



## Clifford Donald Fields

June 1, 1932 - June 24, 2021

Mr. Clifford Donald Fields, 89, of Stone Mountain, Georgia passed Thursday, June 24, 2021. A Graveside Service Celebrating the Life of Mr. Fields will be held at 2:00PM Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, Georgia. The Service will be Live Streamed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made to the Student Freedom Initiative <https://studentfreedominitiative.org/donate/>

Please extend your condolences here on our website.

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur, GA 30034 (404) 241-5656

Please click here to watch the Live Stream <https://vimeo.com/571751017>

# Cemetery

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**Georgia National Cemetery**  
1080 Scott Hudgens Dr  
Canton, GA, 30114

# Events

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**JUL 13** **Graveside Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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**Pamela Towns** - August 29 at 02:34 PM



“ Thank you much Cousin, for your prayers & love. My dad, Cliff was so happy to find your Mom, learn from her & share love with all of you. Please continue to keep my Uncle Prentice & family in your thoughts & prayers as well.

**Jeretha McKinley** - August 30 at 06:58 PM



“ He too was such a blessing to us along with your Uncle Prentice. We will definitely continue to lift you all up in prayer and love!

**PD** - August 31 at 04:42 AM

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“ I'm Clifford's Son-in-Law Michael McKinley. Our family gives thanks to everyone for your heartfelt prayers, condolences, and words of comfort. Thank you also to Antioch-Lithonia MBC and Levett Funeral Home.

Clifford was the man I loved as a Father and he loved me as his son. Over the years, I learned a lot about him and so much from him. He was intelligent, strong, confident, and of course opinionated. He was handsome, stylish and so super cool that he could have been the Black James Bond. A charismatic role model who inspired the young and fascinated the old. As a Vice President with the Chicago City Colleges he advised and mentored many students to be successful in life. An accomplished, hard working educator who was all business. After a hard days work, he knew how to socialize, have fun, and be the life of the party!

Dad was so influential and successful that young men wanted to be like him. He was admired, idolized, and emulated but never duplicated. He was one of a kind. Dad was truly a mans man!

Most of all, Dad was a loving and devoted family man. His world revolved around his grandchildren, Ronald, Duane, and Denise, beautiful daughter Jeretha, myself, and loving soulmate of 67 years, wife Herreece.

Dad we love and miss you so much. We will always remember you as a very special part of our lives. Thank you for loving us. Your legacy lives on. Rest in Peace and Power!

**Michael K. McKinley** - July 16 at 03:54 PM



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**Pamela Towns** - August 29 at 08:53 AM

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“ It was a sad moment for me when I heard God called Clifford home!

Such a nice man! I remember when I was a member of Antioch, I would call him trouble! He would always come up with his wife and speak to me every time he saw me!, with a big grin on his face! He will be missed and never forgotten!

My deepest sympathies to his family! May God continue to bless you all.

I love you all!

Renita

**Renita Santos** - July 13 at 03:09 PM



“ Thank you for keeping the spirit & memory of “Trouble” alive! Love & Hugs, Fields & McKinley family

**Jeretha McKinley** - July 14 at 08:25 PM

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“ Fields & McKinley Family-  
We know your hearts are heavy right now. GOD has HIS loving arms around you all. We love hearing all the wonderful stories about Cliff, and we hope they continue. We love you all and we will continue to lift you up in prayer.  
The Cook Family, Kansas City, MO.



**Marie & Michael Cook** - July 13 at 02:01 PM



“ Thank you Cousins, your friendship, love & loyalty is priceless. Fields & McKinley

**Jeretha McKinley** - July 14 at 08:22 PM

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“ Here's to my dear friend, brother and dedicated educator, Clifford Fields. He was a very special part of our family. So many wonderful memories !!!

Bob and Bettye Ann Taylor

**Robert J. Taylor** - July 13 at 11:22 AM



“ Thank you Taylor family for your love and prayers. The photos have been a wonderful trip down memory lane. Love & hugs, Fields & McKinley family

**Jeretha McKinley** - July 14 at 08:28 PM

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“ I enjoyed so much my time with Clifford. He was a wonderful and generous person. While attending a convention in Atlanta I had a Heart attack that I am sure I may not have survived without the close support and attention of Cliff ,Herreece and Jere Fields. They were wonderful. After my stay in the hospital they attended to me in their home until I had fully recovered. They were lifesaving friends. With much love and appreciation.

