



Clifford L. Nears

January 18, 1951 - January 4, 2015

January 18, 1951, was a very happy day for Ethel and Talvin Nears, Sr. because another one of God's great creations was born. Clifford Lynn Nears was his parent's sixth child, who joined his five other Siblings, Lynwood, Dorothy Jean, Talvin Nears, Jr. (Teddy), Artis Lee (Soot) and Clydean. His siblings welcomed the new kid as it had been seven years since there had been the patter of little feet around the house. After all he was such a cute little red guy with red hair. As he grew up he earned the nick name "Red" by some, because his hair did not change colors until late Junior High and High School. He also earned the nickname "Pete."

Clifford was in some type of school all of his life, because Mama Ethel took him to Mrs. Holmes it seems before he was out of diapers. He was probably walking by himself from Lucky Ave to Mrs. Holmes house by the time he was four years old. Between being taught at home by parents and siblings, (that is what was done back in the day) and Mrs. Holmes, he was guaranteed to get a good foundation and education.

Clifford attended Pinecrest Elementary through Pinecrest High School, where he graduated within the top of his class in 1969. He earned a prestigious award for going all the way through school without ever missing a day of school. He loved almost all sports, but chose to play on the Pinecrest Yellow Jackets Football team where he also excelled. Of course Mama Ethel didn't

want him to play football because she was afraid he would get hurt. It took us a while to talk her into going to the football games. At first she wouldn't look when Clifford had the ball because she didn't want to see it if he got hurt. Once she saw that everything was ok she enjoyed going to the games. She even joined in sometimes when we traveled to other schools to play their football teams.

Clifford also joined the Pinecrest Marching Band and played the drums. Oh those drums. When he was very young he acquired a taste for playing drums. After constantly begging Mom and Dad to get him a drum set, they finally gave in and got him his first drum set for Christmas. Big mistake. He taught himself to play the drums, and play them he did. We were very proud of him because one of the band instructors taught him how to play on a higher level. Clifford loved sports fishing, gardening, and trying to find out what makes things work. He almost blew up and burned down the house on Lucky Ave because he went further than he should have with his inquisitive mind while doing experiments with his chemistry set. Another thing that he acquired a taste for and begged Mom and Dad to get for him. He felt the first chemistry set that they bought for him was way to juvenile. They had to keep getting him more and more advanced ones until the mishap. The mishap ended the chemistry saga. After graduating from Pinecrest High, Clifford moved to Pasadena, California and lived with his big sister Dorothy Jean.

Clifford attended and graduated from Pasadena City College moving on to Cal Poly Pomona where he graduated majoring in Computer Science. Fresh out of college he landed a job with Daesibi Institute in Glendale, California. He left Daesibi Institute for a better position with Air Quality Control in Los Angeles, California. While all of this was going on he met Bobbie, who he later married in 1978, and ultimately moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky her hometown. Clifford joined church at Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church where he has been a member for twenty years. He was so happy when he became a Deacon. He

was so proud of that distinction, took the position, and worked very hard to be the best Deacon he could be.

Clifford was a devout Christian and had enormous faith in God. He got his roots and foundation attending church with Mama Ethel at Burkes Temple CME Church in Winnfield, Louisiana and became a member. He often attended Morning Star Baptist Church because Daddy Talvin was Baptist. Our family was Equal Opportunity Worshipers.

Clifford and Bobbie were very active in the Bowling Green community. They spent a lot of time visiting the sick and shut in, hospitals, nursing and retirement homes, He is a very warm, giving, and compassionate person with a heart as big as Texas with the worth of gold toward those he is always giving a helping hand.

