



Mr. Clarence Herbert Latimore, Sr.

March 22, 1933 - September 15, 2017

Clarence Herbert Latimore (Latimer) was born in Soperton, Georgia on March 22, 1933. The son of a preacher, he was the second of three children born to James and Ruth Latimer. As a child he performed chores on the family's small farm and worked as a field hand on other farms in the area. In his teen years he worked as a chipper and a fire patrolman on the pine tree farms around Soperton.

When he was fifteen years old, Clarence and three of his cousins formed a quartet and performed at dance clubs and juke joints from Soperton to Macon. In 1950, shortly after he turned 17, Clarence enlisted in the Army and went through basic training at Camp Gordon in Chamblee, Georgia. He was tall and gangly and deemed not quite ready for service.

Later that year, in November, Clarence and his cousin Willie C. Gillis moved to Winter Park, Florida where a number of their relatives and friends had already relocated. Until he could find work he lived with his Uncle Albert Latimer. It wasn't long before he found employment as a seasonal worker, picking fruits and vegetables gave him the opportunity to visit virtually every state on the east coast: New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Heavily influenced by their father's fashion sense and flare for style, Clarence

and his brother Warnell were very natty dressers and got more than their share of compliments when they stepped out wearing their hats, fancy clothes and two tone shoes. The two also loved cars. Clarence's first car was a 1935 Ford Sedan with an 85 horsepower V8 engine.

In 1952, Clarence met Alice Jeanette Bell at West Glen's Junk Joint. Their courtship led to matrimony on December 14, 1953. Alice's wedding ring was borrowed from her grandmother Lucille Hankerson. To this union four children were born: Carolyn Louise Latimer, Clarence Herbert Latimer, Jr., Albert Latimer, and Lillie Mae Latimer. The marriage lasted 15 years, the couple divorced in 1968. Clarence never remarried.

Clarence preferred visiting friends and being outside more than he did being cooped up inside the house. He particularly enjoyed gardening, and fishing. When he decided to sit down in front of the TV, it was comedies and cowboy movies that he found the most entertaining.

Clarence had a quiet demeanor and was fiercely independent. He was a good cook and could repair anything: appliances, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, TV's, refrigerators.

When Clarence retired from the workforce in 2002 at the age of 71, in addition to those already mentioned he also held jobs as a janitor, handyman, block mason and supply yard laborer. As the last surviving member of his family, Clarence was preceded in death by his parents and siblings. James Latimer (father) 1969; Ruth Taylor Latimer (mother) 1989; Annie Ruth Latimer (Sister) 1989; Warnell Latimer (Brother) 1989.

Left to mourn his passing are his four children; ten grandchildren, five great grandchildren, nieces, nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends. Children: Carolyn Latimer, Clarence Herbert Latimer, (Janice) Albert Latimer

(Denene), Lillie Latimer, Grandchildren: Steven Jerry, Justin Latimer, Joel Latimer, Jasmine Latimer, Durell Brown, Brelle Williams, Shannon Latimer, Shaunte Butcher, Clarence Herbert Latimer, III, Courtney Latimer; great grandchildren: Kaimarcus Butcher, Camille Butcher, Christopher Jerry, Jonathan Jerry, and Nicholas Jerry.

Other special relatives, Alice Jeanette Mitchell (former Wife), Mae Troy, Sarah Ruth Thomas, Seymore Thomas, Lawrence Gammons, Mozzell Gammons, Bernice Norton, Mattie Bell, Lois Bell, Chippy Clarke, Sandra Latimer, Denise Latimer, Jimmy Latimer, Darnell Latimer, Doris Curry "Dot".

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church
274 North Capen Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Clarence Herbert Latimore, Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence Herbert Latimore, Sr..*



September 21, 2017 at 04:22 PM