

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On behalf of the family, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your presence at this service. We would also like to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, love, and support during this difficult time. Special thanks to Mid-Delta, UMMC and Scott Memorial Funeral home. May God continue to bless each of you.

The Family

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Nicholas Moore | Treveon Bassett
Xavius Bassett | Joshua Bassett
Christopher Harris

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Fred Williams | Lartavious Carter
John Bassett | Robtevia Bassett
Jhamarion Taylor | James Southern

FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

INTERMENT

Day Cemetery
Scotland Road
Benton, MS 39040

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Mr. Cleotha "Big Cle"
AUSTIN

Sunrise: January 8, 1945 ♦ Sunset: October 13, 2022

Saturday, October 22, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Day Cemetery

Scotland Road

Benton, MS 39039

LIFE REFLECTIONS

Mr. Cleotha "Big Cle" Austin



Cleotha Austin affectionately known as "Big Cle" was born on January 8, 1945, in Canton Mississippi to Luebertha Cole. At an early age he was adopted and raised by his grandmother, Bertha Nethery. On October 13, 2022, at UMMC, at the age of 77, he peacefully passed away.



"Big Cle" was educated at Holy Child Jesus in Canton, MS. During his life, he developed skills as a mechanic, as well as developing a love for farming. He enjoyed the challenges of tilling the soil and waiting for the harvest. He found relaxation with working with his hands. He worked as a farmer for over 40 years. His life allowed him to find joy in fixing cars and woodworking. Big Cle was a person who lived life to its fullest, which helped others to have a positive outlook on life. He was protective of those who he called family. Starting his day out with morning scriptures even as his health began to fail helped to cement his belief in eternal life.



He was preceded in death by; his mother: Luebertha Cole; his grandmother: Bertha Nethery; brothers: James Bacon, Jimmy Cole and Eugene Cole; and sisters: Bonnie Freeman and Ellen Johnson.



He leaves to cherish his memory; his soulmate: Mary Bassett; his three children: Donna and Cleotha Bassett, both of Vaughan, MS and Daniel (Pamela) Sims of Utica, MS; special grandchildren raised by him: Shantina (Louis) Skipper and Joshua Bassett; three sisters: Gloria Clark, Linda (Shawn) White and Brenda (Arthur) Upshaw; three brothers: Jessie (Shirley) Cole, Samuel Cole and Henry Cole, all of Montgomery, AL; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL
Clergy & Family

OLD TESTAMENT
Pastor Henry Collins

NEW TESTAMENT
Pastor Henry Collins

PRAYER
Pastor Henry Collins

OBITUARY
Read Silently | Soft Music

MUSICAL SELECTION

EULOGY
Pastor Henry Collins

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RECESSIONAL
Clergy, Family & Friends

God IS OUR Refuge
AND Strength

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me,
for now I'm free;
I'm following the path
God has laid you see.
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, to play.
Tasks left undone must
stay that way;
I found that peace
at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void;
Then fill it with
remembered joy.
A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss;
Oh 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 your hearts
and peace to thee;
God wanted me now;
He set me free.