



Clarence Lee Parkinson

August 2, 1937 - March 30, 2016

Clarence Lee Parkinson Sr. (AKA Tex, & CL) was born in Tyler, Texas on August 2, 1937 to the late Arrie and Inez Parkinson. Clarence left this earth peacefully on Wednesday March 30, 2016 to be with the Lord where he will reunite with his late sisters Carol Bradley and Ruby Murphy. His brother, Arrie Parkinson Jr. resides in Detroit Michigan.

Clarence grew up in the small town of Tyler where he was a standout student in the classroom. As young man, he attended El Bethel Baptist Church in Overton, Texas where he established an early relationship with the Lord; enjoyed being outdoors and could often be found under a tree reading one of his favorite comic books. Clarence had an amazing love for education and reading which was easily identifiable after stepping foot into his home where you were met with hundreds of books that he had previously read. He was also an avid story teller, sharing many of his fond memories that he had growing up with his friends and family in Texas.

At the age of 17, Clarence enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he had a very wonderful and successful career spanning more than 20 years. The Navy afforded him the opportunity to travel the world; creating fond memories along the way. It was during his time in the military that Clarence met and married the beautiful, Mary (Thornton) Parkinson They spent the next 54 years together. They raised four children together; Sharon Thornton (deceased), Clarence Parkinson Jr. (Danille) of Lorton Virginia, Carol of Arlington VA, and Craig (Jewell) of West Chester, PA.

Upon retirement from the military, Clarence was employed by the United States Postal Service, where he served as a mail carrier and a clerk for 20 years. During those years, he established several great friendships with his colleagues while also creating life long memories which he enjoyed recalling and sharing with his family and friends.

After retirement from the post office Clarence entered into the next phase of his life, where he was able to enjoy a great deal of time with his family, particularly; his grandchildren , Vera (Brandon) of Richmond, VA, Camille of West Chester, PA Chase of West Chester, PA, Emma of Lorton, VA, Eden of Lorton, VA, two great grandchildren; Kenneth of Richmond, VA and Kendall of Richmond, VA. It was obvious to all that Clarence's greatest joy in life came from the time he spent with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Each of them having their own special bond with him.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harvest Assembly Baptist Church
8012 Fordson RD
Alexandria, VA

funeral service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

APR 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, VA