

*A Celebration of Life*

*for*



**RETIRED STAFF SERGEANT CLEVE E. HORTON**  
***"Brody"***

*September 8, 1927 ~ March 14, 2008*

*Wednesday, March 19, 2008*  
*Twelve O'clock Noon*

**MACEDONIA C. P. CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
***Decatur, Alabama***

*The Reverend Doctor G. Lynne Herring*  
*Pastor and Officiant*



## Obsequies



*Cleve E. Horton* was born September 8, 1927 in Athens, Alabama to the late Guy and Josie Lee Tisdale Horton. He was the firstborn of this union and he was a magnificent son. He was married to Vivian Matthews in 1962 in Decatur, Alabama. This union was blessed with two children -- Nerissa Nannette and Kimberly Marie. He departed this life Friday, March 14, 2008 in Decatur, Alabama.

He confessed faith in Christ at an early age and later joined Macedonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

He graduated from Trinity High School in Athens, Alabama in 1948. He continued his education in the Air Force, later, matriculating and graduating from Athens State College.

Cleve retired after a stellar career in the United States Air Force as a Staff Sergeant, and Still and Ground Photographer, serving 22 years. He served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was Honorably discharged on July 31, 1971.

Cleve also retired from the State of Alabama, having worked at the Lurleen B. Wallace Developmental Center, Decatur, Alabama for 18 years as an Activity Program Specialist.

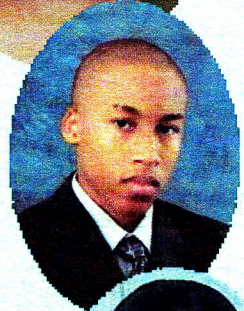
*Organizations and Affiliations:* He was a Trustee for Woodmen of the World Lodge No. 1855; Founding Member and Past Treasurer for the River City Golf Club; and a Member of the Alabama State Mental Health Retirees Association.

*Love for the game:* Cleve loved not only golf, but was an avid sports enthusiast, having played football and baseball, been a boxer and track star, among other sports.

He is survived by **his wife**, Vivian Matthews Horton, Decatur, Alabama; **two daughters:** Nerissa Horton Texada (*Ranthony*), Frisco, Texas; Kimberly Horton-Cook (*James Jones*) Carrollton, Texas; **one son**, Reginald Horton, Nashville, Tennessee; **seven grandchildren;** **one sister**, Vernell Horton Cannon; **three brothers-in-law:** Eddie Cannon, Decatur, Alabama, William M. Matthews, Jr., Dayton, Ohio, and James R. Matthews, Huntsville, Alabama; **four sisters-in-law:** Delores G. Thompson, Huntsville, Alabama; Patricia Matthews, Dayton, Ohio and Priscilla Matthews, Dayton, Ohio, and Willa Matthews, Huntsville, Alabama, **three Godchildren:** Gerald Jones (*Lisa*), Deborah Jones (*Lee*), and Margretta Johnson; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



*Your Legacy . . .*



*Daddy,  
Thanks for being the wind  
beneath our wings.*

*Your love is our greatest strength  
and foundation.*

*Love, Your Children*





## **RESPONSIVE READING**

### **Psalm 23**

**Leader:** The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

**People:** He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

**Leader:** He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the path of righteousness  
For His name's sake.

**People:** Yea, though I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;

**Leader:** For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**People:** Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

**Leader:** Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**ALL:** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



## *Order of Service*

PRELUDE

Mrs. Lovie Swoope

PROCESSIONAL

Ministers and Family

SPECIAL MUSIC

\*LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

\*RESPONSIVE READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

FAMILY TRIBUTES:

- Kimberly Horton Cook (*Daughter*)
- Timberlyn Cook (*Granddaughter*)

SPECIAL MUSIC

EULOGY

Pastor Lynne Herring

SOLO

Linda Raybon

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Mrs. Lovie Swoope

## *Interment*

Decatur Cemetery

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\*Please Stand



*Active Pallbearers*  
*River City Golf Club*

*Honorary Pallbearers*  
*Nephews*  
*Macedonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America Elders*

*Active Flower Bearers*  
*River City Golf Club Wives*

*Honorary Flower Bearers*  
*Nieces*  
*Macedonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America Women*



*Acknowledgment*

*The family of Mr. Cleve E. Horton wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for flowers, condolences and all acts of kindness extended to them during this time of their great loss. We will forever be grateful to you, and it is our prayer that God will hold each of you in the hollow of His hands.*

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*Reynolds Funeral Home, Directing*