

"Life's Journey"

Nathenal was born August 25, 1939 to the late Reverend Chester and Marie (Hokett) Tyson in Raleigh, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, David Tyson, James Tyson, Chester Tyson, and a son, Darryl Shepard.

He became a member of the Olive Branch Baptist Church where he was baptized and accepted Christ as his personal Savior. After his family moved to New York City he attended and graduated from Henry Harrison High School. He then later enlisted in the military where he served in 3 branches: Army, Navy and Air Force. He retired from the Air Force Reserves at Tinker Air Force Base.

Nathenal worked as a Plumber Pipefitter for a number of years until he retired. He was a member of the Local Pipefitter's & Plumbers Union.

A few of Nathenal's passions were spending time with his family and friends. He was an avid sports fan especially football and basketball. He and his wife enjoyed watching sports together, cheering on their favorite teams. He loved preparing delicious meals on the grill. He looked forward to his weekly talks with his sister.

He leaves to celebrate his life and cherish his memories his wife, Dorothy Tyson of the home; one sister, Mary Tyson of Willingboro, New Jersey; children: Kevin Joyner-Tyson of New York City, New York; David Tyson, Dawn Tyson-Thompson (David), Nathalie Tyson and Kevin Shepard all of Fort Smith, Arkansas; stepdaughter, Cheryl Derricott (Herbert) of Lawton, Oklahoma; twenty-one grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other extended family and good friends. He will be missed by many.