



CLIFFORD SARGEON

September 7, 1928 - June 4, 2020

Obituary

Clifford Leonard Sargeon, the only child of Alvessa Sargeon, was born on September 7, 1928 in Hearne, TX. In 1930, Clifford and his mother moved to Kansas City, MO to live with her older brother Rev. David C. Sargeon.

Following the passing of his mother, Clifford was adopted and raised by his uncle and wife, Ethyle L. at the age of two.

At nine years old, Clifford was baptized at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Kansas City, KS, where his father presided.

While living in Kansas City, MO, Clifford attended Dunbar Elementary and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1945. In 1946, he joined the U.S. Navy as a 2nd class cook for two years. He then went to serve four years in the Naval Reserve and twelve years in the U.S. Army National Guard. During this time, he also worked for the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

In 1951, he married Gladys Louise James with whom he had three children, Phyllis, Clifford, Jr., and David. Later, in 1995, his family grew when he married Vernita M. Martin and welcomed her two children, Michael, and Vickie.

In 1986, Clifford retired as a manager in Human Resources, from USPS after

38 years of dedicated service. Following his retirement, he was motivated to serve the community. His desire to support families and youth affected by crime and violence led him to join the Board of Directors for Ad Hoc Group Against Crime alongside Alvin Brooks.

His passion for community service prompted him to join various civic organizations throughout Kansas City and Raytown. He served on the Board of Directors for Renaissance West, Inc., and Comprehensive Mental Health Center. He also served as a member of the Missouri State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, K.C. Metro Crime Commission, the Raytown Board of Alderman, and the Raytown Human Relations Commission.

At the time of his passing, Clifford was a member of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Donald Givens.

He was an activist, mentor, and advisor who cared deeply for his community, his church and especially his family.

After failing health problems, Clifford (more lovingly known as Cliff, PaPa, or Sarge) is now at peace, his soul at rest. He will be deeply missed by all.

He leaves to celebrate his life and legacy: a loving and faithful wife, Vernita; loving daughters, Phyllis and Vickie; devoted sons, David (Tanya) and Michael (Donna); eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; three “special daughters”; one “special niece”; and a host of relatives and friends.

Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 13th at Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church 3935 Prospect Ave KCMO. Private Disposition.

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