

Casket Bearers
Family and Friends

In Loving Memory

We thought of you today,
but that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday
and the days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name.
All we have are memories and
your pictures in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake
from which We'll never part.
God has you in His arms,
We will always have you
in our hearts.

Truly loved

The Family

of

Mr. Clifford Ray Bonds

With sincere thankfulness, we the family, acknowledge the numerous and kind expressions of love shown by relatives and friends during this season. Your sympathetic deeds brought us comfort that we will cherish forever.

Special thanks to Emory Midtown and Bridgeway Hospices.

May the Lord bless and keep all of you in His loving arms.

Be Blessed

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"A Complete and Dignified Service to All"
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Flower Bearers
Family and Friends



A Celebration Of Life

for

Mr. Clifford Ray Bonds

April 23, 1950 - January 4, 2023



Saturday, January 14, 2023

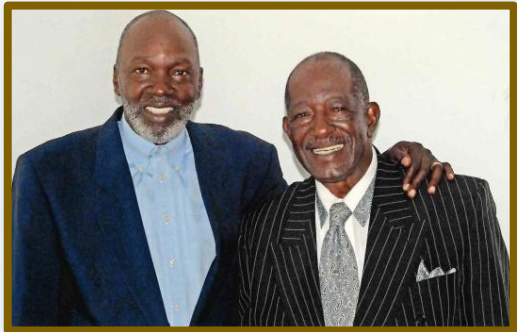
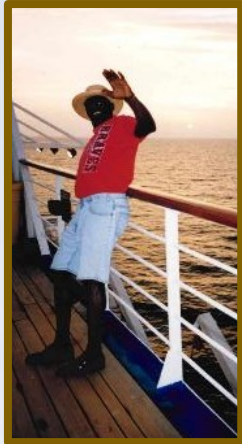
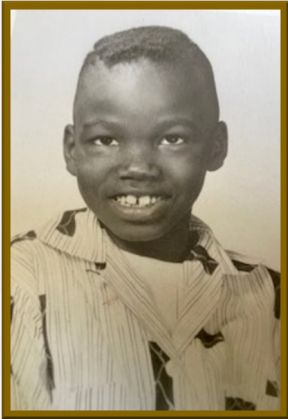
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Dalton, GA 30721

Pastor Edward Hoggs, Pastor
Pastor Antonio Proctor, Sr., Eulogist

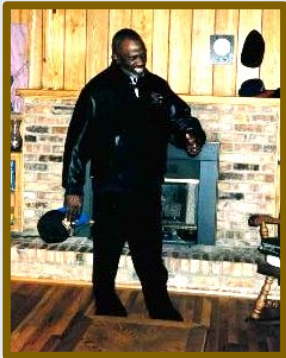
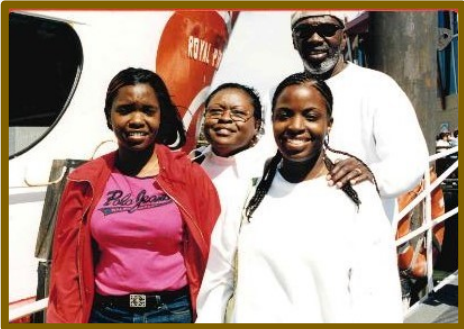
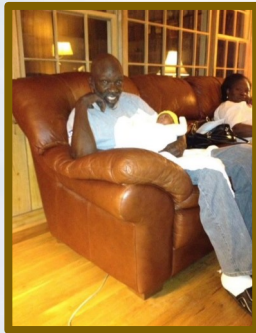
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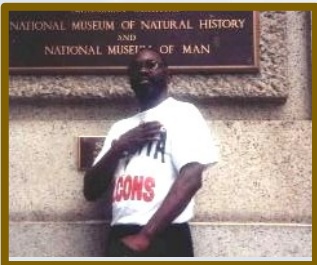
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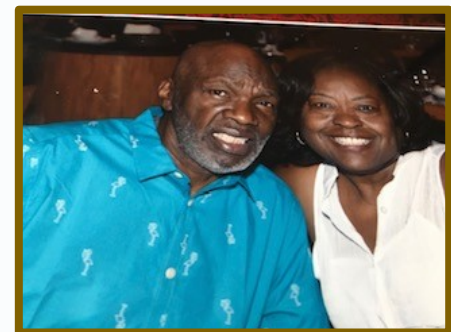
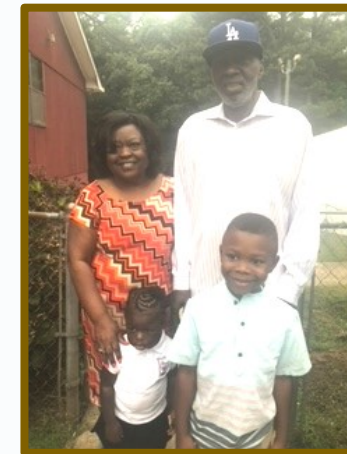
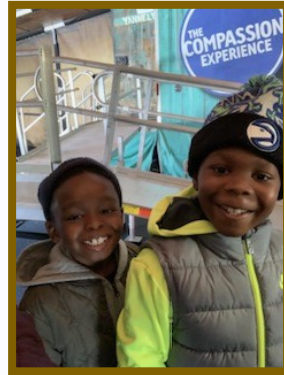
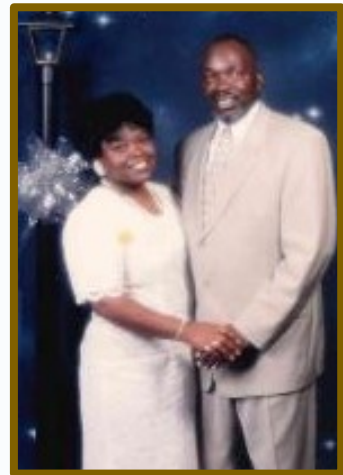


