



James A. Clifton Jr.

June 2, 1958 - February 13, 2021

James Arthur Clifton, Jr. was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on June 2, 1958 to the late James Arthur Clifton, Sr. and the late Shirley V. Clifton. James, fondly known as “Junie” was the eldest of two sons. He and his brother were raised in Cavalier Manor by their mom, after their father passed, when he was just 5 years old.

James was educated in Portsmouth Public Schools, graduating from Manor High School, Class of 1976. He entered the United States Army and served for several years until he was honorably discharged. He attended Norfolk State University and received an Electrical Apprentice Certification from Everest College. He worked as a bricklayer for Jason Masonry for many years. After several other occupations, he thrived in the Insurance Industry and was last employed with Sutherland Global Service as an agent for Aflac. His outgoing and spirited personality brought joy to those he worked around, always encouraging and sharing the word of God.

James was reared in Christian Antioch Church under the leadership of the late Bishop Samuel Williams, where he received Christ as his personal Savior. His mother was the epitome of a godly woman and at an early age, she ensured that both he and his brother’s foundation were set in Christ. Throughout the years he was affiliated with several churches. In his later years, Community Church Western Branch, under the leadership of Pastor Michael Brueseke,

gave him that multi-cultural experience, while Bethel Baptist Church Norfolk, under the leadership of his longtime friend, Pastor Joseph G. Casper, Jr., and Jesus Church of Deliverance, under the leadership of his god-brother, Bishop Lagus McCoy, gave him that deep rooted, soul-stirring, move of God experience.

The scripture says, "He that findeth a wife findeth a good thing and obtaineth the FAVOR of God. The Lord allowed him to find her in Memphis, Tennessee and on July 20, 2012 he was joined in marriage to Evangelist Donna Ware Clifton. He also became her Joseph and took her then 5 year old son Zion as his own, legally changing his last name to Clifton. They became the family that God saw fit to put together for His use and glory.

He will be missed by his wife of 8 1/2 years, Evangelist Donna Clifton. He leaves three sons, Zion Clifton, James A. (Taletta) Clifton, III and Christopher (Asha Rene) Clifton, one daughter, Latoia Wilson, eleven grandchildren, one great grandchild and one on the way.

He was a son to his mother and father-in-law, Pastor Emeritus Albert W. Ware and Evangelist Barbara Swearengen Ware (Memphis, TN), a brother to Minister Maurice Clifton (Portsmouth, VA), a brother-in-law to Mrs. Annette Clifton (Portsmouth, VA), Mr. Corey Ware and Evangelist Albernique Ware (both of Memphis, TN), an uncle to Dominique (Krystal) Tillett and a great uncle to their son (Portsmouth, VA). There are a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, god sisters, brothers, daughters and sons, other extended family and friends who are left to celebrate his memory.

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
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Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *To the Clifton Family,*

*Sending you my love and prayers during this time of our dearly beloved Brother Junie's passing. We will certainly miss Junie. We will miss his infectious smile, his kind heart, and his loving spirit. I will forever cherish the memories of all of us being raised up in Christian Antioch together, learning the teachings of Christ and His redemptive work. The song comes to mind..."We're living this life, just to live again"... Live on Brother Junie! To God be the Glory!
With Love, Crystal*

Crystal Johnson - February 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Crystal Johnson lit a candle in memory of James A. Clifton Jr.*



Crystal Johnson - February 26, 2021 at 11:22 PM

LH

“ *Laverne M Howard lit a candle in memory of James A. Clifton Jr.*



Laverne M Howard - February 26, 2021 at 09:53 PM

DV

“ *Diana Velazquez lit a candle in memory of James A. Clifton Jr.*



Diana Velazquez - February 26, 2021 at 06:20 AM

AC

“ *Armenthya Johnson, Church Clerk lit a candle in memory of James A. Clifton Jr.*