Clifford worked for the Lord Corporation in Bowling Green for a while. He left The Lord Corporation and went to work for Stoodly Company in Bowling Green. He worked for Stoodly Company for twenty years. He retired from Stoodly Company in 2013. It was not until November 24, 2014, Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee confirmed that he had ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)

Clifford never lost his sense of humor, his attitude and spirit was great. His faith in God never wavered. Despite his overwhelming condition he still had the desire to help others. He was a faithful and active member of the Church until his health no longer allowed him to do so. When that happened, the Church came to him. The Lord called Clifford (not on his I-phone) early Sunday morning, January 4, 2015, and he made his transition to the other side "He" said come onto me and I will give you rest. Clifford transitioned quietly in his sleep, never waking up and not causing any drama for his wife Bobbie.

CLIFFORD IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF THIRTY SIX YEARS BOBBIE NEARS, BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY; SISTER, DOROTHY JEAN NEARS, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA; BROTHER TALVIN NEARS JR. (TEDDY) (ROSIE); SISTER, CLYDEAN NEARS LOCKETTE, MARINA DEL REY, CALIFORNIA, IN-LAWS, LEE AND MARY OUTLAW, THERESA JOHNSON(LEONARD), VIVIAN HIBBITT (RONALD), ROBERT ELLIS, JR (SANDRA), DARRELL ELLIS, STEPHANIE HENDERSON, A SPECIAL NIECE AND NEPHEW FAITH AND XAVIER, AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, GREAT NIECES, GREAT NEPHEWS, GREATGREAT NIECES AND GREATGREAT NEPHEWS, AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS, AND FRIENDS. FATHER TALVIN NEARS, SR. MOTHER, ETHEL BRANFORD NEARS; BROTHER LYNWOOD NEARS AND ARTIS LEE NEARS PRECEDED CLIFFORD IN DEATH.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

Cemetery Details

Transport Cemetery

116 Transport Rd
Dodson, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.
201 Center Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
(270) 843-2336
burnamson@mw.twcbc.com

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)

Winnfield Funeral Home
117 Martin Luther King Junior Drive
Winnfield, LA 71483

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - January 07, 2015 at 10:51 AM

KB

“ *Kenneth Henry Bunton lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



kenneth Henry Bunton - February 06, 2017 at 02:15 AM

AT

“ *Angela Townsend lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



angela townsend - January 28, 2015 at 10:47 PM

PC

“ Bobbi, I am so sorry to hear about your husband. May God continue to give you strenght.

Paula Page Coleman

Paula Page Coleman - January 22, 2015 at 12:50 PM

DH

“ Delores Holland lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears



Delores Holland - January 16, 2015 at 12:51 PM

HF

“ Hannah Whitney & Family lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears



Hannah Whitney & Family - January 11, 2015 at 02:43 PM

SW

“ Sarah Whitney lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears



Sarah Whitney - January 11, 2015 at 02:41 PM

TT

“ Teresa Ann Taylor lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears



Teresa Ann Taylor - January 09, 2015 at 10:39 PM

HW

“ Hannah Whitney lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears



Hannah Whitney - January 08, 2015 at 06:15 PM

SL

“ Sabrina & Marvin Loving lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears



Sabrina & Marvin Loving - January 08, 2015 at 06:14 PM

SL

“ Sending our deepest condolences to Bobbi and the family. We love you and sorry for your loss. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep his loving arms around each of you. God bless!!

Sabrina & Marvin Loving - January 08, 2015 at 06:14 PM

GS

“ *Gayle Smith lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Gayle Smith - January 07, 2015 at 04:16 PM

MC

“ *Mt. Union Missionary Baptist Church lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Mt. Union Missionary Baptist Church - January 07, 2015 at 11:55 AM

MC

*The Members & Pastor,
Extend our heart felt Sympathy to the Family of Bro. Clifford Nears. We
pray for God, to continue to comfort and give each of you strength in
the days ahead. Our prayers or that God keep each of you wrap in His
arms with loving care.*

*Mt. Union Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Charles L. Fishback, Pastor*

The Bereavement Comm.

