

In Loving Memory of

Sunrise
August 9, 1953

Sunset
December 9, 2012

A portrait of Clifton Van Herring, a middle-aged man with a mustache, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt. The background is a bright blue sky with a sunburst effect in the upper left and scattered white clouds.

Clifton Van Herring

Service

Friday, December 14, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Clifton Van Herring was born August 9, 1953 in New York City, to the parents of June and William Herring (deceased). He was one of six children. Clifton lived with his parents and siblings at 50 Amsterdam Ave, New York, where he attended public school 191, Williams J. O'Shea Junior H.S and Charles Evan Hughes High School in New York City.

He attended Calvary Community Church under Pastor Charles William in his earlier years.

Clifton met his childhood sweetheart Viola Woodson, in elementary school, and in later years they had two sons together, Lavan Clifton, Sean Wakeen and Jason.

Clifton met his future Fiancée and caregiver Sandra Echeverria, and they resided in New York until his death.

The Family remembers when Clifton became a grandfather for the first time, how proud he was of the birth of his grandson Nathaniel. When Nathaniel was a toddler his grandfather would take him to see Santa Claus and all the Christmas decorations. As Nathaniel became older they would go to the movies and do fun things together. Clifton and Nathaniel who he called "scooter" had a very special bond. Clifton, has three more grand kids; Andrew, who he called the smart one, Justin the quiet one and Vanelys the very active one. Clifton loved all his grandchildren equally.

Clifton, served on the Board of Elections for many years up until he became sick. Clifton favorite song was WAKE UP EVERYBODY by Teddy Pendergrass.

Clifton had been hospitalized often at St. Luke/Roosevelt Hospital. On September 29, 2012 (Saturday) he was taken to the emergency room at Roosevelt Hospital where he was admitted into ICU. When Clifton, was stabilized he was transferred to Atria, Assistance Living. As Clifton built up his strength he was discharged home. Clifton was admitted on November 17, 2012 at St. Luke Hospital and discharged on November 27, 2012 at home under the care of Hospice until his death.

Patricia J. Nickeson the youngest sister of Clifton aka (Butch) made sure all his medical needs were met. Pat and his sons; Lavan and Sean, met with social worker, nurses, and home health aides daily.

Clifton was a very likeable and humorist person, he's loved by family and friends.

He leaves to mourn with love: his sons, Lavan, Sean, and Jason; Fiancée, Sandra Echeverria; two sisters, Patricia J. of New York and Vernice E. of Florida; two brothers, Michael G. of Georgia and Jeffrey L. of Brooklyn; grandchildren, Nathaniel, Andrew, Justin and Vanelys; nieces, Shequan, Shaniqua and Jada; nephews, Trevor and Terence Jr.; two daughters-in-law, Carolyn, and Natasha; two brothers-in-law, Hayward, and Terence Sr.; one sister-in-law, Jocelyn; and a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, relatives and friends. Perceived in death both his parents, June Herring and William W. Herring and his older brother, William R. Herring "Junie boy".

Until The General Resurrection, Rest in Peace, Sleep on dear one and take your rest we loved you but God loved you best.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory
Bronx, New York

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

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