



# Life Story

Clifford Lee Thornton was born March 7, 1951 in Boley, OK to Annie and Sammy Thornton. He was the sixth child of 13 Children. He gave his life to Christ at an early age. He attended Allen chapel Baptist church. He attended Chilesville Elementary school and later attended Boley High School where he was an outstanding basketball player.

During his freshman year in High School he met the love of his life, Viola Dean. Later he asked Viola's father "if he could have her and promised to love her and never forsake her". They then united in marriage for 52 years! From this union, two children were born.

After High school Clifford and his wife moved to Oklahoma City, OK. He was a hard worker. He worked numerous jobs to provide for his family. After 33 years, and 8 months he retired from Dayton Tires/Bridgestone, Firestone.

Clifford was also known as Cliff, C T, or Cowboy. He was a phenomenal husband, dad, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was admired by many that crossed his path. He never met a stranger.

Clifford loved to travel with his wife, drop the top on his '72 Ford LTD and cruise down to hangout at the Boomerang car gatherings, have coffee and "shoot the breeze with his buddies" at Iron Skillet, Remington Park (his favorite hangout where he had numerous of friends); and hanging with family and friends for different occasions.

Clifford was known to always be stylish with his western attire. He will be truly missed for his humble nature.

Clifford was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, two brothers, Albert and Curtis Thornton; Four sisters, Carrie Thornton, Sarah Haddox, Sandra F. Tarver, Ernestine Thornton, and a few nieces and nephews.

Clifford leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Viola Thornton, one son, (Commander) Antoine Thornton, one daughter, Erica (Greg) Patton, one granddaughter, Peoria Nash, one grandson, Jalin Thornton and siblings: Lilly (Donnel) Morrison; Roberta Cooper; Sandra K. (Nathaniel) Woodfork; Mandie Thornton; Janice Thornton; Wanda (Archie) Frazier; Jimmie L. Johnson and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends that are too numerous to name but not forgotten.



## Dear Husband

"When god was making husbands as far as I can see, he made a special soulmate especially for me. He made a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind, with more love and affection than you could wish to find. He gave my darling husband a heart of solid gold, he gave me wonderful memories only my heart can hold. He was someone I could talk to, that no one can replace, he was someone I could laugh with, till tears ran down my face. Next time we meet will be at heavens door, when I see you standing there I won't cry anymore, I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face and the pieces of my heart will fall back into place."



## Order of Service

*Processional*  
Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

*Musical Selection*  
Taquia McGee

*Scripture Reading*  
Old testament  
Rev. Allen Threatt

New Testament  
Rev. Perry Williams

*Prayer*  
Brother Mark Thornton

*Musical Selection*  
Perry Williams

*Resolutions Et Acknowledgement*  
Sister Barbara Stone

*Family Expressions*  
Lillie Goff  
CDR Antoine Thorton

*Remarks*  
Limit 2min. Please

*Life Story*  
Dr. Sharon K. Spratt

*Musical Selection*  
Christopher Thompson

*Words of Comfort*  
Rev. Elmer Lugrand  
St. John Baptist Church of Boley, OK

*Video Tribute*

*Parting Glance*  
Temple and Sons Funeral Directors

*Recessional*  
Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

