



To those I love and those that love me.
 When I am gone, release me, let me go
 I have so many things to see and do
 You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
 Be happy that we had so many years.
 I gave you my love, you can only guess
 How much you gave me in happiness
 Thank you for the love you each have shown
 But now it's time I travel alone
 So grieve for a while for me if you must
 Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
 It's only for a while that we must part
 So bless the memories within your heart
 I won't be far away, for life goes on
 So if you need me, call and I will come
 Though you can't see me
 or touch me I'll be near
 And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
 All my love around you so soft and clear
 And then, when you must
 come this way alone
 I'll greet you with a smile and say,
 "Welcome Home"

Honorary Pallbearers and Flower Attendants

Clifford Alford Lodge #165

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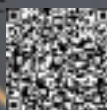
We, the family of Clifford Alford, wish to express gratitude and our sincere appreciation for your concern during the passing of our loved one. Through your sending of floral pieces, lovely cards, kind words, special thoughts, supportive attitudes and many other ways you chose to console our hearts during this time, we thank you. We want each of you to know we shall always be eternally grateful for your expressions of courtesies extended during our time of bereavement.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



CLIFFORD J. ALFORD

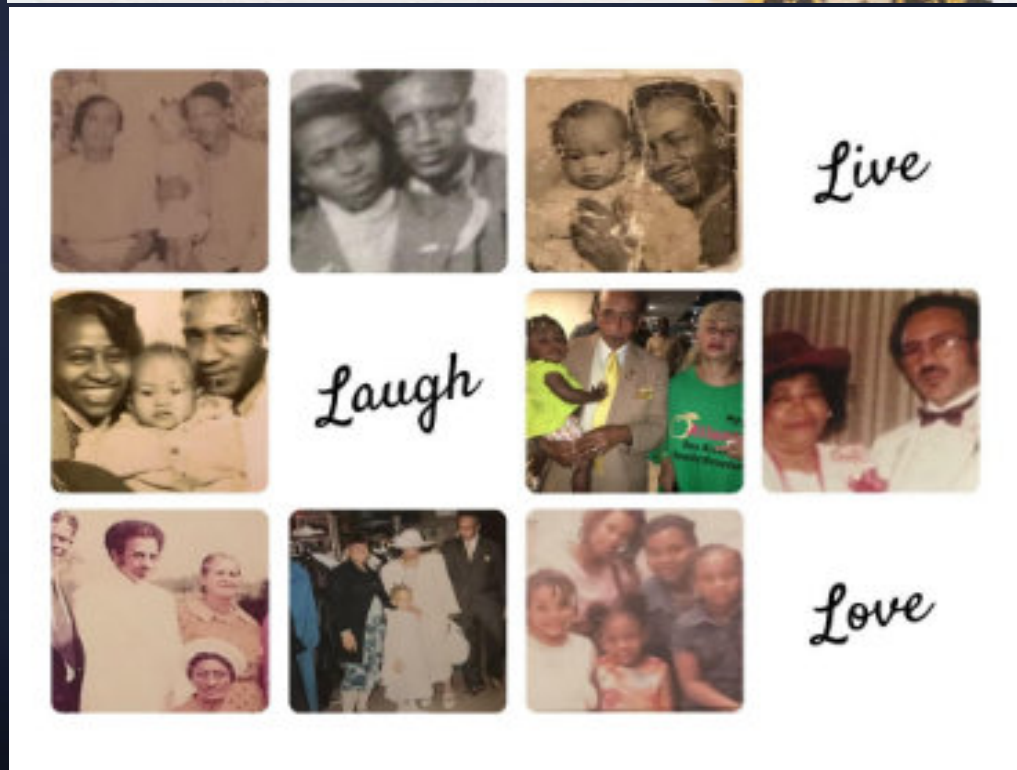
Sunrise: March 30, 1931

Sunset: May 18, 2021

Service:

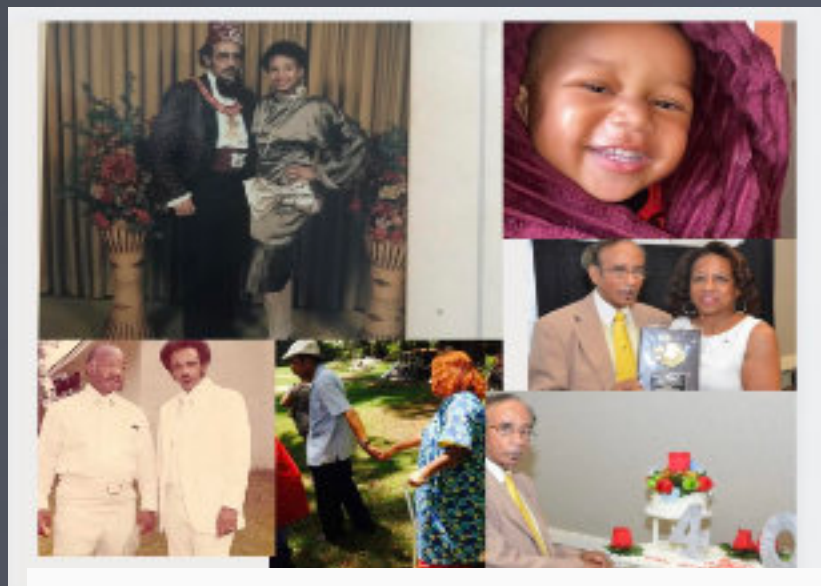
Saturday, May 29, 2021 - 11:00 am

St John's Baptist Church
 137 Fairmount Ave. • Newark, New Jersey



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Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament – Rev. Rosalyn Moore – Revelations 21:1-7