Armenthya Johnson, Church Clerk - February 25, 2021 at 06:53 PM

AC

“ *We the Christian Antioch Church #5 in Christ family in Ebony Va, where the Pastor is Bishop Earnest Brown Sr. Want to send our Love and condolences to the entire Clifton family! We are truly saddened by the news of the passing of our dearly beloved Brother Junie! We know God makes no mistakes, so we humbly bow to the will of the Almighty God !! We will continue to lift you up in our prayers, that God continue to strengthen you today and always!*

Armenthya Johnson, Church Clerk - February 25, 2021 at 06:50 PM

CF

“ *Condolences and continued prayers to the family.*

Colbart Family - February 25, 2021 at 06:17 PM

BE

“ *The Brighton elementary school PTA send their sincere condolences to Donna Clifton and your family. Our hearts are there with you and we send our prayers. We will drop off a love donation in honor of your husband at the funeral home; please feel free to call us for anything you may need. We know God has you in his hands and his love is ever present.*

Beverly Edmonds - February 25, 2021 at 05:10 PM

SC

“ *Cousin, I will miss our calls and meetings for breakfast when you were traveled close to Maryland. Donna you and the kids are in my heart. We will always be family.*
Sheryl Claiborne



Sheryl Claiborne - February 25, 2021 at 05:01 PM

NV

“ *To our extended family, Maurice we share our sincerest condolences in the passing of our brother Junie. You all were raised with the Vinson family and we too feel the pain of his transition. It was indeed a pleasure to talk with Junie of several occasions over the last few weeks while he was recuperating in the hospital. He remained in high spirits each time I spoke with him. I was devastated when I got the news however, I am assured that Junie would not want to return to this world after experiencing safety in the arms of Jesus. We will see him again and as we discussed, they cant crown him until we get there. The entire Vinson family extends our prayers and condolences to you, his wife Donna, his children and the entire Clifton family during this difficult time.*

Norma Vinson-Jackson - February 25, 2021 at 03:16 PM

MW

“ Missy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of James A. Clifton Jr.



Missy Wilson - February 25, 2021 at 03:01 PM

MW

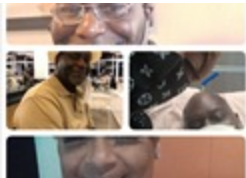
“ Missy Wilson lit a candle in memory of James A. Clifton Jr.



Missy Wilson - February 25, 2021 at 03:00 PM

MW

“ I love u Daddy miss u love ur only daughter 💔



Missy Wilson - February 25, 2021 at 02:59 PM

MW

“ Love you daddy 💕



Missy Wilson - February 25, 2021 at 01:18 PM

MW

“ Missy Wilson lit a candle in memory of James A. Clifton Jr.



Missy Wilson - February 25, 2021 at 01:17 PM

MW

“ Miss you Dad love ur daughter"Missy"



Missy Wilson - February 25, 2021 at 01:16 PM

RJ

“ Dear Clifton family I wanna send my condolences to the family I wanna thanks Mr James for speaking to me and becoming a good man to me speaking to me about the lord My brother Mr James you will be truly missed now until we meet again god bless the Kirsten family you will be in my prayers god bless y'all



Roger lewis jr - February 25, 2021 at 07:23 AM

MW

Daddy I miss you and love you so much our bond will still be strong 💔😭

Missy Wilson - February 25, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 24, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ Michelle Ebron lit a candle in memory of James A. Clifton Jr.



Michelle Ebron - February 24, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ To our beloved Clifton family, on behalf of the entire Vinson family we extend our sincerest condolences to you. Junie as we've known him his whole life was part of our family. We are saddened by his passing and will always cherish his memory. We send our love and prayers for comfort and strength during this difficult time. May the favor of God be upon you!

Sandra Norfleet - February 23, 2021 at 11:56 AM

JT

“ Dear Donna and Zion,
Sending love and our sincerest condolences in the passing of James. Please know that The Clifton family is in our thoughts and prayers. We hope that you feel surrounded by the love of family and friends.
Tony, Janet and Amelia Thompson

Janet Thompson - February 22, 2021 at 02:43 PM

TP

“ Tinya Prayer sent a virtual gift in memory of James A. Clifton Jr.



Tinya Prayer - February 22, 2021 at 01:41 AM

TP

“ Tinya Prayer lit a candle in memory of James A. Clifton Jr.



