



Clinton Ray Woodfin

October 29, 1927 - April 6, 2017

Celebration of life: 11 a.m. Monday, April 10, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Benton, Ill., with visitation at 10; under the direction of Morton and Johnston Funeral Home in Benton, Ill.

Clinton Ray Woodfin died peacefully at his home Thursday morning, April 6, 2017, surrounded by his children.

Before going into the ministry, Clinton supported his young family by working at Wagner Electric in St. Louis. During his 30-plus years in the ministry, he served churches in Meadowbrook and Benton, Ill., and Advance.

Upon retirement, he accepted a position as associate pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Benton, Ill. He then went on to do interim pastoral work in churches at Royalton and Zeigler, Ill. His genuine love of people and quick wit endeared him to many.

Clinton was born Oct. 29, 1927, in St. Louis, the son of John and Nellie Shell Woodfin.

On Nov. 1, 1947, he was married to Monzelle Harkey in Piggott, Ark. They spent almost 69 wonderful years together until her death in August 2016.

To this union was born four children: one son, Steven and wife Sue of Benton, Ill., three daughters, Lynne Edwards of Benton, Ill., Karen Reinhold and husband Don of Tampa, Fla., and Kris McClard and husband Steve of Bolivar. He was so very proud of his grandchildren, Marci Woodfin Glover and husband Daniel of Benton, Ill., Mica Woodfin Roundcount and husband Matt of Bethalto, Ill., Brent Edwards of Largo, Fla., Ben Edwards of St. Louis,

Jonathan Edwards and wife Natalie of Benton, Ill., Joshua Reinhold and wife Kristina of Austin, Texas, Daniel Reinhold of Los Angeles, Calif., and Andrew and Parker McClard of Bolivar

His five great-grandchildren, that he lovingly referred to as his little scoundrels, are Keegan and Kinley Glover of Benton, Ill., Evan and Madelyn Roundcount of Bethalto, Ill., and Kane Edwards of Benton, Ill.

Clinton is survived by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition, he is survived by a sister-in-law, Helen Woodfin of Poplar Bluff; two brothers-in-law, Walter Harkey and wife Peggy of Meadowbrook, Ill., and Howard Harkey and wife Dorothy of Shipman, Ill.; a sister-in-law, June Becraft and husband Barney of Keyesport, Ill.; and sister-in-law Donna Harkey of Moro, Ill. He was also an uncle to many special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother and sister-in-law Ivan and Gavada Woodfin, brother Leonard Woodfin, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Ruth and Gerald Retherford, brother-in-law Jack Harkey, special father and mother-in-law Elmer and Ruby Harkey and special nieces and nephew JoAnn Rice, Joyce Jarman and David Harkey.

The family will receive visitors from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Morton and Johnston Funeral Home in Benton, Ill. A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 10, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Benton, Ill., with visitation at 10. The service will be officiated by the Rev. Gene Ellis, Pastor Sammy Simmons and Music Minister John Odle.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association or CMH Hospice in Bolivar.

For more information or to sign the online guest register, visit www.mortonjohnstonfuneralhome.com.

Local arrangements under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Clinton Ray Woodfin*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Clinton Ray Woodfin*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *We, Betty and Bill Nail, lived across from Clinton and Monzelle on Stonegate Circle in Bolivar, Missouri. Bill was a retired pastor also and he and Clinton enjoyed their frequent visits. Bill developed leukemia. Clinton was such a great encourager during Bill's last days in 2006-2007. Monzelle was such a blessing to me and a dear neighbor. When I moved to Texas (2008) they were standing waving goodbye. It was a sad moment for me to leave such good friends. I look forward to that happy day when we shall meet again around our dear Savior's throne! I extend my deepest sympathy to the family; my prayers are with you at this time.*

Betty J. Nail McKinney Texas

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