Thelma Jean Clemons

**Thelma Jean Clemons** - July 12 at 09:25 PM



“ It's been a pleasure to have you as part of our lives. Thank you so much for honoring Cliff. Love & hugs, Fields & McKinley family.

**Jeretha McKinley** - July 14 at 08:30 PM

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“ Cliff was a very close person in my life. We met at Purdue University when I was a freshman and he was a year ahead of me. He was a strong leader in bringing the new students to recognize that they had to be Alpha Phi Alpha members. I soon got to be very close to Cliff and Herreece. A relationship that grew stronger over the years. Cliff and I did all the things that close friends and brothers do. Fortunately for me Cliff moved to Washington for a few years when he had a special opportunity to work on his passion at that time-Cooperative Education. When he returned to City Colleges in Chicago he became the country’s leading advocate for using Co-Op programs to give students opportunities they may not have ever had. During his time in Washington Cliff and Herreece attended my wedding to Dora Jean Phillips and formed a relationship that we continue to cherish. We loved to visit with the Fields both in Chicago and Atlanta. Dora Jean and I will miss him tremendously. To Herreece and Jere-Although Cliff will not be here with us our loving relationship will always continue.

John and Dora jean Malachi

**John Malachi** - July 12 at 09:21 PM



“ Thank you so much Uncle John for this heartfelt tribute. We appreciate every prayer, visit, card and call from you and Aunt Dora over these many years. Dad had no doubt that his best buddies would take care of each other’s families. Love & hugs, Fields & McKinley Family

**Jeretha McKinley** - July 14 at 08:37 PM

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“ We are like leaves that fall from the tree, but the forest still endures. My cousin Clifford was part of a tree with many wonderful branches. My heart and my love go to Herreece and Jeri who shared his passion for family and excellence. We have made a contribution to the Student Freedom Initiative in Clifford's name so that he may continue to influence future generations.

Abraham Harold Fields

**Harold Fields** - July 12 at 09:12 PM



“ I only had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Fields a few times. My recollection is that he was a very distinguished gentleman, worthy of admiration for sure!!!

We send our condolences to his survivors, especially to Jeri who we got to know. We will make a donation to the charity stipulated in his memory.

Michael & Vivian BAZEMORE

**Michael Bazemore** - July 12 at 10:58 PM



“ Thank you so much Cousin Harold, Michael & Vivian for contributing to Cliff Fields legacy by donating to the Student Freedom Initiative. My Dad was an education advocate, especially for Black, non-traditional students. Your generous donations will help students attending HBCU's decrease their student debt, so that after graduation they can extend that same grace to others. Blessings, Fields & McKinley Family

**Jeretha McKinley** - July 14 at 08:51 PM



“ The Conway Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Clifford Donald Fields.



**The Conway Family** - July 12 at 12:17 PM

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“ With Love, Your PharMerica Family purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Clifford Donald Fields.



**Olaitan Ogunsan** - July 11 at 09:03 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clifford Donald Fields.



July 10 at 10:10 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Duane** - July 09 at 09:26 AM

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“ I first met my cousin while I was attending Langston University in the late 70's. I was a member of the Chorus and had traveled to Chicago where I spent the night with Clifford and Herrece. Years later they had moved to Georgia as did I and we were 5 miles apart in Stone Mountain. I will cherish the family history lessons from Clifford. His research into our family tree is invaluable. I'm grateful that my brother Harold and I were able to share family history, laughs and good food together. This is a great loss to the Fields Clan. My condolences to Herrece and Jeretha. Rest well cousin.

Joseph C. Fields



Joseph Fields - July 08 at 09:00 AM



“ Thank you Cousin Joseph for the family love you've shown with calls, flowers, card and presence. Dad would be excited to know that your interest in family history continues.  
Blessings, Fields & McKinley Family

Jeretha McKinley - July 14 at 08:58 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Clifford Donald Fields.



July 07 at 05:29 PM



“ Valerie Ayer lit a candle in memory of Clifford Donald Fields



Valerie Ayer - July 05 at 06:50 PM



“ Thank you for your call, card, love & prayers. Blessings, Fields & McKinley family

Jeretha McKinley - July 14 at 09:08 PM

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“ When we both worked at City Colleges of Chicago in the 1990's, Clifford took me under his wing and instructed me on the transition from paralegal to attorney. My father had long since passed and Clifford gave me invaluable support and advice on the transition to a corporate culture. He opened his home in Chicago and later in Stone Mountain to my family and me and was instrumental in making sure my wedding day went smoothly, providing a sanctuary in his home before and after the wedding.