Mt. Union Missionary Baptist Church - January 07, 2015 at 12:02 PM

TF

“ *Tim Ray And Family lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Tim Ray and Family - January 07, 2015 at 11:44 AM

TF

“ *Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Tina Fant - January 06, 2015 at 11:59 PM


Sharnell
Smith

“ *Clifford was one of kindness person you could ever meet. Houston & Clifford because friends, they were so much a like. Never met a stranger. Always had a nice words to say. May Clifford and Houston meet in Heaven and rest in peace. Gone but not forgotten. GOD BLESS*

Sharnell Smith - January 06, 2015 at 09:47 PM

JS

“ *Jakki Snowden lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



jakki snowden - January 06, 2015 at 09:24 PM

JB

“ *Judith Boards lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Judith Boards - January 06, 2015 at 07:08 PM

VF

“ *Vetta Sublett And Family lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Vetta Sublett And family - January 06, 2015 at 05:43 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Spiller&family lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Brenda spiller&family - January 06, 2015 at 04:22 PM

M(

“ *Michelle Heater (Pie) lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Michelle Heater (Pie) - January 06, 2015 at 02:37 PM

MP

“ *Michele Pheal lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Michele Pheal - January 06, 2015 at 09:45 AM

BR

“ *Brandon Ross lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Brandon Ross - January 06, 2015 at 08:06 AM

LI

“ *Lively-Clark lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Lively-Clark - January 05, 2015 at 08:22 PM

Jenny
Edwards-
Marry

“ *Jenny Edwards-Marry lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Jenny Edwards-Marry - January 05, 2015 at 07:22 PM

Jenny
Edwards

Mr. Nears always kept his yard beautiful, he was a great neighbor for the past 7 years always had a smile on his face and waved at us when we passed their house. May he rest in peace Prayers to the family.

Jenny Edwards-Marry - January 05, 2015 at 07:24 PM

BF

“ Bobby Frabklin lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears



Bobby Frabklin - January 05, 2015 at 07:11 PM

AL

“ Aaron Long lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears



Aaron Long - January 05, 2015 at 02:54 PM

EA

“ Cliff, I love you. My Mom loved you and you and Bobbi added so much to her life. I suppose she sat on her porch and watched you keep your lawn and named you Dandelion. You and Bobbi mean so much to me. Thank you for all you have done.
Elnora G. Alexander



Elnora G Alexander - January 05, 2015 at 01:35 PM

CB

“ Che' Boards lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears



Che' Boards - January 05, 2015 at 01:15 PM

JD

“ He was a great neighbor, Always smile on his face have a lot of great fond memories of him sharing our 50th Anniversary,dinner with family. I will certainly miss him.

John H. Douglas - January 05, 2015 at 01:03 PM

BP

“ Barb Page lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears



Barb Page - January 05, 2015 at 12:23 PM

LC

“ Lisa Cook lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears



Lisa Cook - January 05, 2015 at 11:49 AM

HW

“ Rejoice in Paradise my friend going to miss you out in the yard



Hermon and Mary Wafford - January 05, 2015 at 11:24 AM



“ *Tracy Wafford lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Tracy Wafford - January 05, 2015 at 11:04 AM

DC

“ *Danny Carothers lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Danny Carothers - January 04, 2015 at 10:14 PM

DC

My Guy thanks for all the times you told Me to turn it over to Jesus

Danny Carothers - January 05, 2015 at 11:51 AM

TE

“ *Tiffany Ellis lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears*



Tiffany Ellis - January 04, 2015 at 05:49 PM



“ *Gonna miss. You but I know. Where you are.*

Vivian Hibbitt - January 04, 2015 at 04:41 PM

VI

“ So Sorry To Hear That Cliff Has Passed This Morning . I Think Back On Us Working Together Years Ago and What A Time We Had. Prayers To You And The Families, Love You Cuz!



Virginia - January 04, 2015 at 02:24 PM



“ LaTanya Thompson lit a candle in memory of Clifford L. Nears



LaTanya Thompson - January 04, 2015 at 01:54 PM



“ Dear Nears Family,

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners
info@burnamandsonmortuary.com*

Cedric Burnam - January 04, 2015 at 01:22 PM