

Pallbearers

Nijya Justice Jason Page
Jakwan Rutledge Clifford Locke
Jaresus Rutledge Ramon Pierce

Flower Bearers

Shelly Blue Jennika Davis
Alesha Blue Esha O'Kane
Valencia Pierce E'londa Hosey
Tanisha Norris

Heaven Gained Another Voice



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love and support during this challenging time. Your presence, condolences, and kind gestures have brought comfort to our grieving hearts. Thank you for honoring the memory of

Brother Clifford Locke

Interment

Hillcrest Cemetery
2119 E. State St
Hermitage, PA, 16148

Repass

Valley Baptist Fellowship Hall
500 Sharon New Castle Rd
Farrell, Pa, 16121

Fellowship (following repass)

700 Hamilton Ave
Farrell, Pa, 16121

Ministry of Comfort and Transitional Care

J.E. WASHINGTON
FUNERAL SERVICES, INC.

Brother Clifford Locke

JANUARY 20, 1957 - FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026 | 11:00 AM

VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

500 SHARON-NEW CASTLE RD, FARRELL, PA, 16121



The orchestration of his Life

Clifford Locke — lovingly known to many as “Poot” — a gifted singer, dynamic performer, and treasured pillar of the community, took his final bow on February 22, 2026, at the age of 69.

Born January 20, 1957, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, to Willie Mae Drummond-Harris and Willie Blue, Sr., Cliff was raised with love, faith, and a foundation that would shape the man and musician he became. A proud graduate of Farrell Area High School, Class of 1975, he carried his hometown roots with him wherever the music led.

From the earliest days of singing in church choirs, it was clear that music was not merely something Cliff did — it was who he was. His voice, rich with emotion and conviction, had the rare ability to stir souls. Whether lifting hymns in worship or commanding a stage with powerful ballads, Cliff sang with a sincerity that transcended genre and generation.

Throughout his musical journey, Poot graced countless venues and events, sharing the stage with both local talents and international artists. His repertoire was as diverse as it was heartfelt — gospel, R&B, jazz, classical, contemporary — each note delivered with authenticity, depth, and unmistakable soul. Audiences didn't just hear him sing; they felt him.

Yet beyond the spotlight, Cliff's greatest performance was the life he lived. A man of unwavering faith and boundless generosity, he believed deeply in music's power to heal and unite. He faithfully served as a member of Valley Baptist Church and previously dedicated his gifts to Community Missionary Baptist Church and New Hope Ministries, where he directed and taught choirs, shaping voices and spirits alike. He was a mentor to young artists, a champion of aspiring singers, and a steady encouragement to anyone daring to follow their dream.

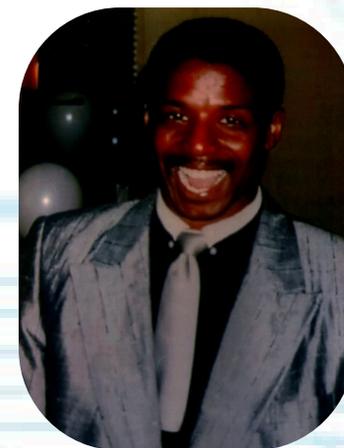
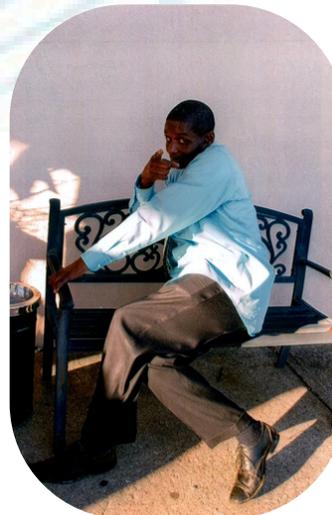
When not touring or ministering through song, Cliff worked diligently at various restaurants and Westinghouse, embodying humility and a tireless work ethic.

