life to the fullest from the highest mountain to the deepest depth.

Cliff had a winning personality and never, ever met a stranger. He was always positive about everyone he met. There will never be another Clifford Vernon Young. Truly, God restored his soul.

He answered the final call to go home on June 8, 2022 at 5:35 p.m.

His Family

A wonderful family, church family and a world of friends will remember all that Clifford accomplished in the time the Lord allotted to him. These include but are not limited to:

- A loving and devoted wife, Cheryl Morgan Young with two wonderful cats, Marcy and Misty
- Two God-brothers, Rusty Watson (Oakland, CA) and Wayne “Taft” Harris (Houston, TX), Two God-sisters, Cheryl Musaddiq (Corona, CA) and Paula Turner (St. Louis)
- One sister, Kathy Amoko (Fargo, SD) and her fiancé Tony Rucker
- Four children, Angela (Mark, husband) Fields (Dallas, TX), Christina Young and Michael (Demaris, wife) Young (both from St. Louis, MO), Perchelle O’Boyle (Huntsville, AL)
- Twelve grandchildren, Whitnie Young (Antoinette Loving, partner), Charles Loving and Travion Young (both from Dallas, TX), Nailah (Jacob, husband) Martin, Jakyla Powell, Joshua Lee and Tyler Alexander, Marreck and Daylon Young (all from St. Louis, MO), Kasey Jr., Kendrix and Phoenix Lee (all from Huntsville, AL).
- One Niece, Anitra Young (Minneapolis, MN)
- A host of first and second cousins back in Minneapolis, MN
- The entire First Baptist Church and Friends of AGAPE family



The Letters from our Hearts

To my brother, larger than life-you persevered through a challenging upbringing, and made your way from no way, you touched many lives. What you thought you created-what you felt you attracted-you became what you imagined and made peace with your past. I missed many opportunities to know you, but you were and are loved forever.

-Your sister, Kathy

There are so many things that I would like to thank you for, starting with your unconditional love. There was never a doubt in my mind about how much you loved us and the grandchildren. There was never a time that you weren't willing to lend a helping hand, advice for any situation, or just a pep talk saying that you can do it. Next, it was your passion for us as a family. I loved to see you smile when we all got together for family gatherings because your pride always showed up when you looked at all of us. And you had this special way of capturing even the smallest moments in the pictures you took whether we were looking or not.... Also, your unwavering belief in our hopes and dreams was reassuring because no matter the outcome, I knew that you had our back. Lastly, your presence was unmatched because it gave us all a sense of security knowing that you were there watching. It's an honor to call you my Dad and thank you for leaving me with so many great memories and examples to carry on the Young family name.

-Michael Young

I love my Grandpa because he was a great to me, we were very close and I love and miss him everyday.

-Marreck Young

I love Grandpa and I miss having fun with him.

-Daylon Young

Hi Grandpa, I wish I could spend more time with you. There are a lot of things I would like to do with you like watch the next Avatar movie and go out more. I appreciate that you always took us everywhere even though we were a little tired. Also, I am going to miss your jokes that were a little overboard at the times but they were still funny. I love you and I miss you!

-Tyler Alexander

Let me tell you about My Daddy! He was Wonderful, Caring, and the Most Giving Man I ever knew. My Daddy was the Best EXAMPLE of a generous person. I saw him give his last to others unselfishly. If we were driving down the street he would stop and give money to the homeless, he left huge tips to waitresses, and he treated our family and friends like they were his own kids. I can remember when my Daddy would buy presents for my cousins who were less fortunate and he did so from his heart. He also encouraged us to be ourselves and STRIVE To Be the Best. My Daddy taught us how to be supportive by actually showing us. He was always at every major event and milestones in our lives. My Daddy was our biggest supporter...he was at every birthday, track meet, football and basketball practices and games. My Daddy was instrumental in helping me to succeed and be the best. After he recovered from a major surgery, my Daddy came to my Book Launch in Dallas, TX. Most importantly, he taught us how to Love. Each and every one of had a different and special relationship with his children and grandchildren. He made us ALL feel special. I cherished the times my Daddy would pick me up from the airport when I came to St. Louis. He was always a gentleman and opened the doors for me. He was also very witty and had the best sense of humor. He loved to travel and took us all around the country. He was the Best Dressed Man from head to toe. His suits were top notch. He would be matching from his hat, to his shirt/tie, his cufflinks, watch, and shoes. He was always dressed to impress. He loved traveling all over the world. He loved scuba diving and he took lots of videos and pictures. He was our own One Man Paparazzi. My Daddy always said, "I Love you Baby. I Pray for You All Every day; Twice A Day." He left a great LEGACY and we promised him that we will keep it going by being the best we can be to make him proud! We Love You Daddy and we will miss you! This is not a goodbye but a celebration because he left us with so many great memories. He was strong and fought to very end. He was always thinking about his family. My Daddy loved us and he knew we loved him. Marreck said it best, "Life will never be the same without you here." But we will always remember everything you shared and taught us. Thank you for your unconditional love and support. I Will Always Love You and You Will Forever Be In My Heart!