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...and love never ends.

For nearly 50 years there has been no heart for me like yours. In all the world, there has been no love for you like mine. I will treasure our memories, our children, and grandchildren which was all make possible with God and our love.



"Grandchildren are the crowning glory of grandparents."

Order of Celebration

*"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27*

Dr. Jerry Jones, Sr., Presiding

Processional.....Soft Music.....Brother Adrian Ludy

Farewell Our Love.....Sealing of Remains

Selection.....Brother Adrian Ludy

Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Pastor Edward Hoggs

New Testament.....Dr. Jerry Jones, Sr.

Prayer.....Dea. Johnny Bonds

Selection.....Brother Adrian Ludy

Remarks.....(2) minutes please.....Family and Friends

Selection.....Brother Adrian Ludy

*Eulogy.....Pastor Antonio Proctor, Sr.
St. James Baptist Church, Forsyth, GA*

Recessional....."Until We Meet Again", Kirk Franklin.....Brother Adrian Ludy

Committal, Closing Prayer, Benediction, & Interment

(Please turn on Flashers and Drive Carefully)

West Hill Cemetery

Dalton, GA 30720

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy meditate on these things. ⁹ The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:8 - 9

April 23, 1950

January 4, 2023

*The Life
of*

Mr. Clifford Ray Bonds



On April 23, 1950, in Chatsworth, GA, James Bonds, Jr. and Julia Mae Washington Bonds welcomed their only son, Clifford Ray Bonds, on a bright beautiful Spring morning. As an adolescent, Ray was an active member of Piney Grove Baptist Church in Chatsworth, GA and was known as a young man who was *always* dapper. In addition, Ray was a great athlete and unbeatable on the ping-pong table. However, his most unique gift was crafted on the basketball court. Ray was so skilled on the court that they dubbed him "Meadowlark Lemon" and, a vital member of the Westside High School basketball team, he led his school to the coveted state championship title in 1967. The next year, in 1968, Ray graduated from Westside High School.

After graduating from high school, Ray attended Albany State University. It was there that he met the love of his life, Glenda Melton Bonds. They later moved to Atlanta, GA in 1973 and he began his career as a loan officer. Ray joined the United States Army and served as a Supply Officer before being honorably discharged. Following his stint in the military, Ray returned to Atlanta and continued working in the finance industry. He later became a member of Rainbow Park Baptist Church in Decatur, GA.

Ray was also a huge sports fan and loved all things Atlanta. Everywhere he went he wore a "LA" hat that he said stood for "Lovely Atlanta." He loved traveling and trying new restaurants. Yes, Ray loved a "good time." However, what he loved doing the most was just laughing and creating unforgettable moments with his family and friends.

And then, on the morning of January 4th, God gently tapped Ray on the shoulder and there he was united with his parents, James Bonds, Jr. and Julia Mae Washington Bonds and his sister Gwendolyn Bonds Fain.

The legacy of Clifford Ray Bonds will be forever cherished by his beloved wife of almost fifty years, Glenda Melton Bonds; daughters, Keisha Bonds Carter, and Chulrae Bonds Proctor (Edward Jeffries); grandchildren, Kyle Carter, Antonio Proctor, Jr., Kori Carter, and Callie Jeffries; sister, Joanne (Eli) Ellington; uncles, Clarence Bonds and Lewis Washington; aunts, Wilma Bonds and Bonnie Palmer; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.



Forever In Our Hearts