

A Poem To My Children

To my dear ones, in each passing day, Though I'm not there,
in your hearts I stay. In laughter and dreams you weave, A
father's love you'll never leave. The stars will guide you
through the night, with whispers of love, holding you tight.
Carry my hopes and dreams anew, in every step, I'll walk
with you. Remember always, my dear, dear children, In
your heart's embrace, my love's compiled. Though we're
apart, our bond will endure, A father's love forever pure.



Forever In Your Hearts

Celebrating The Life of



**DERWIN
Clifton**

Sunrise: September 27, 1957– Sunset: July 25, 2025

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Visitation:10:00am.- Memorial Service:11:00 am.

Abundant Life Apostolic Church

9545 Winton Road | Cincinnati, OH 45231

Elder Vada Stephens, Sr- Officiating
Bishop H. Anthony Stephens- Eulogy

His Life Reflections

Derwin Clifton was born September 27, 1957, in Cincinnati, Ohio to the union of Clyde Clifton and Mary Frances Clifton. He accepted Christ at an early age, as a member of First Liberty Baptist Church. As a teenager he attended and graduated from Quarter Tech High School. Derwin was the father of four children Anthony, Derwin, Kourtney and Franchae (stepdaughter).

We celebrate the life of Derwin, whose passion for music and the joy it brought to others unparalleled. From an early age, Derwin was deeply immersed in music, finding happiness in DJing at birthday parties and weddings. His vibrant energy and the tunes he spun became the soundtrack to countless unforgettable celebrations.

A man of diverse interest, Derwin was also a movie buff, particularly fond of cowboy films and karate flicks, each weekend a new adventure on the screen. His culinary skills were impressive as his musical talent. During his career as a chef in five-star dining restaurants, he was highly regarded and formed lifelong friendships with colleagues and patrons alike.

In his leisure, Derwin cherished moments spent with family and friends over games of spades, chess, and dominoes, where laughter and camaraderie reigned supreme.

Above all, Derwin will be remembered for his generous spirit, his dedication to his craft, and the indelible mark he left everyone who had the privilege to know him.

Derwin was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Mary Frances, and his brothers, Wilbert Clifton, Tyrone Dumas, Timothy Clifton and sister Tonja Clifton

Derwin leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter Kourtney Wats, Franchae Walker stepdaughter (Herve' Gant), his sons Anthony Clifton and Derwin Clifton Jr; sisters, Debra Clifton, Frances Clifton, Arena Doty, Rachelle Burgess (Noris), Helen McCoy (Andre), Minster Denise Morris, Twila Clifton, Melisa Clifton, Latisha Clifton; brothers, Charles Dumas, Alfonzo Dumas (Rhonda); Uncle, Robert Hill; seven grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDEMINISTER JOHN GOLDEN
PROCESSIONAL.....CLERGY
OFFICIANT.....ELDER VADA STEOHENS, SR
PRAYER.....ELDER BERNICE MATHIS
SCRIPTURE READINGS
OLD TESTAMENT.....ELDER CHARLES CROCHERON
NEW TESTAMENT.....ELDER RICARDO SMITH
MUSICAL SELECTION.....ABUNDANT LIFE CHOIR
PERSONAL REMARKS (2MINUTES)
OBITUARY.....READ SILENTLY
MUSICAL SELECTION.....ABUNDANT LIFE CHOIR
MUSICAL SELECTION.....ABUNDANT LIFE CHOIR
EULOGY.....BISHOP H. ANTHONY STEPHENS
PARTING VIEW.....THE FAMILY
BENEDICTION.....BISHOP H. ANTHONY TEPHENS
RECESSIONAL.....BISHOP H. ANTHONY STEPHENS
PALLBEARERS.....
Alfonzo Dumas, Charles Dumas, Lee Mitchell, Jimmy Clifton, Chamar Hargrove, Dujuane Todd, Noris Burgess, Vernon McCoy, Kazzlen Wright
FLOWERBEARERS.....
Rachelle Burgess, Arena Doty, Helen McCoy, Monica Clifton, Rena Clif-ton, Melina Clifton