Prayer of Comfort

Selection -
Bro Todd Dowdy-Sloan

Remarks (Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements - Sis. Lettie Milton

Obituary – Theodore Boler, Clifford Alford Lodge #165

Selection

Eulogy- Rev. Patrick Council

Recessional

INTERMENT
Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

Clifford J. Alford was born on March 30, 1931 in Hahira, GA. He was the youngest of 13 children. Born to the late Reverend George and Daisy Hobbs Alford. Clifford's earlier school years were spent at County Line Grammar School, where he was an avid math whiz. He was one of three students in the class: Clifford, Herman and Willie James Bethea. His 8th grade up his to graduate years were spent at Cook County Training School in Adel, Georgia. After high school, Clifford went on to play baseball for a minor league baseball team. He was a sharp first baseman.

At the age of 13, Clifford met a beautiful young lady name Evelyn Roberts at a church homecoming event where his father was the guest preacher. When he was 19 years old, he married the love of his life, Evelyn. They were married on September 21, 1950. To this union they had a daughter Francina A. Alford. He worked really hard working on the farm for his father and playing semi league baseball to save for a home for his lil' family. He moved to Newark, New Jersey where he bought a home for his beloved wife and daughter at 361 Chadwick Avenue in Newark, NJ. Clifford and Evelyn opened their home up to all of their family and friends venturing up from the south. Clifford and Evelyn also raised their three goddaughters Donna, Linda, and Monica Boyd when their mother took ill. The three of them along with Francina were with them until Evelyn took ill and could no longer keep them. Clifford made black history by being the first African-American homeowner to purchase four houses on his block. Yes to this day he still owns these houses.

In 1952, Clifford and Evelyn joined St. John's Baptist Church on South 12th Street. In 1953, Clifford and Evelyn joined the Trustee and Trustee Aide board. Clifford was the chairman of the trustee board from 1954-1963. Clifford stayed on as a Trustee until he was ordained to be a Deacon in 1963. While on the Deacon board, Clifford was nominated to become Chairman of the Deacon board. Clifford stayed on as the Chairman of the Deacon Board for almost 50 years. He stayed on until he became too sick to oversee all of his duties in 2020. Clifford was a faithful servant of the Lord. He was on the advisor over the usher board, part of the advisory board for the flower guild, the gospel chorus, the male choir, and the Deacons Baptist Association. Clifford was employed by Arsynco Corporation located in Carlstadt, New Jersey. He served as the supervisor over the Hazardous Waste Department from removal of Organic Chemicals, Pharmaceutical Intermediates, Propylene mine and derivatives for 43 years. He was also employed by the Maylock Realty Group as a Real Estate Agent and office supervisor for 30 years. He was responsible for helping many Southward Homeowners to qualify for mortgages to purchase their homes.

Ben Alford Family Reunion

A Leader, Mentor, an inspirational spokesman, the Glue, that held the Ben Alford Family Reunion from 1978 to the present. Our National President Clifford Alford we honored with the highest esteem.

He loved the family and would go out of his way to keep us encouraged and to keep the dynamics of the family together. The most important role of our leader Clifford Alford was to hold strong foundation of our Great family which is PRAYER and THE LOVE of GOD. The reunion is held every two years to learn the history of our family and ancestry. Discussions of Business /Investment Opportunities, award of Educational Scholarships and the Keys of Life (sharing of family Successes and career goals) also to enjoy food and recreational activities as we get acquainted with family members.

Clifford Alford Encourage travel to different states and to enjoy the richness and diversity of our country.

He would often quote" There is no family reunion as organized as ours" always admired by those that knew us or visited our reunions. We will greatly miss his presence.
We love You!
Ben Alford Family Union.
Our Motto: 'The Family that Prays Together, Stays Together'

History of ILL. Clifford Alford 33°

Illustrious Clifford Joseph Alford, 33° History Clifford Alford joined International

