

## *A Silent Tear*

JUST CLOSE *your eyes and you will see*

*All the memories that you have of me;*

*Just sit and relax and you will find*

*I'm really still there inside your mind.*

DON'T cry for me now that I'm gone,

*For I am in the land of song;*

*There is no pain, there is no fear,*

*So dry away that silent tear.*

DON'T think of me in the dark and cold,

*For here I am no longer old;*

*I'm in that place that's filled with love,*

*Known to you all as "up above."*

*Author Unknown*

## *Pallbearers*

*Nephews*

## *Flower Attendants*

*Nieces*

## *Acknowledgements*

*We are so grateful for friends like you  
Who have taken time away from lives to share our pain  
and loss. May God continue to bless and keep each of you.*

*The Buggs Family*

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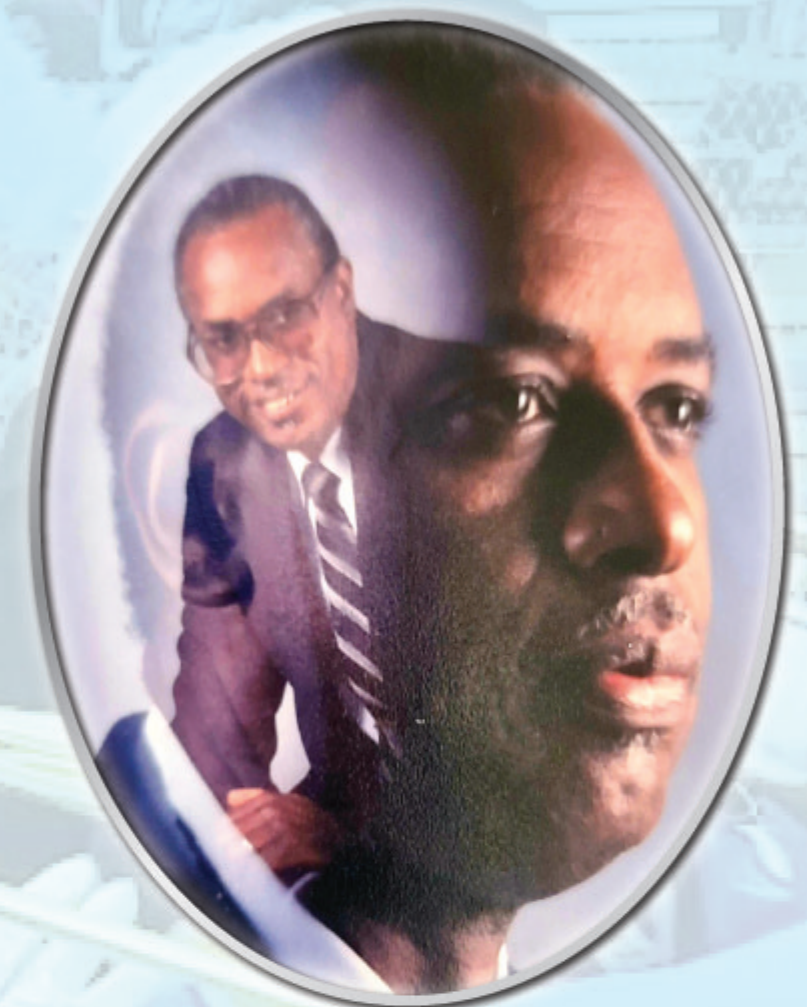


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## *Celebration of Life*



## *Mr. Clifford Matthew Buggs, Sr.*

ALPHA  
May 22, 1937

OMEGA  
February 5, 2022

*Saturday, February 12, 2022 - 11:00am*

*First Chronicles Baptist Church  
2559 W 30th St  
Jacksonville, FL 32209*

*Rev. Tommy Rodgers,  
Officiant*



## A Life Celebrated

Clifford Matthew Buggs, Sr., affectionately known as "Mister Buggs," was born May 22, 1937, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Joseph and Marie Johnson Buggs, Sr., in Glimpse of Glory (St. Augustine), Florida. He and his seven siblings were so exposed to music as youth through their gifted mother and high school choral and band influences, that upon graduation, six of them entered college as music majors. Clifford graduated from Florida A&M University with a Bachelor of Music Degree, and from the University of Florida with a Master of Education Degree. He also served in the U.S. Army as a member of the 283rd and the 389th Army Bands.

Clifford's lifetime occupation and calling was as a High School Band Director/Educator. His first position was as Band Director of Center High School in Waycross, Georgia, from 1962-67. In 1967, he became Director of Bands at New Stanton Senior High School in Jacksonville, Florida. Afterward, he became Director of Bands at Jean Ribault Senior High School in August 1972. During his tenure at Ribault, the Trojan Band program increased in membership from 35 to more than 200 young musicians. He retired in 2009.

Organizations include the Florida A&M Marching 100, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; he also served as an adjudicator and held Life Membership in the Florida Bandmasters Association; he served as Chairman of Districts IV and V from 1975-77, held memberships in the YMCA, Duval Teachers United, the Music Educators National Conference, Life Membership in the J.R.E. Lee Chapter of the Florida A&M University National Alumni Association, and in 2006 was awarded the Gladys Prior Award for Career Teaching Excellence.

Clifford was wed to his beloved Miriam Sarjeant Buggs, who will cherish the 61 wonderful years of marriage that they shared together. They were blessed with three children: Lorna D., Clifford, Jr.(deceased), and Terence; grandchildren, (Clifford, Jr. and wife, Lorna Howard) Courtney Melissa, Lia Lashawn and Carol Lindsey; (Terence and wife, Lisa Brown) Lana Imani, Tera Elan, Nigel Andreus and Nicholas Spencer; great grandchildren, Lillian, Clara and Robert (Lia) and Dallas (Tera); sisters, Karen Buggs Jenkins and Barbara Buggs Hugley; in-laws, Linda Sarjeant Augustus, Renea Sarjeant, Barbara Sarjeant, Lindsay and Veronica Sarjeant, Kim and Dawn Sarjeant, Betty, Georgia and JoAnn Buggs; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Deacon and Mrs. Andrew Joseph Buggs, Sr.; siblings, Andrew J. Buggs, Jr. (Betty), Charles Buggs (Georgia), June Buggs Davis, Sandra Buggs Patterson and Harrell Buggs (JoAnn); in-laws, Godfrey Jenkins, Rochester Patterson, Kathryn Sarjeant, Clyde Kirkpatrick, Doctor Charles Augustus, David Sarjeant, Jr., Ronald Sarjeant, and Cherese Sarjeant.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

## MEMORIES TO CHERISH



## Order of Service

Reverend Tommy Rodgers, Presiding

Processional and Viewing

Prayer

Selection

"He Is Lord"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

New Testament - Matthew 11:28-30

Ministry in Music

Mrs. Elouis Randall

Acknowledgements

Reflections (Please Limit to Two Minutes each)

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Words of Comfort

Reverend Tommy Rodgers

Recessional