He leaves to cherish his harmony and memory: his devoted mother, Willie Mae Drummond-Harris; his beloved sons, Nijya Justice (Michelle Redmond), Jason Page, Sr., and Clifford (Alexis) Locke; and numerous cherished grandchildren who were the rhythm of his heart. He is also survived by his loving siblings: Willie, Jr. (Bertha) Blue of Sharon; Benjamin (Laura) Blue of Hermitage; Norman (Funder) Blue; Patricia Pierce of Farrell; Melvin Locke, Sr. of Farrell; Rochelle Locke (James Rutledge) of Youngstown, Ohio; and Rev. Clifferette (Jeffery) Dunlap of Hermitage, Crystal Blue (Tony) of North Las Vegas, NV, Hyldia (Johnny) Smith of Clarkton, NC; along with a host of nieces, nephews, his fiancée Patricia Dessaw, dear friends including Rodney Ragster, Tim Scanga, the Total Package Band, Ralph Smith, Rev. James Hosey, Tutti Ford, fellow musicians, devoted fans, and countless loved ones who will forever carry his song within them.

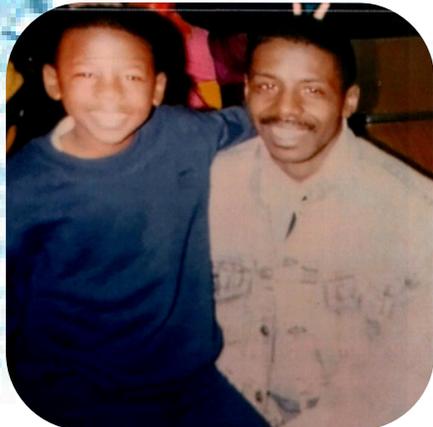
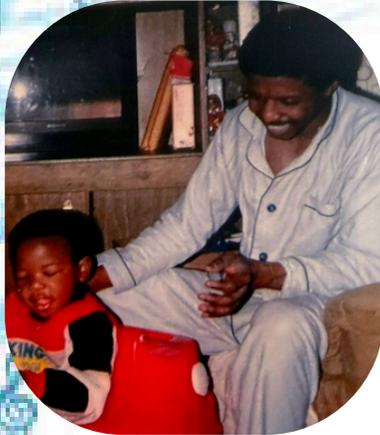
He was welcomed into eternal glory by his father, Willie Blue, Sr.; the fathers who reared him, Clifton Locke, Jr. and Jimmy Harris, Jr.; his maternal grandparents, Matthew and Ruth Drummond; Grandmother Clara Locke; his siblings Willette Hosey, Janice Jean Flint, Milton Blue, Earl Robinson, Henry Lee Robinson, Barbara L. Blue Harrold, and Naomi Melvin; and his beloved nephews, Roderick Norris and William (LB) Jones

Though the final note has been sung and the curtain gently closed, the melody of Cliff's life will echo endlessly — in sanctuaries, on stages, in quiet moments of remembrance, and in every heart he ever touched. His voice may rest, but his music lives on.

Moments Wrapped in Mercy



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The Homegoing Harmony

Valley Baptist Church

500 Sharon New Castle Rd, Farrell, PA, 16121

Reverend Clifferette Dunlap, Officiant

Reverend T. James Harrison, Pastor & Eulogist

Friday, March 6, 2026-11:00am

Prelude Brother Preston Chavers
Brother Norman Blue, Jr

Prayer of Comfort Minister

Old Testament Scripture
New Testament Elder Berry U. Holloway, III
Reverend James Hosey

Minister through Song Brother Rodney Ragster

Condolences, Cards, & Obituary Sister Pamela McKoy

Poem
Sister Valencia Pierce & Sister Shelly Blue

Tributes (2 Mins)
Family & Friends

Special Tribute Sister Rochelle Locke (Sister)
Brother Norman Blue, Sr (Brother)

Video Tribute Never Would have made it & I shall wear a crown

Minister Through Song Valley Baptist Church

Eulogy
Reverend Terrence James Harrison
Pastor, Valley Baptist Church
Farrell, PA

Recessional Clergy & Family

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