Masons in March 1959. He was influential in setting up Cedar Lodge No. 69 of which he was appointed Worshipful Master. He served as W.M. for five years, during which it grew to be one of the largest Lodges in the State. From this Lodge, Cedar Lodge Jr. #71 was organized as an offspring of Cedar Lodge #69 in 1963. In June 1961 he was elected as president of the State Joint Council. He served as the Joint Council President until he was elected Grand Master of the State of New Jersey in June 1964. New Jersey had 17 Lodges when he was elected. He served as Grand Master for the State of New Jersey for four. In 1968, During his term of office, five new Lodges were added to the roster, and eight lodges revived. he was elected as the Potentate for Salaam Temple #11 the largest Temple in International Shrinedome of the State of New Jersey for 40 years. In July 1970, he was elected as National Deputy Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of International Free and Accepted Modern Masons, Inc. In 1975 he was elected Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the 33° Council of International Free and Accepted Modern Masons, Inc. and served in that capacity for 35 years. In March 1974, he was elected President of the Executive Council where he served for 35 yrs. ILL. Clifford was instrumental in setting up in name's sake local lodge Clifford Alford # 165 in 1988. ILL. Clifford Alford also sat on the Supreme Board of Directors for International Free & A.M. Mason and OES, Inc.

On Tuesday, May 18, 2021 Clifford departed this life at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey.

Clifford leaves to mourn his beloved daughter, Francina A. Barnes Alford; four grandchildren: Kendell Alford, Rhonda Barnes, Vonnelle Sawyer (Sean), and Tamara Alford; four great grandchildren: Shauntavia Sawyer (Kevin) Tamiya Alford (Malik) Shaniyah Sawyer, and Layk Wagon; three great great grandchildren: Jah'Liah Sumpter, Jah'Lil Sumpter, and Marcelo Halfacre; one brother, Joshua Alford (Betty); one special brother/cousin, Herman Jackson (Icelean); three sister in-laws: Almarie Parker, Doris Alford, and Dera Mae Hobbs; one brother-in-law, William Shug Roberts; two special nephews: Eric Hawkins (Keisha) who would drop everything to satisfy the needs of his aunt and uncle, Evelyn and Clifford, Derrick Roberts (aka Abdurrahmaan Abdussalam) who would come to visit every birthday, Christmas, any holiday etc. even though he didn't celebrate them anymore. He showed his love for his dear aunt and uncle by coming to sit, talk, or help out where needed. Five special nieces: Felicia, Bronetta, Sharol, Patricia, and Marva. Felicia Nesmith would fix breakfast, lunch, and dinner for them when his wife and daughter were too sick to prepare with no charge. Bronetta called to check on them every week just to make them laugh and smile. No matter how their days were going. Sharol Hobbs called every week at least two or three times for a song and/or a prayer. Patricia Caldwell also called with a song and/or a prayer. Patricia was his go-to niece. She dropped all kinds of knowledge on him about the works on going life styles. He wouldn't go out the whole pandemic and she made him aware of life going inside and laughed at all his jokes. Last but not least Marva Spicer. Marva would come to spend the whole summer when she could to help her uncle take care of her aunt. No charge at all. Just love for her aunt and uncle, supportive of anything needed with arm open wide and a heart full of love. She was their Tasmanian Devil. Clifford had one godson that gave him three of the most loving god grandkids: Itiyanna, Andrew James Alford II, and Nasir. Two special god-grandsons: Al-Mean Ellis and A.B.; A best friend of over 40 years, James Gadsden, who called him every day just to say he loves him and wishes he could be there in NJ to go out for lunch and a laugh. Friends could not be considered for Willie and Brenda Vicks they were there for Clifford and Evelyn through sickness and health. Clifford has three faithful nurses that cared for him and grandma. Each has a special love for him. "Grandpa Alford" as Jennifer Pulliam called him, "Granddad" as Peaches (Patricia Dennis) and Zakiya Williams. He sat and talk to each one as he had his breakfast, lunch or dinner. He reminisced about his childhood, work ethics, family and friends. He tried to get them to join in the Eastern Stars and/or the Order. Jennifer just to make it clear Uncle Clifford loves all his nieces, nephews and cousins, and friends. You all were dear to his heart. The one he loves the most in life was his Justice Joseph Alford his faithful "fur baby boy", the son he and Evelyn never had.

Clifford was proceeded in death by the love of his life, Evelyn, his parents George and Daisy Hobbs Alford; brothers: Willie (Tiny), Homer (Elnora), Elco (Pealine), Elmo (Catherine) Elijah (Lena) Alford, Earnest Hobbs, Vernon Hobbs, and HB Hobb; sisters Annie Belle (Buddy Alec)Nesmith, Maudell (Paul Jackson); three brother in laws: Rudolph, James, Clarence Roberts; three sister in laws: Lillian Roberts, Mary Agnes Williams, and baby Roberts; one great granddaughter, Ashanti Scott Alford, one great great grandbaby.

Special thank you to Dr. Nicolas Guittari for all the years of coming out and taking care of them. Calls, home visits and FaceTime in the middle of the night etc. even before COVID-19 made its debut. He made house calls to check on his family as he called them/us. We love you with all our hearts. Hakeem from Standard Care Transportation. Your kindness will never be forgotten. You stepped in when we had no way at time to get granddad to dr visits or home from the hospitals. We love you and your staff for all you did for Grandma and Granddad.