



Clifton Stansell

December 3, 1945 - May 26, 2008

Services for Clifton L. "Sonny" Stansell, 62 of Tyler, will be held on Friday, May 30, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at Christian Teaching Center, 2121 North Broadway, where Pastor Flora J. Cobb is the senior pastor and Minister Michael Allen is officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. He was born December 3, 1945, in Overton to the late Pelton L. and Charity Spencer Stansell. Mr. Stansell passed away Monday, May 26, 2008 at Hospice of East Texas. Mr. Stansell attended Douglas Elementary School in Tyler, TX, Arp High School in Arp, TX, Texas College in Tyler, TX, and Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, TX, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics. He was a member of El Bethel Baptist Church from an early age and later a member of Browning Memorial IME. Mr. Stansell was a founding member of Christian Teaching Center, where he served faithfully since the inception of the ministry.

Mr. Stansell was employed by Tyler Pipe Foundry, Southern Aluminum Foundry, Brookshire's Grocery, and retired from Exxon/Mobil Oil Company after 30 years of committed service. Mr. Stansell served in the U.S. Army from 1966-1968 and received several awards including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Service Star, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. In addition to his parents, Mr. Stansell is preceded in death by his brother, Lawrence Stansell, and sister, Iola H. Wilson. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Patricia Ann Harper Stansell of Tyler, TX; daughter, Nikol A. Stansell Nabors of Tyler, TX; sons, Nicholas A.

Stansell of Humble, TX, and Brian D. Stansell of Tyler, TX; brothers Eargle P. Stansell of Lynwood, CA, Charles Stansell of North Highland, CA, Osborne Stansell of Compton, CA, and Ross Stansell of Whitehouse, TX; sisters Rosie Halton, Olevia Robertson, Shirley Coleman, Patricia Barrett, all of Tyler, TX, and Carol Smith of LaMarque, TX; and six grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Glenn Austin, Keith Smith, Major Martin, Kenneth Cobb, Kenneth Wallace, and Lonnie Cobb. Honorary Pallbearers will be Walter Smith, Jr., Benjamin Robertson, Tony Wilson, Hardy Nabors, Glynn Cobb, Bobby Smith, Larry Harper and Frank Halton. Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 29, 2008, at Stewart Family Funeral Home 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have known Clifton since he was dating my sister in 1970 prior to their marriage. A very faithful, honest and hard working man family man. Extremely faithful to his Church. My sister could not have asked for a better husband. He will be missed by all.

Larry and Marvalene Harper - May 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I worked with Clifton in Tyler and then also in Houston. Clifton was one of the kindest people I have ever known; a joy to work with. He was somewhat reserved but could show a quick smile and sense of humor. His Christ-like behavior was evident at all times. I will always cherish his memory.

Dave Kinison - May 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the family. Remember to always stay in God's presence. His power to heal will sustain all of you during this time and forever more.

May God bless you in every way.

Ethel Blake Bellamy - May 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM