



Brother Cleveland Taylor Bey I

April 16, 1947 - February 26, 2024

Brother Cleveland T. Bey, I departed this life peacefully in his home with his loving wife of 56 years, Sister Blanche T. Bey, at his side on February 26, 2024. He was born April 16, 1947, to Cleveland Johnson and Beatrice Sykes in St. Stephens Church, VA, but was adopted by James and Betty Jane Taylor at an early age and raised in Walkerton, VA. He was the apple of their eye, and they lovingly called him “Kickey Poo.”

Brother Cleveland and Sister Blanche both attended Central High School in upper King & Queen County where they became high school sweethearts when she was a 15-year-old sophomore and he a 17-year-old senior. When Sister Blanche turned 17, they decided to get married as soon as she graduated, and so they did. On June 24, 1967, the same wedding day as her parents, they were married by one of their teachers, Reverend Washington T. Henry. From this union they bore three handsome, healthy sons; Cleveland II (Nick), Ronald Vincent, and Maurice Germaine.

Brother Cleveland united in the Moorish Science Temple of America December 1972 and proclaimed his true name, Bey, Religion, Islamism and true nationality of our ancient forefathers, Moorish. Sister Blanche and their children did the same in January 1973. He was inducted into the Adept Chamber of Temple No. 6 in 1976 and served as Assistant Teacher for a short time. He was a faithful and active member of the Moorish Science Temple of

America until his health began to fail. Brother Cleveland was an over-the-road truck driver for years and often took his sons with him. Their Mother later found out that once - while he took a quick nap - he put Ronald, at 14 years old, behind the wheel. She had a fit, but Brother Cleveland was a true Aries who welcomed challenges and adventure. He took a pause from trucking for about 10 years when he and Sister Blanche joined their son, Maurice, in South Carolina where they both became Kirby Vacuum Distributors.

Brother Cleveland was very athletic and excelled in basketball and baseball and was known as one of the best left-handed pitchers in the local area. Every weekend Sister Blanche knew she and the boys would be at some baseball field watching him on the mound. He was great at shooting pool; and if there was a pool table around, that's where he would be. Later, he bought a motorcycle and then a race car and was at the racetrack almost every weekend with his little Opal car doing burn outs while our son, Nick, helped guide him up to the line. Then Nick got the fever and bought a race car, and now they've passed the fever on to his son, Myles.

As you can see, Brother Cleveland loved and lived a full life. He loved everyone and could carry on a conversation with anyone. Sister Blanche would often ask him how he found out so much about a person in such a short time. Preceding him in passing were his parents, James and Betty Jane Taylor; birth parents, Cleveland Johnson and Beatrice Sykes; brother, Stanley Garlick; grandson, Maurice Aveon, (Lil Mo), who was so dear to all of us. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife, Blanche; three sons who he was so proud of, Cleveland (Nick), Ronald, and Maurice (Yasmeen); nine grandchildren, Josh (Shawnda), Myles, Sacara, Taylor, Teonna, Yashaya, Kyla, Kyle, and Maurice Koran; one great granddaughter, Aaliyah; two Sisters Delaine and Sheila (Dwight); two brothers, Prentiss (Aretha) and Robert (Diane); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters and brothers-in-law, friends, and members around the Circle of the Moorish

Science Temple of America.

A service will be 1PM Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140. A viewing will be held 2 hours prior to services. Interment will be private.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

YB

“*Bro. Cleveland, thank you for your always caring support and always a wonderful brother/friend. Sail on conquering King. Praise Allah to have been in your wonderful life.*

Yvonne R Bey - March 09, 2024 at 08:35 AM

MT

“*A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.*

She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.” King Solomon writings. Sister Blanche this came to mind when I last saw you some years back. My condolences to you and your family. May the almighty God continue to bless you.

Martha (Larry) Thomas, Carlisle, PA

Martha Thomas - March 08, 2024 at 12:03 PM

CC

“*My condolences to you Blanche and your family. Mickey was one of my best friends at Central High School. May he rest in peace.*

Charles Coleman - March 03, 2024 at 07:30 AM

MY

“ I am going to miss my Uncle/Football Buddy!!! He was the only Cowboys fan that I would let talk trash about my Commanders and then ghost me when his team lost.

Uncle Mickey was always the Peacemaker with a calm demeanor and much needed sense of humor. He LOVED and believed in Family and I appreciate him for that.

Aunt Blanche, Nick, Ronald and Maurice...please know that we love you and will always be there for you.



Monica Young - February 29, 2024 at 07:13 PM

SC

“ So very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Bey. Such a hard working and kind gentleman. Sending prayers to his family. Rest In Peace My Friend.

Shawn Carter - February 29, 2024 at 08:46 AM

WW

“ To Blanche and the family...The Ebenezer Baptist Church Lanexa Va. We were sadden to hear that Mickey had transitioned but also felt joy to know that the long battle was over and he is at rest. We offer our prayers and condolences to you and the family and will continue to pray for your strength. May God rest upon you mightily and bring comfort in the days to come.
Pastor W.D.Weeden , 1st Lady and EBC...

wayne weeden - February 29, 2024 at 05:39 AM

TL

I was sorry to hear of my classmate Mickey's, passing. Besides graduating from Central together, we also played basketball and baseball together. My condolences to you cousin Blanche and your family.

Thomas Lawson - March 01, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ So many memories with my grandad.. I just love him so much! Whether it be us playing kickball outside, watching back to back to back lifetime movies, riding in the truck, him always trying to make sure I have what I need, going to Mcdonald's, going to Stuart's Fish, Taking care of him, arguing, the loads and loads and loads of advice, him sneaking pecan twirls from my grandma in the middle of the night, him calling me from the back room at all times of the night to help him get the remote that's in arms reach and there's so many more.. My grandad was a huge part of my life. I will miss my grandad so much and I will continue to keep him in my heart and respect his wishes to make sure I look after my grandma.. He made sure to drill that into my head lol..



Sacara Bey - February 29, 2024 at 02:26 AM

BV

“ Aunt Blanche..Nick Ronald and Maurice Allah sure did BLESS you as a Family...I am sure Uncle Mickey is going to miss all of you especially your children's children...WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT...ALLAH IS GREAT!
Your niece Brenda

Brenda Vaughan - February 28, 2024 at 10:52 PM



Sacara Bey - February 29, 2024 at 02:28 AM

JB

To the family may Allah be with you Peace

James Macon Bey - February 29, 2024 at 08:51 PM

CP

So sorry for your loss. He was such a good man and I was entertained by things he said so many times, Prayers for peace and comfort for all of you and an easy transition for him.

Cheryl Powers - March 04, 2024 at 08:15 AM

BF

"Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family during this difficult time. Mickey was an integral part of the 'Baytops' family. He and my brothers shared a deep bond, growing up together and playing baseball. I've heard countless stories of how he patiently taught Larry how to drive a tractor-trailer, a skill that he honed over the years. My mother loved him like a son, and we all considered him a brother. May his soul rest in eternal peace."

Baytops family - March 05, 2024 at 12:39 PM