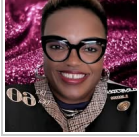
Tinya Prayer - February 22, 2021 at 01:40 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James A. Clifton Jr..



February 21, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *The last family reunion I planned when I met Junie's sons!*



Sharell Clifton - February 21, 2021 at 01:17 PM

PC

“ *To The Family: I am sorry for your loss. I met James while working at Sutherland. He was a good man. I'll always remember his smile and kindness.*

- Pastor Will Coley -

Pastor Will Coley - February 20, 2021 at 07:20 PM

CN

“ *Mrs. Clifton, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. As your PTA friend and sister in Christ, I am keeping you lifted in prayer* 🙏❤️

Cherise Newsome - February 20, 2021 at 08:03 AM

DW

“ *We extend our deepest sympathy to James' wife, Evangelist Donna Ware Clifton, Zion, and the entire family. May God comfort each of you. Darius and Beverly, your sisters in Millington, TN*

Darius Wilson - February 19, 2021 at 09:57 PM

EB

“ Dear Donna and the Clifton Family,

I send to you and the Clifton Family my heartfelt sympathy . To have enjoyed the friendship your husband James was a privilege and a pleasure. May the love in your heart help to heal your loss.

*Love
Aunt Emma Brazelton*



emma Brazelton - February 19, 2021 at 06:30 PM

HB

“ Dear Donna and Zion,

May the love of God give you some peace and comfort during this tragic time. You will be in our prayers.

*Love,
Uncle Hinton*



Hinton Brazelton - February 19, 2021 at 06:28 PM

MF

“ Dear Donna and Zion,

You have our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your husband. We know that his memory will not be forgotten!

Love the Mobley's,

*Teshelle, Tymil, Teyanni, Taraji,
Toya and Tymee*



Mobley Family - February 19, 2021 at 06:27 PM

MF

“ Dear Donna, Zion and Family,

You have our sincere condolences, and we will keep you close in our thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks. Stay strong and know that God is there as a comfort!

*Love the McCamie Family,
Raynard, Lynn, Remy, Morgan and Isaiah*



McCamie Family - February 19, 2021 at 06:24 PM

MF

“ *Donna and the Clifton Family,*

I send to you and the Clifton Family my heartfelt sympathy . To have enjoyed the friendship your husband James was a privilege and a pleasure. Ay the love in your heart help to heal your loss.

*Love
Aunt Emma Brazelton*



McCemie Family - February 19, 2021 at 06:20 PM

CC

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Cheryl Clifton - February 18, 2021 at 08:22 PM

V“

“ Pops, I have literally been at a lost for words. I wish I had the opportunity to have just one more conversation with you. You could never pronounce my first name right, but you sure tried. We could Maybe laugh, tell a few jokes, and talk the Dallas Cowboys!!!! But really I would just tell you Thank You!!!! You came into my moms life and you loved her !!!! You took great care of her and Zion!!!! You even loved us girls!!!! My first trip to the VA you made sure you cooked for us and we enjoyed it!!!! You made sure that we all felt your love. But honestly, I just can't say anything but Thank You!!!! Thank You for loving and taking care of my mom and brother!!!! I'll sure miss you!!!! Rest Easy Pops!!!! Love you man!!!!

V. A. Moore “Neicy” - February 18, 2021 at 07:38 PM

CC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Cheryl Clifton - February 18, 2021 at 06:33 PM



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Trina Gant - February 18, 2021 at 03:07 PM

MC

“ Mr. James A .Clifton III and Mr Christopher Clifton your father will be miss,The Good Lord love Mr. James A. Clifton more,I know your father was proud of the fine young men, you are both today,your father love his sons and his grandchildren.With GOD in front of your lives and your mother Cheryl beside you both,I know you both will be ok,your father will be forever in your Hearts,Mrs. Deborah A Cooper and family sending our Love to James and Christopher Clifton and family.

Mrs.Deborah Cooper - February 18, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ Trina Gant purchased the Ghirardelli Galore for the family of James A. Clifton Jr..