-Angela Fields

Hi P-tah (Grandpa), I miss you! I am doing great! You had a successful life and you loved every one of us. I remember when you showed me the movie the "Flight of the Navigator," I actually like it! I liked when we went to the Science Center, when you bought me a camera, flew me to Auntie

Angie's birthday party in Texas, and took to Florida to get your frequent flyer miles. Also, you gave me the bestest presents ever, you picked me up from school when I called you, and surprised me by bringing Auntie to pick me up from school. I love you so much and you have a special place in my heart!

-Joshua Lee

I remember Grandpa being the best ever! He always took us to the Space and Rocket center. I'm going to really miss that. He always played with us. We love you Grandpa!

-Kasey Lee, Jr.

Grandpa always took us to the Space and Rocket center and Zoo. I just wish he was still here. He also let us pet his cats!!! I just miss him. We love you Grandpa!

-Kendrix Lee

Grandpa was the best ever. He was always so nice and would take us everywhere. He was so sweet and gave us kisses. I miss him. He let us eat whatever we wanted. We love you Grandpa!

-Phoenix Lee

Dear Grandpa, since I was five years old your acceptance of me has been unmatched. For the last 16 years, you have given me love, encouragement and blessings. Grandpa, I want you to know that I love you so much and you will never be forgotten. I know you're definitely in a better place without pain. It takes a strong man to make all of your kids and grandkids feel so important like we were all number one because in your eyes we were all number one. You taught us how to be kind to others no matter what and how to go to God when needing guidance. You will truly be missed grandpa I love you.

-Your Baby Jakyla

Mr. Young, you will be missed greatly. I just want to thank you for everything you have done for me. The best bonus father a girl could ever have. You treated me like your own. Even though I miss you terribly, I know that you are not in any pain and you are truly at peace which is the true definition of being absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. That gives me peace. You're resting now and while you are resting, I will continue to hold on to your love, laughter and memories. Love you Mr. Young. Rest well.

-Demaris Rene' Young

Daddy, I love you, I love you, I love you! You were the Best Father anyone could ever ask for. You were protective, loving, kind, and supportive. We have a ton of good memories and our own personal relationship with you. It is a testament to the kind of father you were. I will always remember when you played Peek-A-Boo with me. It was a simple game, you covered your face, inched closer to mine, and surprised me. I laughed hysterically; to me, it was a knee slapper. With every minute of your time, you were present, and full of life. I will always remember... the innumerable times you cooked and served us no matter what time of day. It was as if you felt an obligation to give us your best and you did so with the highest of standards, every single time. For that, I will always remember sitting on the ottoman and watching Jacques Cousteau with you about aquatic organisms. I was intrigued. You answered every question I had; I thought you were the smartest man alive. Those times solidified my love for science and animals. To this day, I turn on the Animal Planet, make my kids watch with me and answer as many questions as I can. For that, I will always remember ... your patience ... when teaching us something new. You were deliberate in your tone and instructions. It was as if you understood the time it would take for us to learn something new. If we made a mistake, you started over and encouraged us to try it again. You taught us how to swim, make our beds military style, ride the biggest, fastest roller coasters around, give to others generously without seeking anything in return, and develop good friendships. For that, I will always remember...your motto...Love for one; is Love for all. You loved us all equally and unconditionally. What a feat! In life, I never felt jealous of anyone or anything others had because I knew my Dad Loved Me. And for that, I will always remember you Daddy! Your light shined brightly, you lived life to the fullest, you were present every moment, and cognizant of your every move. God called you home sooner than I anticipated but I have no reason complain because you left us with so many good memories. Those are memories that will never fade. I will always remember your smile, your quirky jokes, the love you had for all us, your nonjudgmental care of others, and your tenderness for the God who made you. Daddy, I love you, I love you, I love you!

-Christina Young

As long as I've known my grandfather, I have always called him "Granddaddy". He was "Daddy" at one point when I was a kid until my mom said, "that's not your daddy, that's MY daddy"; he's your grandfather. My granddaddy has always been a strong father figure in my life. For sure, life won't be the same without him and I will truly miss him. He had a gift of making everyone feel like they were number one in his life. He's never left anyone out, he included everyone! My friends, the cashier at the grocery store, his business partners, the man controlling the ride at Six Flags and even the nurses that took care of him before he passed on. Just like my cousin Nailah once said, "he is the KING of inclusion". Again, life will not be the same without him, but he taught me to experience life and what it has to offer. Give genuine love to everyone you come across. Put God and Family first, and most of all have fun! I love you so much Granddaddy, you've made me so proud to be your grandson!

-Trawion Young

It is such a blessing to have experienced your love, efforts, humor and inspiration. You were dedicated and devoted to showing how much you loved us and cared. Thank you for making me feel nothing less than amazing. Thank you for your unwavering support and belief in me. You will always be on my mind and heart. I will live my life to carry on the legacy of giving love and being selfless. I will always miss you.

-Whitnie Young

My dad Cliff meant so much to me. What I valued the most about him was his unwavering love and support in any of my endeavors. I valued that I could always keep it real with him even on subjects you wouldn't typically have with your dad. I will miss his ridiculous sense of humor that always had me telling him that "He is a Mess!" I will miss his desire to always connect the family so that we could cherish our time together. I will miss his trips to take the grandkids on adventures to the Space and Rocket center. I will simply just miss his presence. Having a dad like him made being a daddy's girl easy. Cliff I will always be thankful that God blessed me with you. I love you. Rest well father.

-Perchelle O'Boyle

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Kissimmee, Florida
November 24, 2018



Love Studios

Baby, our story began in time long before we met. Then God allowed our paths to cross at the Palace Skating Rink on Friday, following Thanksgiving in 1997. We met again on Friday following Christmas at Saints Skating Rink and from that time until this present moment, we were interwoven in each other's lives. We truly were meant to be together. We learned that we knew a lot of the same people and that only strengthened our bond. Even my hectic schedule in consulting and responsibilities for church did not dissuade you. You never asked me to be anything other than what I knew. For sure, you were aware that my lifestyle was very busy and you supported me in every way. Than the Lord broaden our horizons in a magnanimous way. Less than two years later, we were married, you gave me your name and our lives as one began. You made sure I survived the football season. I guess I passed the test because here we are today. You made sure that your family was my family and I made sure you know that my family was your family. In fact, in my phone today, I don't have your number as Cliff, but as Precious for that's what you are to me. Being the entrepreneurs we both were, it was no surprise that we started to find business opportunities that we could do together. Carlton Sheets "No Money Down" Real Estate Investing, The Rich Dad Corporation coaching, Stock, Options Trading, and Foreign Exchange trading, The Travel Agency and so much more. These were foundational in our beliefs to provide for ourselves. God blessed us to obtain the knowledge and to use it to grow together. Even when we've seen ups and downs, as most people do, we know that with God we could make it together. As we began to move into the next quarter of our lives, we really discovered that I was the "shy" one and you were the social butterfly, outgoing, classy one. I always marveled how you never met a stranger and you kept up with everyone. I didn't know how you did it, but you succeeded. Then we started to travel more and more. We discovered that we both loved St. Thomas and would have a vacation home there one day. In fact, we did have a timeshare at Black Beard's Castle that we bought and sold as a real estate venture in wholesaling. Every year, we expanded our experiences and you got me to be more comfortable just enjoying what God created for us to behold and for which to care. Yes, it was you that got me to love swimming with the Stingray in Cancun, love snorkeling and snuba in St. Thomas, jet skiing and scuba diving to a depth of 65 feet below sea level in St. Maarten, visiting Central and South America, Hawaii and throughout the United States. Lately, we began biking and hiking together. In fact, we even worked out together at Planet Fitness. If there is any one theme of our marriage, it would be that we did it together. There were so many firsts in our lives and each

one was a new adventure that we loved. I really worked every day to make sure your needs were met as you did work every day to ensure my needs were met. Most people can't be around each other all the time, but we had no problems being together because that's how God made us to be. When you or I were sick, we totally nursed each other back to health with the help of our cats, Misty and Marcy. God always allow us to bounce back on this side. You had several times when I thought you wouldn't make it, but God allowed you to return to strength and we could go at it again, together. I always said that my father left me in great hands. Ten years ago, he went home and joined my mother. You took great care of me through that experience. Together we made it. However, this time was different. When you were sick and especially during the COVID season, each time you would return from the hospital a little bit weaker. We didn't understand but we continued to persevere. You fought hard and with all the strength that you could muster. We believed that God would restore you on this side. Our faith in Him never wavered. But this time, God said come home. With every fiber of my being, I love you. Baby, we loved each other from the start, we played together, we laughed together, we worked together, we lived for each other together, and we were each other's best friend. God drew us closer to each other together, but you left before me and I am here to carry on our work. I know you will forever be with me and I will continue to talk with you as though you are physically here. I look forward to a time in our future when we will be again together. Everything you wanted me to do to for us is done and now you can rest knowing that I will carry on our work that we started together.

I got it done. I got it all done, Baby. I love you forever!

-Your wife, Cheryl Morgan Young



1st Anniversary February 2000



23rd Anniversary February 2022



Cliff and Cheryl

Pallbearers

Tyler Alexander
Mark Fields
Michael Young

Danny Eddington
Jacob Martin
Travion Young

Honorary Pallbearers

Joshua Lee
Kendrix Lee
Daylon Young

Kasey Lee, Jr.
Charles Loving
Marreck Young

Interment

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
101 Memorial Drive
St. Louis County, Missouri



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