

OBITUARY

Clifton Franklin Neal, Sr., “Big Frank” made his peaceful transition to eternity on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina on December 27, 1949. He was the 2nd of seven children born to the late Clifton Joe Neal, and the late Dora Bethel Neal.

Clifton graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1968, in Reidsville, NC. After high school, he decided to pursue an Art degree from Livington College in Salisbury, NC. Afterward, he was drafted into the U. S. Army, where he served 2 years in the Vietnam War. During his service he received a National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1972. He then began working at GTE/AMI Duduco in Reidsville, NC until he retired. Clifton was a member of New Light Refuge Temple Way of the Cross Church. He served on the Deacon Board and sang in the Men’s Choir.

Clifton was married to the late Bessie Lowe Neal for 50 years. They were blessed with five children: Mela, Melody, Frank, Kevin and Jeffrey. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bessie Neal, son, Jeffrey Neal and brother, Henry Neal.

He leaves to cherish his memory: daughters; Mela Shelton (Bobby) of Madison, NC, Melody Adams

(Tracy) of Greensboro, NC, Clifton Frank Neal, Jr., of High Point, NC, Kevin Neal of the home. Thirteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Four sisters; Betty Williams of Reidsville, NC, Portia Strong (James) of Eden, NC, Daryll Sturdivant (Reginald) of Greensboro, NC, Janette Graves (Cleandrus) of Reidsville, NC, one brother; William Neal (Sandra) of Madison, NC along with a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

FAMILY REFLECTIONS



God's Garden

God looked around his garden and found an **empty** place. He then looked down upon the **earth** and saw your **tired** face. He put his **arms** around you and lifted you to **rest**. **God's garden** must be beautiful; He always takes the **best**.

He saw the road was getting **rough** and the **hills** were hard to climb. So, he closed your weary **eyelids** and **whispered**, “Peace by thine” **It broke** our hearts to lose you but you didn’t go **alone**. For **part of** us went with you. The day God called you **home**.



ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL
Clergy & Family

OPENING SELECTION - NLRT Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Elder Carl Lowe
New Testament Elder Chris Graves

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION - NLRT Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RESOLUTION
Robin Terry-Armstrong

REFLECTIONS - Limit 2-minutes
Isaian Neal - Earl Brooks - Tracy Adams
*If time allows - Others are welcome to
speak also - (2-mins)*

OBITUARY - Read Silently To Soft Music

SELECTION - NLRT Choir

EULOGY - Elder Stevie Lowe

RECESSIONAL

FLORAL BEARERS CASKET BEARERS
Relatives & Friends Relatives & Friends



INTERMENT

Hairston Family Cemetery
174 Shady Grove Road
Eden, North Carolina

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation for all acts of kindness shown during this time. We ask for your continued prayers to us.

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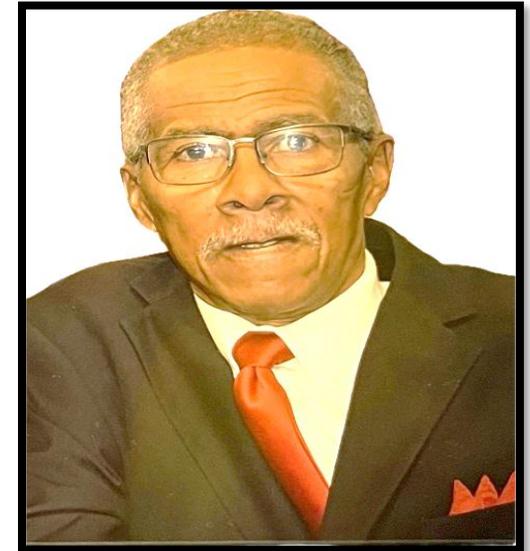
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE

Of

Deacon Clifton Franklin Neal, Sr
"Big Frank"



Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Visitation: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Service: 1:00 p.m.

New Light Refuge Temple

2441 Bethany Road
Madison, North Carolina

Elder Stevie Lowe, Eulogy
