



Walter Lee Pettiford

April 17, 1942 - May 8, 2022

“To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to be born and a time to die...” -Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2 “

Walter Lee Pettiford, 80, of Bartlesville, OK, went home to be with his Lord on Sunday, May 8, 2022.

“A Time to Be Born”

Walter was the first child of six children born to Walter and Ada Mae (Hinton) Pettiford on April 17, 1942, in Louisburg, North Carolina.

“A Time to Plant”

Walter Lee accepted Christ earlier in life, and joined Saint Paul Presbyterian Church, where he served as an altar boy. He grew up in Louisburg, NC and graduated Franklin County Training School 1960. Walter enlisted in the Army and served with the 82nd Airborne Division. He served honorably, completed two tours of duty in Vietnam and received several medals during his enlistment.

“A Time to Love”

In 1960, Walter married Carrie Williams, to this union a daughter, Wanda Colleen was born.

In 1972, he married Clarice Williams. The couple have two children, son Mikel and daughter Sharron. Walter and Clarice celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 26, 2022.

“A Time to Build Up”

Walter’s work career and outreach ministry spanned over 60 years. He worked for Phillips Petroleum Company 29 years and retired as a Warehouse Controller. Rev. Pettiford was gifted with a true servant’s heart and was active in spiritual outreach ministry for many years, both in his church and the Bartlesville community. During his membership at Greater First Baptist Church, he served as Associate Pastor and Youth Director. His Community Outreach Ministry included the jails, nursing homes, and hospitals where he ministered to the sick and shut in. In 2010, Rev. Pettiford became the outreach minister at Grace Community Church where he continued to minister throughout the community and nursing homes.

“A Time to Mourn”

On May 8, 2022, Walter made his swift transition from mortality to immortality. He exemplified true Christian principles every single day. He was known for his kindness and generosity. He was always friendly and had a smile on his face. He dearly loved his family and friends and always offered his wise council.

The impact of Walter's love for family and the ministry will be felt for generations. Rev. Pettiford is known also for smoking the best hams!

He leaves to cherish their memories of him his beloved wife Clarice of the home; daughters Wanda of Franklinton, NC and Sharron "Bird" as he affectionately called her, of Denver, CO; son Mikel (Tricia); two granddaughters Kelsey and Lexus; three great grandchildren Kylee, Cayson and Trysten of Garland, TX; brother -in-law James Williams(Brenda) of Tulsa, OK; brother Jimmy Pettiford (Glenda) of Raleigh, NC; sisters Linda Mark of Brooklyn, NY, Annie Mae Porter (Isiah) of Brentwood, NY , Geraldine Manley (George); nephews Steven Clifton(Toni), Robert Pettiford, Thurston Manley (Faith), Christopher Porter (Pauline), Jimel Pettiford(Tiffany) of Raleigh, NC, Kevin Williams, Sr (Danielle) of Tulsa, OK, Keith Williams(Deinny) of San Antonio; nieces Tanza Pettiford of New York, NY, Chandra Porter(Christopher) of Brentwood, NY, Jasmine Pettiford (Howard) of Houston, TX and Kristy Cotton of Lawrence, KS and a host of great nephews, nieces, cousins and loving friends.

Walter was preceded in death by his father, mother, and sister Mary Elizabeth Clifton.

Walter was a disabled Veteran and will be buried with full military rites.

Cemetery

Events

White Rose Cemetery

804 W 11th Street

Bartlesville, OK, 74003

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Visitation

10:00AM - 08:00PM

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel

1600 SE Washington Blvd, Bartlesville, OK, US, 74006

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Family To Receive Friends

06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Funeral Service

10:00AM

Grace Community

1500 Kings Dr., Bartlesville, OK, US

Comments



“ On behalf of my wife, Victoria, I would love to extend my condolences to the Pettiford family over the recent transition to Glory, of Mr. Walter Pettiford. We got to know Mr. and Mrs. Pettiford at Grace Community Church more than seven years ago. Victoria was the first to meet them after she joined the Elder Care ministry, a ministry to which Mr. Pettiford was fully dedicated. I later joined the group and got to know the Pettifords more closely. He loved the Lord Jesus and he loved God's people. He was very committed to ministering to the spiritual needs of seniors in our area living in nursing homes and assisted facilities. He was very dedicated, and I never knew him to be late, even when it was clear that there was a lot of inconvenience to the work. He knew the scriptures and he was good at teaching. Pa Pettiford was full of wisdom which came from how he was raised, his years of active military duties, and his many years in the corporate world. We know that he has gone to be with Jesus, but we will miss his fatherly wisdom. We will miss learning the Word from Him. Victoria and I extend our heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Pettiford and all the three to four generations that survived him. May the Lord bless you all.

Edwin & Victoria Baiye

Edwin Baiye - May 13 at 10:20 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Walter Lee Pettiford.



May 12 at 06:52 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Walter Lee Pettiford.



May 12 at 06:46 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Walter Lee Pettiford.



May 12 at 03:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter Lee Pettiford.



May 12 at 10:06 AM



“ May God give Bro. Walter Lee Pettiford's soul eternal peace and a safe resting place with him. Our prayers for God's comfort are with the Pettiford and Manley families.

Rev. Dr. David K. Rosby and the South Main Street Missionary Baptist Church
Family.

Remonia Macon - May 11 at 07:20 PM