

# THE FINAL SALUTE TO



CHIEF PETTY OFFICER  
**CLIFTON C. WYNTER, SR.**

**SUNRISE: December 5, 1954**

**SUNSET: September 23, 2021**

**Thursday, October 7, 2021 - 5PM**

**CHAMBERS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**219 E. 123RD Street (Between 2nd & 3rd Ave.)**

**New York, NY 10035**

**BISHOP LAWRENCE EDGERTON, SR., Officiating**

# Obituary

**Chief Clifton C. Wynter, Sr.**, known to family and friends as “Cliff”, was born December 5, 1954, in Turks and Caicos Island to Sarah Ann-Vera Smith-Minus and Wilfred Wynter. His stepfather was the late Bruce C. Minus.

Chief Petty Officer Retired Clifton C. Wynter Sr., 66, of New York, NY passed away on September 23, 2021, while a patient at the McGuire VA Medical Center. Enlisting in the United States Navy at the age of 19 in 1973. This date has become to be known as the date that Chief Wynter became a young man who wanted to support his country by serving in her armed forces. Chief Wynter also believed that his Military service will aid him on the right way to make intelligent decisions that would last for many years. Chief Wynter’s career as explained by Merriam Webster Dictionary is that of a military man profession for which one trains and which to undertaken as a permanent calling a career in the military. Seamanship was Chief Wynter’s field for the pursuit of consecutive progressive through achievement especially in his professional life. Becoming a member of our nation’s armed forces was one of the proudest days of his young life.

Chief Wynter achieved the rank of Chief Petty Office and was a Chief Machinist Mate Surface Warfare Specialist. Chief Wynter’s first ship was the U.S.S. Sellers (DDG-11) which was the fourth guided missile destroyer and his last was the U.S.S. Portland (LSD-37), an anchorage-class dock landing ship nickname SWEET PEA and retired in 1994.

Chief Wynter was immigrated from a small island in the British West Indies name Grand Turk Island the capital of Turks and Caicos Islands. He was Christened at St. Mary’s Anglican Pro-Cathedral Church of Grand Turk. Chief Wynter arrived in the United States in 1965.

Chief Wynter attended the Dodge Vocational High School in the Bronx, NY which his major was photography. However, he did not complete his schooling in New York. Chief Wynter decided to attend the Charles A. Brown High School at night in Charleston, SC while stationed aboard the U.S.S. Sellers (DDG-11) home ported at the Charleston Naval Base.

Chief Wynter was proud to be a retiree of the United States after twenty-one years of service. After retirement from the Navy, Chief Wynter worked and retired as a salesman for Chamers Industries.

Chief Wynter was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, and friend. His love was unconditional and his standards were unwavering. To know Chief Wynter was to know his dry wit and subtle humor.

Chief Wynter was survived by: his beloved wife, Milada Wynter; two sons, Clifton C. Wynter, Jr. (Kenya Wynter) of Maryland and Chelton C. Wynter (Catherine Wynter); daughter, Naquana E. Wynter; stepson, Dennis Williams; two brothers, Benjamin C. Forbes (Nancy Forbes) and James E. Forbes (Bernice Forbes); sister-in-law, Tanisha Jordan (Taron Jordan); grandchildren, Alfabyun Sinclair of Texas, Avery Wynter of South Carolina and Jayla Wynter of Virginia; godson, Marvin Pridgen III of New York; his father and mother-in-law, Clyde and Edwina Mitchell of New York; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and a multitude of friends.

*Chief Wynter will be deeply missed!!*

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**  
Choir

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Solo**  
Kagen Keitt (“Lord’s Prayer”)

**Scripture Readings**  
Old Testament  
New Testament  
Bishop Lawrence Edgerton, Sr.

**Remarks**  
(Two Minutes Please)

**Solo**  
Kagen Keitt (“Never Would Have Made It”)

**Reading of Acknowledgements/Obituary**  
Tanisha Wright-Johnson

**Solo**  
Kagen Keitt (“Every Praise”)

**Eulogy**  
Bishop Lawrence Edgerton, Sr.

**Final Committal**  
Bishop Lawrence Edgerton, Sr.

**Parting View**

**Solo**  
Kagen Keitt (“Take Me to The King”)

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

**INTERMENT:**  
Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

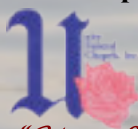
# *To Those I Love*

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 love. You can only guess  
How much you gave to me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you've shown  
But now it's time I travel on alone  
So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust  
It's only for a while that we must part  
so bless the memories with your heart.  
I won't be far away, life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All of my love around you is soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile, and welcome you home

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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