

SERVICE OF TRIUMPH

For Our Beloved



CLIFFORD LESLIE WHITE, Sr.

Sunrise: August 8, 1924 — Sunset: May 10, 2005

Tuesday May 17, 2005

Wake: 9:30 a.m.

Masonic Ceremony: 10:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Triumph Service: 10:30—12:00 noon

New Psalmist Baptist Church

4501 1/2 Old Frederick Road

Baltimore, MD 21229

Bishop-Elect Walter Scott Thomas, *Pastor*

Pastor Julian Rivera, *Officiating*



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me;
I took His hand when I heard Him call.

I turned my back and left it all;

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work or play;

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I found that place at the close of the day;

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy;

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss;

Be not burdened with times of sorrow;

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow;

My life's been full, I savored much,

Good friends, good times,

a loved one's touch;

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief;

Lift up my heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.



To Tarry: No More

You've gone, my love, to tarry no more,
Hardships and illness you have endured.

For now, God's heart, you are within,
And your struggle here has found its end.

Though saddened now and with heavy a heart,
It will not be forever that we're apart.

For one day I know, your face I will see,
Until then please shake Gods hand for me.

H. Douglas White

2001

Pallbearers & Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Acknowledgements

The families of the Whites and the Walkers humbly offer our most thanks for all
Of the demonstrations of love and concern during this most trying of times.

Service of Comfort Entrusted To:

Howell

Funeral Home

4600 Liberty Heights Avenue - Baltimore, Maryland 21207

410-664-6800

Interment

Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery

Owings Mills, Maryland

Obituary

His journey began as an only child in Monessen, Pennsylvania. It was August 8, 1924 when the spirit of Clifford L. White was sent to grace this earth as a gift to Herman Douglas and Hilda Marlene White.

Having completed his mission, he was recalled to Heaven's headquarters by the Supreme Commander. "I do not want to go, However, I am a Marine in God's Military now. And I will follow His command." It was 4:50p.m. on the Lord's Day of May 10, 2005 that Clifford laid down his sword and shield and followed orders as commanded.

He graduated from Monessen High School in 1943. Shortly after, he voluntarily enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was an original Montford Point Marine in the 51st Defense; an historical unit that integrated the United States Marine Corps. As a black man, he rose to the prestigious rank of Sergeant First Class.

During World War II, he served our country in the South Pacific. He served in the Korean Conflict as well as two tours of duty during the Vietnam Conflict. He received numerous honors for his heroic diligence. He retired from the military after 31 years of service. After an honorable discharge, he held several positions in the business industry but settled in the law enforcement arena in Baltimore, Maryland. He was a charter member of the Baltimore City School Police Force. During one tour, he was assigned to the Baltimore School for the arts where he was personally responsible for the safety of the son of Kurt Schmoke, then current Mayor of Baltimore. He also had a rapport with personalities such as Jada Pinkett and Tupac Shakur. He worshipped at the New Psalmist Baptist Church and was a Master Mason and member of the William F. Taylor Lodge #57.

Aside from employment-specific coursework, he chose not to pursue a formal education. He did not need to. God gave Daddy a Ph.D in life Sciences. He was what you call a Troubleologist. If you had trouble, he was the 'go-to-guy.' He was endowed with the wisdom of King Solomon and the civil consciousness of Martin Luther King. The word stranger was not in his vocabulary and he taught many people how to hug for the first time in their lives.

He was the most faithful child any parent could ever know. This man would travel 600 miles round trip weekly to see his parents. He did so until they were called home. Weary and worn by life's battles, his mission complete, he returned to the Headquarters of the Supreme Commander. He was preceded in death by his birth father, Herman Douglas; his mother, Hilda Marlene; his coveted step-father, Frank Rendleman; his mother-in-law and father-in-law.

He leaves to celebrate his life, his love and spirit: Erma his wife of 20 years, best friend and confidant for more than 30 years; six children, Janice Irizarry, Judah Shapir (Joshua), Clifford L. Jr., William B. (Patricia), H. Douglas White and Lindsen M. Pankey; two sisters-in-law, Lonnie B. Walker and Ernestine Norwood-Briggs; fifteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends too numerous to name.

Special friends and family: Leroy Bailey (Dorothy), Leona Bailey, Sharon Bailey, Kenneth Carpenter, Mack C. Thomas, Cy Davenport (Carolyn), Dorothy Reed (Sherman), Peggy S. Brown, Larniece Couser, Eric Calloway and Charlene Walker.

Order of Service

Opening Song..... "Blessed Assurance"

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament Reading.....II Chronicles 7:14.....Janice Irizarry (Daughter)

New Testament Reading.....Matthew 22:36-40.....William B. White (Son)

Selection..... "The Lord's Prayer"Mrs. Joyce Tuck (Niece)

Remarks

Acknowledgements

Cards/Poems.....Mrs. Dorothy Reed

Reading of the Journey.....H. Douglas White, II
(Son)

Hymn: Precious Lord.....Mrs. Tiffany Lewis
(Granddaughter)

Eulogy.....Pastor Rivera

Benediction

Recessional