

The life of the giant is a taxing one,
 But only made for a rare few.
 For not many can handle the weight of their war,
 That is needed to make their magnanimous virtue.
 Naturally being looked upon and awed by many.
 A born leader, an absorbing figure that remains uncanny.
 Like any colossal book, many might be quick to judge-
 Fixating on its structure, instead of its depth of love.
 What many don't know is that with big giants come big hearts.
 Radiating their warm energy through every earthly part.
 As natural born protectors they to make you feel safe.
 An indestructible force field that's from the worlds hate.
 Your duty is respected because of who you are.
 Showing us how to never quit and how to always work hard.
 Your sound quakes like thunder that speaks to our soul,
 Generating laughter and smiles that garner us whole.
 Your presence freezes us so we can't look away,
 Captivating us with your stories so we can't help but stay.
 The delight in your food nourishes our food for thought,
 Salivating at the smells that you lovingly cook in your pots.
 Your embrace squeezes me tight, until I can't breathe.
 As my body absorbs all the love that you force me to receive.
 In your enormity, you know how abundant you are.
 Graciously giving of yourself no matter how easy or hard.
 Always teaching those around you the value of generosity,
 And how real wealth is found in the legacy of hospitality.
 The giants in our life are God's way of showing us real life heroes.
 For He blessed us when he sent us our very own;
 He blessed us when he gave us someone larger than life,
 He blessed us when he created Cleo.

-Jasmin Johansen Hicks

Acknowledgements

As we gather today to honor and remember our beloved Cleophas DeVaughn, we extend our deepest gratitude for your presence and support. Your comforting words, warm embraces, and shared memories have brought us solace during this difficult time. Your unwavering support is a testament to the love Cleophas DeVaughn brought into our lives, and we are profoundly touched by your kindness and compassion.

Your love and support have helped us find moments of peace and comfort amidst our grief. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Cleophas DeVaughn, with us today. Your presence means more to us than words can express, and we are truly blessed to have you in our lives.



Celebration of Life for

Cleophas DeVaughn

May 28, 1949 ~ January 10, 2025



FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2025 at 11 PM

DAVIS FUNERAL HOME

89 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, Massachusetts

Pastor James Harrison, Officiating

Life Reflections

It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Cleophas DeVaughn on January 10, 2025, at the age of 75. Cleo was born on May 28, 1949, in Boston, MA, to Cleophas DeVaughn Sr. and Lessie DeVaughn.

After receiving his education from Stoughton High School, he served in the United States Army during Vietnam War and received honorable discharged.

Cleo worked industriously for Verizon for 34 years. Simultaneously while working for the phone company as Liman, he became Line Manager. Cleo joined the Shriners in 1984 and became a Master Mason at Prince Hall Shriner.

Cleo met the love of his life and beloved wife, Linda DeVaughn of 45 years. Cleo was known for his strong will, unwavering determination, and enjoying his love and support for his family and community.

Cleo truly knew that it was more blessed to give than to receive. His generosity knew no bounds. Cleo was a loving father and grandfather and a beautiful soul who would help anyone. His radiant smile lit up any room he entered. He enjoyed going to the grocery stores, eating the food from the grocery stores and specific restaurants. He loved watching westerns and action movies. He lived life to the fullest and especially loved spending time with his family, friends, and his beloved cat, Skittles.

Although Cleo is gone, he will live in our hearts forever.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Lane DeVaughn; his children, Kenya Madry, Laila DeVaughn and husband Shondez George; grandchildren, Emmanuel DeVaughn, Deken Madry, Alea DeVaughn and Glenson Greenaway, Nathaniel Mckinnon, DeVaughn Madry and Malik George; great-grandchild Messiah Greenaway DeVaughn; siblings, Brunis DeVaughn and Cheryl DeVaughn.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude		Dennis Montgomery
Invocation		Pastor James Harrison
Opening Hymn	<i>"Blessed Assurance"</i>	
Scripture	Old Testament <i>Psalms 23</i> New Testament <i>John 14:1-6</i>	
Solo Selection	<i>"My Life is in Your Hands"</i>	Kimberly Moore
Remarks		Duke Phillips Bill Spencer
Poem	Written by <i>Jasmine Johansen Hicks</i>	Jasmin Johansen Hicks
Obituary		Shondez George
Musical Selection	<i>"Going Up Yonder"</i>	Dennis Montgomery
Eulogy		Pastor James Harrison
Benediction		Pastor James Harrison
Organ Postlude		Dennis Montgomery

Interment

Massachusetts National Cemetery
Connery Ave,
Buzzards Bay, MA 02542