

A Life of Love ...

Sunrise ~ November 29, 1931 ***Sunset*** ~ June 28, 2017



Alvin Leslie Christopher, son of Maude Mae West and Canion Christopher; was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma November 29, 1931. He was a graduate of Rentiesville High school in Rentiesville, Oklahoma. Alvin was enlisted in the United States Army from 1952-1954, serving in the Korean War with Company I, 224th Infantry Regiment. Private First Class Christopher received the following awards upon completing his service: Korean Service Medal w/1 Bronze Star, United Nations

Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Medal, and the Good Conduct Service Medal. After being honorably discharged from active duty, Alvin continued to serve in the Army Reserves for an additional 8 years. Alvin also graduated from Barber and Cosmetology School in Topeka, Kansas and worked as a cook as well.

In 1965, he married Barbara Jean McGriff, and through this union four children were born. Alvin worked as machine operator at Hamm Asphalt for many, many years until his retirement. During his retirement years, he loved to work on lawnmowers, build/fix things, listen to blues music, hang out with his friends and play dominoes.

Alvin was a member of New Jerusalem Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; twin brother Alfred Lester Christopher; brother Harry Eugene Christopher; sister Naomi Hughes, sons Roger Christopher and Reggie Christopher.

Left To Cherish His Memory

Ex-wife/Lifelong Friend; Barbara Christopher (Topeka, Kansas); sons, Michael Christopher (Topeka, Kansas), David Christopher (Topeka, Kansas); daughters, Leesa Christopher (Arlington, Texas), Lori (Walter) McGruder (Grand Prairie Texas), Belinda Christopher (Houston, Texas), Verna Harris (Kansas City, Missouri), Francis Christopher (Los Angeles, California); sisters, Thressa (John) Bright (Kansas City, Missouri), Lorraine Guest (Checotah, Oklahoma) and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Processional – “Take Me to the King”

Musical Selection – New Jerusalem Baptist Church Choir

Scripture:

Old Testament - Rev. Delmar White

New Testament - Rev. Ollie Johnson

Prayer – Rev. James Kirtdoll

Musical Selection – New Jerusalem Baptist Church Choir

Acknowledgement of Condolences:

Mrs. Virgie Smith

An Incredible Life (obituary read in silence)

Reflections of Life - Family & Friends (2 mins please)

Musical Selection – Cleveland Green

Words of Comfort – Pastor Gregory Durant

Closing Prayer – Pastor Gregory Durant

Special Tribute from Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel

Parting View

Recessional – “My Desire”,
Kirk Franklin

Postlude

Order of Service

Casket Bearers

Craig McGriff
Mario Munoz
Sonny Scroggins
Terry Vaughn

Honorary Casket Bearers

Cleveland Green
Waddie L. Henderson
Mack Hubbard
Londell Jackson
Roy Moss

Flower Bearers

Jeanette J. Henderson
Tremaine Jackson
Evelyn Mays
Annette Scroggins

A Letter from Me...



When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not here to see.
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
And each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

XOXO

Funerment

Will be held privately by the family at a later date

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during this time of bereavement. May God continue to light your path and comfort you in LOVE.

Services Entrusted to



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Celebration of Life Service

Alvin Leslie Christopher

November 29, 1931 - June 28, 2017



*Saturday, July 8, 2017
Eleven o'Clock*

Visitation
July 8, 2017 - 10:00am

Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel
Topeka, Kansas

Pastor Gregory Durant - Officiant & Eulogist