



Clifton Everett Anderson

March 24, 1947 - February 20, 2021

Clifton Everette Anderson, affectionately called “Skinny”, was born on Monday, March 24, 1947, to the late Stephen and Bertie Hopkins, in Bridgeville, Delaware. He peacefully departed this life, at his home in Bridgeville, on Saturday, February 20, 2021. Clifton received his early childhood education at Phillis Wheatley Elementary School. He attended William C. Jason Comprehensive High School in Georgetown, Delaware, graduating in June of 1966.

Clifton was employed at Southern Metals Fabrication in Seaford, Delaware. While there, he was instrumental in developing a process to reduce one of the waste streams, saving the company thousands of dollars annually, for which he received an honorary award of achievement for his unique creation and design of this process. He retired after many years of service.

Clifton possessed the inherent ability to be creative and skillful in designing many objects, from what appeared to be useless, into something practical and sometimes beautiful. For this reason, he earned the nicknames of the “Black McGyver” and “Inspector General”.

Clifton was an avid collector of antique and unusual items, and would travel near and far to antique shops, sales locations and auctions, to peruse these sites, in search of his treasures. You could always find him and his road

partner, Anthony Cuffee, at Spence's Bazaar in Dover, Delaware, on one of their favorite excursions. He was once told that he had everything in his truck but the kitchen sink. He literally showed up a few weeks later with an old kitchen sink. Other hobbies included fishing, watching and videotaping birds and sitting in his daughters' garages, reminiscing about the old times.

Clifton enjoyed time spent with his granddaughter, Cetera. He also enjoyed his time with his son, Jamie, whom he mentored on learning his skills to fix and repair anything in need of restoration. When asked to fix something, his reply was, "I'll show you how to fix it".

Clifton will be remembered as a genuine person, with whom everyone who knew him, knew where they stood with him. He loved to search for and to give that special gift that he knew would touch your heart or put a smile on your face. It brought him joy when he was invited to come by to partake of one of his favorite wildlife dishes that had been prepared. He also enjoyed the special attention he received from his daughters, Elishia "Minxie" and Sherid, who lavished him with gifts of love and appreciation.

In addition to his parents, Clifton was predeceased by three sisters, Hattie Louise Anderson, Betty Ann Anderson Davenport and Joyce Marie Hopkins Jenkins; brother, Stephen "Junie" Anderson; and one nephew, Maseo Davenport, Jr.

Clifton leaves to cherish his loving memory, five daughters, Elishia "Minxie" Brown, Sherid Ann Collie, Alice Mia Parker, Tia Jones and Tussia Cornish; one son, Jameel "Jamie" Bolden; two sisters, Kathleen Fountain (Charles) and Rose A. Teagle (William); two brothers, Ernest Anderson (Amelia) and Randol Hopkins (Roberta); thirteen grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; two special adopted daughters, Smiya Abbott and Ahna Donahue; one goddaughter, Jean Banks; special friends, Anthony Cuffee, Howard Bailey,

Henry Fields and Tom Sharp; one very special brother-in-law, Charles “Chas” Fountain, who prepared him hot and delicious meals; and a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ You will forever be missed and loved. I remember Skinny taking me fishing as a child. Skinny no matter what spot he chose would always catch a fish where I would always catch a turtle. We will hold beautiful memories of him always.

Smyia Abbott - March 06, 2021 at 06:31 PM

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“ We are going to miss this smile . You were such a blessing to our family . Just having you in our lives was a gift . Forever grateful for the beautiful friendship .. \ud83d\udc95 love and prayers to your family and friends..

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Tom, Cheryl, And Elizabeth Tedley

Cheryl West - March 02, 2021 at 07:27 PM