



Clifford Dozier Sr.

May 27, 1932 - November 10, 2023

Sergeant First Class Clifford Dozier Sr., 91, formerly of Chattanooga, passed away peacefully at his Daleville, Alabama home surrounded by his children and grandchildren on Friday, November 10, 2023. He was born on May 27, 1932, and was the last living child of Lee and Willie Mae Dozier. Clifford accepted Christ at a young age and lived his life freely in Christ. Clifford will be remembered as a proud and valiant soldier that provided 23 years of dedicated service in the United States Army during a time where racism was in full effect. Throughout his years of service, he received a number of awards and medals: National Defense Service Medal (1st OLC), Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, United Nations Service Medal, United Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Good Conduct Medal (6), Army Commendation Medal (2d OLC), Bronze Star Medal (2d OLC), Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachute Badge, and Driver Mechanic Badge. Clifford bravely served three tours of duty in Korea (1) and Vietnam (2); rose to the rank of E7, Sergeant First Class, and after retiring in 1972 with an honorable character of service, maintained lifelong friendships with so many soldiers he served alongside during his career. He attributed his work ethic and some of his most valuable life lessons to his years in the Army. Clifford instilled those lessons in his children and grandchildren. To the very end he was a man of honor, duty, and service. He was truly a man of action over words. He loved his family dearly and showed it. He was a man that long defied the process of aging. He rode

motorcycles well into his 80s and played pool daily into his 90s. Clifford was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Willie Mae Dozier; his 16 siblings, Mammie, Leola, Daisy (Glover) Jackson, Lowery, Joseph, Maggie (Kaye) Williams, Reaver (Robert) Pasley, Matthew (Mary), Henry Ford (Annie), Eddie James (Addie), Willie Marion (Zella), Eugene (Winifred), John (Johnette), Barbara (Charles) Marsh, Lee (Gloria), and Mary Lou (Hardy) Knowles; daughter, Audrey Watts; grandchild, Demetrius Watts; and great-grandchild, Landyn Glover. Left to cherish wonderful memories are his wife, Genell; daughters, Lysandra Dozier Kilow, Jamal (Randy) Greene, April Howell, and Freda Smith; sons, Clifford (Tonita) Dozier, Jr., Carson (Rosaline) Dozier, Clark (Laura) Watts, and Corey (Sarah) Martin; grandchildren, Jasmyne Kilow, Janiya Kilow, Jeron Kilow, Jessica Dozier, Dezon Dozier, Elisha Watts, Earl (Wendy) Watts, LeeAsia Sutton, Lisa Watts, Aidan Dozier, Damaris Dozier, Jalen Dozier, Tiana Bowling, Brandon (Nova) Harper, Jeremy Harper, Bret Daywalt, Courtney Smith, Shianne Martin, Kori Martin, Latyana Martin, Kahenti Martin, Brooklynn Martin, Brealynn Martin, Victoria Martin, and Kennadie Martin; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-laws, Gloria Dozier, and Johnette Dozier; special nieces and nephews, Aileen Marsh, Marcia (Donald) McGraw, Daryl Dozier, Charles Marsh, and Kendall (Leoni) Marsh; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; devoted friend, Walter (Rena) Taylor; Godchildren, TorRessa (Richard) Osborne, Michelle Thompson, Diane (James) Ivery, Jacquelyn Griffin Melissa Jones-Wolfe, Derek (Latara) McGhee, Michael Clark, Frederick Richards, Karl Van Skiver, Richard Riley, and Bretford James Griffin, II. Clifford will lie-in-state on Thursday, November 16, 2023, from 11-12 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. in Chattanooga National Cemetery with Brother John R. Taylor, Sr. giving words of comfort.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Graveside Service

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall

JS

“ So sorry for your loss! He was one of my favorite patients at Eye Center South-Judith Seay.

Judith Seay - December 27, 2023 at 04:39 PM

JC

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Dozier. Thank you for your service to our country. Rest in peace sir. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and many friends he leaves behind. James Helton, Gateway Baptist Church, Rossville, Ga.

James Helton, Gateway Baptist Church - November 19, 2023 at 08:17 PM

CD

“ CAROLYN DOZIER lit a candle in memory of Clifford Dozier Sr.



CAROLYN DOZIER - November 16, 2023 at 10:15 AM

CD

You will be truly missed, Uncle Clifford.

Carolyn Dozier (Dusty Wife)
Robert Dozier (Dusty Son)

CAROLYN DOZIER - November 16, 2023 at 10:21 AM

DC

“ My deepest condolences to the Dozier family as they lay a great man to rest. It was a privilege and an honor to know him as well as his family. Rest in Peace Mr. Dozier.

Donald Cyr - November 16, 2023 at 03:01 AM

II

“ I truly loved Mr D. He was a good neighbor and friend of the family. I was lucky to see him a few weeks back and chatted him up. As usual he was in good spirits and chipper as ever. Prayers for the family.

Ivan E. Cyr II - November 15, 2023 at 05:24 PM

JW

My sincere condolences and thank you for your service

Jeanette woods - November 16, 2023 at 02:05 AM

TF

“ The Cyr, Walker and Foley family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Clifford Dozier Sr..



The Cyr, Walker and Foley family - November 15, 2023 at 03:10 PM

TK

“ I was truly blessed to have had a close relationship with my Uncle Clifford. He saw me through, with his supportive love, the death of my entire family. He made me promise to call him once a month, when he realized he was not able to travel often to Chattanooga. Uncle, thank for being a part of my happy memories. R.I.P. Vickie (Dozier) Kellum and Family

Theresa Kellum - November 15, 2023 at 11:06 AM

BD

“ Betty and Terri Dozier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clifford Dozier Sr..

Betty and Terri Dozier - November 15, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clifford Dozier Sr..



November 15, 2023 at 11:03 AM

FL

“ From Rodney & Eudora Lawary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clifford Dozier Sr..

From Rodney & Eudora Lawary - November 15, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clifford Dozier Sr..*



November 15, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *Janice Sledge lit a candle in memory of Clifford Dozier Sr.*



Janice Sledge - November 15, 2023 at 07:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clifford Dozier Sr..*



November 15, 2023 at 07:21 AM