



## Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.

January 24, 1931 - August 30, 2019

TAPO, Mr. Clifton Peter Jr. - Age 88, passed away Friday, August 30, 2019 at Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 6901 N. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Randy Schultz officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mr. Tapo will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday with the family present from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM to receive friends.

Clifton Peter "Cliff" Tapo Jr. was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 24, 1931, the son of Clifton P. Tapo Sr. and Beatrice Richards as the eldest son in a family consisting also of one sister Joyce and one brother Stanley. Both his mother and father remarried and produced one brother Jerome Farbe, and two sisters Evola Armstrong and Catherine Pascal, all of which are deceased.

Cliff was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and attended St. Paul's Lutheran School. He graduated from McDonough 35 public high school in New Orleans. At the early age of (17) Cliff joined and proudly served the United States Army as a "Buck Private". Within six years he attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He served

in several capacities such as Platoon Leader, executive officer, and instructor of tactics and field operations. In 1950, he met and married an in-service WAC (Women's Army Corp.) member---Martha spending 69 joyful loving years of marriage. They produced 3 lovely children, two daughters Celestian, Cherryl and a son Byron. In 1953, he was assigned to a tour of Korea as the conflict was drawing to a close. In 1959, he served in Germany with his family accompanying him. In 1965, he was assigned again to Korea. They traveled together through each of the fifty states and numerous foreign countries. Celestian and Cherryl have gone to be with our Lord, but each produced a beautiful grandchild. For ten years Cliff had the experience of caring for Celestian's loving daughter Angela who was afflicted with Sickle Cell Anemia until she passed at age 13. After 21 years army service Cliff retired to work for GMAC for 23 years and became affiliated with Our Savior Lutheran Church where he served as Lay Minister, Usher, and Teacher.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Martha Tapo; son Byron (Sherri) Tapo; son-in-law, Steven Kagen, (Cherryl's husband); sister, Joyce Verrett of South Carolina and her family consisting of Lester (Monica) McKee, Stanley Verrett of Los Angeles Jeannine (Keith) Hempstead of South Carolina, Rory (Tamara) Verrett of Potomac, MD; sister-in-law, Nancy Rheaves; and a number of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Shultz & Wife Dinah and Our Savior Lutheran Church for their love and kindness during his time of illness.

# Cemetery Details

## River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

SEP 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
6901 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *John Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.*



**John Reaves** - September 07, 2019 at 10:54 PM



“ *Lois Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.*



**Lois Cunningham** - September 07, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ *Colleen Ricica lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.*



**Colleen Ricica** - September 07, 2019 at 09:04 AM

JM

“ Byron, you and your family have our sincere condolences and prayers.  
*James and Kimberly Matthews*



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**James Matthews** - September 07, 2019 at 12:41 AM

JL

“ I had the pleasure of working with Cliff at GMAC . He was the most positive individual I had ever met. Great work ethic and a tremendous sense of humor. I must admit I was taken aback reading the history of his background. How impressive it was. I don't recall Cliff ever going into depth regarding his background. My sincere condolences to Martha, Byron, Cheryl and Joyce.



*Jerry Light*

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**Jerry Light** - September 06, 2019 at 10:36 PM

MM

“ *Marcie Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.*



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**Marcie Moore** - September 06, 2019 at 08:17 PM

TR

“ Tom And Jan Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.



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**Tom and Jan Roberts** - September 06, 2019 at 05:58 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear of passing of Cliff. He was one of my favorite Lay Ministers at Our Savior. God has taken Cliff and made him an angel. Sending paryers to his family.

*Stan & Ellen Crain*

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**STANLEY D CRAIN** - September 06, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr..



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September 06, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ *Clifton P. Tapo Jr. A great man of God. He was a wise, loving father and grandfather. He led by example. He lived a long blessed life. All who knew him are mourning a great loss. He served his country, his family and his church family well. He will be truly missed.*



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**Devan Brie Green** - September 05, 2019 at 08:28 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Cabine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.*



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**Sandra Cabine** - September 05, 2019 at 06:19 PM

WL

“ *Work Family at Pontiac Public Library purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr..*



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**Work Family at Pontiac Public Library** - September 05, 2019 at 12:41 PM

KL

“ Sorry for your loss from the leslie family GOD is with you at all times.



Krystal Leslie - September 05, 2019 at 08:39 AM

LR

“ Lori (Pawlowsk) Reitsma lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.



Lori (Pawlowsk) Reitsma - September 03, 2019 at 09:17 PM

MS

“ Mary Ann Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.



Mary Ann Stewart - September 03, 2019 at 03:01 PM

MG

“ Condolences and prayers for you and your family



milton (jackie) and Pam Gibson - September 03, 2019 at 01:25 PM

JJ

“ *My condolences to the family. You all have my prayers.* ”



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**Jovita Johnson** - September 02, 2019 at 12:49 PM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.* ”



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**Jesse Kirksey** - September 01, 2019 at 10:56 PM

EL

“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.* ”



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**Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie** - September 01, 2019 at 07:49 PM

VM

“ *Virginia McDaniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.* ”



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**Virginia McDaniel** - September 01, 2019 at 05:31 AM

MH

“ *Menden And Patti Holder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.*



Menden And Patti Holder - August 31, 2019 at 10:45 PM

BH

“ *So sorry to hear of Uncle Tapo's passing. He was one of my favorite uncles. He was always doing for others, now is his time to rest. RIH Uncle Tapo.*



Brenda Harper - August 31, 2019 at 08:15 PM

Judy Moore

“ *Judy Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.*



Judy Moore - August 31, 2019 at 03:30 PM

OC

“ *Otis & Debra Cheatom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifton Peter Tapo Jr.*



Otis & Debra Cheatom - August 31, 2019 at 09:57 AM