

The Heavenly Tribune

REFLECTION OF LIFE

CLIFTON BAXTER

Mr. Clifton "Cliff" Baxter entered peacefully into eternal rest on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at his residence. Mr. Baxter was born on October 14, 1954, in Clarendon County, South Carolina, to the late James Ernest Baxter and Ella Nora Singleton Baxter. He was first united in holy matrimony to the late Ms. Debra Agnes Amos, with whom he shared many years of devoted companionship until her passing on January 28, 2010. Mr. Baxter was blessed to have shared his life with two extraordinarily devoted wives.

*"He that findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor from the Lord."
Proverbs 18:22*

For the past twelve years, he was married to Ms. Cynthia Dianne Johnson. Her unselfish, steadfast, and unwavering love was exemplified through her tireless devotion to his care and comfort, particularly during the final days of his earthly journey.

Mr. Baxter spent his early years as a member of Friendship AME Church in Pinewood, South Carolina. He graduated from Scotts Branch High School in 1972 and subsequently earned an Associate of Science degree from the University of South Carolina. Throughout his distinguished career in the United States Army, he completed numerous trainings and courses that furthered his professional development. He honorably retired in 1994 after twenty years of faithful service. Following his military tenure, he was employed with Square D in Columbia, South Carolina.

During his military service, Mr. Baxter served as a Personnel Assistant and was stationed in Honduras, Germany, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., before retiring at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina.

Mr. Baxter leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife, Ms. Cynthia Johnson Baxter; two daughters, Ms. Tameka LaTonya Baxter of Columbia, SC., and Ms. LaWanda Baxter of Eastover, SC; one granddaughter, Ms. Alexia Ann-dreia Bates; three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Peoples (Abraham) of Pinewood, SC, Ms. Kathaleen McBride of Columbia, SC. and Ms. Ernestine Baxter of Sumter, SC. Brother and sister in- laws Johnnie Amos of Sumter, SC, Terry Johnson of Pinewood, SC, Oscar Johnson of Pinewood, SC, Melvin (Patrice) Johnson of Jacksonville, FL, James Johnson of Virginia Beach, VA. and Kenny (Alice) Johnson of Summerville, SC, Brenda Johnson of Pinewood, SC, Betty Jackson of Pinewood, SC , Sarah Reddick of Sumter, SC, Shirley Thomas of Charlotte, NC, Nancy Ellison of Wilmington, NC, along with a host of extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Mr. Timothy Baxter, and one sister, Ms. Matilda Hampton, both of Pinewood, South Carolina.



Order Of Service

Officiant: Elder Denzel J. Hampton Sr.

Prelude

Processional

It Is Well with My Soul

Old Testament Scripture

Psalms 23

New Testament Scripture

John 14:1-6

Prayer

Elder Denzel J. Hampton Sr.

Selection

Elder Denzel J. Hampton Sr.

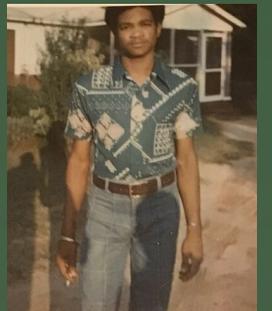
Eulogy

Elder Dr. Kylie V. McBride

Recessional

I'll Fly Away

Full Military Ceremony to follow



Poem of Love

Cliff, let me walk with you again,
 And hold your hand in mine,
 No shadow of death or end of time.
 Where there is only joy and peace,
 And your presence will never cease.
 Let me walk with you again,
 Among the wildflowers,
 To be serenaded as the birds sing.
 And sniff the sweetness of each passing hour.
 My Love, upon this earth our walk has ended.
 But I know I'll walk with you again,
 On the clouds that hold no rain.
 Where there is neither hurt nor pain.
 In God's heavenly paradise on the other side.
 But while I'm here,
 In the ark of your love, I'll hide.
 And your presence will be there.
 With Love,
 CINDY

Expression of Gratitude

The Baxter and Johnson families acknowledge our sincere thanks and appreciation for every kindness and act of compassion shown during this period of grief. We are eternally grateful for your presence and support. We especially appreciate the care shown to our beloved Cliff by the staff of Prisma Baptist and Agape Hospice.

CLIFTON *Cliff*
 BAXTER

OCTOBER 14, 1954 - DECEMBER 2, 2025

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025
 11:00 AM

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