Trina Gant - February 18, 2021 at 01:37 PM

KM

“ I was truly blessed many years ago to meet James Clifton. The friendship was truly heaven sent. I will always remember the love and care you expressed when you said you wanted me to meet your beautiful wife Donna. You even drove her to Alabama to spend time with me during a tuff period in my life. My heart is heavy but I know you are in God's care now. Just know I will continue to love on Donna and Zion! You will be missed, but not forgotten.

Dr. Kimberly McCall

Kimberly P McCall - February 18, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James A. Clifton Jr..



February 18, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ Cuz, I'm still processing the fact that you're not here. I'll miss our trips to N. C. You always had mad love and respect for me. I love you ❤️
I'm gonna miss you. Rest easy.
Gladys (luci) Ebron

Gladys Ebron - February 18, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ My brother where do I begin bcuz there's so much to say but instead I'm just going to say I Love You...I'm going to miss you but at the end of the day I know you are in a better place. Take your rest I'm going to be alright bcuz God have surrounded me with Spiritual Brothers. ❤️❤️❤️

Maurice Clifton - February 15, 2021 at 01:25 PM



Maurice ,and Clifton family it is with heartfelt sympathy prayers and love with the lost of your brother .For earth has no sorrow heaven cannot heal. We know to be absent from the is to be present with the Older.Your (sister) Evelyn

Evelyn J.Campbell - February 15, 2021 at 10:24 PM



A very special sincere condolences to my family, Junie will be missed. I gained a true relationship with him and will miss him calling and check on me. Take your rest Cuz. I love you.

Denise Marsh - February 16, 2021 at 07:50 PM



I pray God's strength to my Sister Friend Donna, Zion and the Clifton family during this difficult time. ❤️

Marcy McLeod - February 18, 2021 at 10:54 AM



My brother my my brother as we sit around this circular table that we were born into so many of us are missing because someone had to stay back and tell the stories from Chestnut Street to Chestnut Street and as we still grow across the country ,our blood came from a long journey of hard-working people From Wilmington North Carolina. Annie Elizabeth Windley ,Baysmore started this bloodline that you and So many Family members shared through this century for all that you've done like your great grandmother you will never leave us ,our blood shall continue flowing and give new life to what it means to be a Windley and a Clifton.

Russell Baysmore - February 18, 2021 at 01:09 PM



I worked with James for about 3 years at Sutherland Global Services. When we first starting talking he shared his testimony of counseling the guys who were involved in gangs. He also shared that he had a ministry on the radio as well. James was such a delight to work with. His genuine compassion for the Lord was no secret. His love for his wife and son also was a part of his conversations. I always admired him for his bravely. He was truly a soldier on the battlefield. He will be greatly missed. My prayers for the family and especially his son, that God will comfort your heart and bless you to see him in your dreams.

Trina Gant - February 18, 2021 at 01:36 PM



I remember when my husband first meet him, he had the biggest smile. I knew then that Donna had a good man. Words are nenought but I believe he is Resting Well.

Jeannie Nickols - February 18, 2021 at 06:15 PM



Junie James, you are one of my favorite cousins ALWAYS sharing with me your opinions whether I asked for them or not. You didn't hesitate to agree to help my brother move me to MD 32yrs ago: and as I am making plans to move back home to VA, I knew if I needed your help, you had my back! It's so hard to believe we will no longer have our long and sometimes challenging conversations. You reminded me so much of my Daddy (who also passed at age 62) since you spent so much time with him. My prayer is that when you see him in heaven, y'all won't start a Clifton-style debate at a Clifton-style tone just for the sake of doing it. 😊 Luv you man and I will ALWAYS hold you in my heart. I remember your Mom's last conversation with me when she asked me to ALWAYS remember her. No doubt, I will ALWAYS remember you both. 💕💕

Sharell Clifton - February 21, 2021 at 05:21 AM

DE

I worked with James for many years at Evans Electric. His attention to customers as well as his friendship and love for his co-workers was something I will always remember. you were taken way too early. You will be missed.

DAN EVANS - February 24, 2021 at 08:47 AM