Clifford and Herrece have always supported and encouraged Anita and I, and we will forever be in the debt of this great couple.

Rest well, friend.

The Hill Family

Lawrence Hill - July 03 at 11:47 PM



“ Thank you so much Lawrence and Anita for this beautiful tribute. Dad had a genuine appreciation for you & your gifts, He was Alpha proud of the family that the both of you have created. Continued blessings, Fields & McKinley family

Jeretha McKinley - July 14 at 09:06 PM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Clifford Donald Fields.



July 03 at 12:45 PM

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“ Simone Jourdan sent a virtual gift in memory of Clifford Donald Fields



**Simone Jourdan** - July 03 at 12:34 AM



“ My Heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this time of sorrow. He was such a wonderful caring person. You are in my thoughts and prayers. My condolences.

From: The Jourdan Family

**Pierre Jourdan** - July 03 at 12:39 AM



“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. My Condolences.

**Nadege Jourdan** - July 03 at 12:42 AM

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“ Gina Ewing lit a candle in memory of Clifford Donald Fields



**gina ewing** - July 02 at 07:22 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the family of Clifford Fields. My sorors are in my prayers . Soror  
JC Murphy

**JC Murphy** - July 03 at 07:12 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Clifford Donald Fields.



July 02 at 07:08 PM

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“ Marquis and I love you, Mama and will surely miss Papa Fields. You and Family are in our prayers! It was our honor to know, love and fellowship with such a caring and kind man. If there is anything you need we are here for you and family.

Vallise

**Vallise M Bolding** - July 02 at 04:31 PM



“ Thank you so much Val & Marquis, we can feel your love & prayers. With hugs, love & appreciation, Fields McKinley Family

**Jeretha McKinley** - July 14 at 09:20 PM

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“ Mr. Fields leaves a big hole in this world with his passing. He was loving, strong, opinionated, and an embracer of new possibilities. As our informal Advisor, and through his daughter, he influenced the direction and mission of HealthConnect One - and made us smarter about moving our work forward. Jere, you are so much the child he wanted and needed, and you continue to bring his spirit of righteousness into the world. Mrs. Field and Family, I send you love in this time of your deep loss. May his memory continue to be a blessing in all of your lives. Blessed is the True Judge.  
Rachel Abramson

Rachel Abramson - July 02 at 10:53 AM



“ Thank you so much, Rachel, for this heartfelt tribute and blessing. With hugs, love & appreciation, Fields McKinley Family

Jeretha McKinley - July 14 at 09:23 PM

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“ Cousin I am so sorry for your loss. Condolences to your family. Please give your Mom a big hug for me. May God grant you peace.

Iris Cunningham - July 02 at 09:57 AM

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“ We can't begin to imagine what you are feeling, but please let us share our heartfelt condolences. In times of distress we need comfort that soothes our heart. May the peace of God guard your hearts. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - July 01 at 05:06 AM



“ Condolences to my extended family and all who knew and loved Daddy Fields... Our hearts are heavy but we clearly understand that God is in control of everything. Praying the peace of God will be with us all. Love you Family

Rev. Dr. Shirley Browne & Family - July 02 at 01:02 PM

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“ Cliff gave me my first job out of college. He sent me off on a career of forty years. He was a role model and taught me many things. I'll always remember Cliff. I'm a better man for having had him in my life. Rip dear sir.

**Anthony Pretlow** - July 01 at 12:22 AM



“ Thank you so much Tony for honoring him in this way. He was proud of your achievements. With appreciation, Fields McKinley Family

**Jeretha McKinley** - July 14 at 09:15 PM

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“ I met Cliff as a freshman at Purdue University. We both stayed in Carey Hall as freshmen. We became brothers, friends, and he an advisor. The relationship began in 1953. We have been close ever since. Cliff is my son's Godfather and he and his families adopted my mother when when my dad passed. We've travelled together and enjoyed major events together. One special event was his dad's 100th birthday in Oklahoma. Cliff was always a neat and stylish person. He had a broad selection of ties. As brothers there is little we did not share. He was an older big brother to me who I loved and will miss.

**Marcus A Clarke Jr** - June 30 at 05:10 PM



“ Thank you for this beautiful tribute. He loved & admired the Clarke family and the love is mutual. Much appreciation from the Fields McKinley Family

**Jeretha McKinley** - July 14 at 09:12 PM

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“ Hector Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Clifford Donald Fields



**Hector Rodriguez** - June 30 at 12:42 AM



“ It's as if I knew Mr Fields all of my life! All I know ver heard was good and faithful Rest Well Mr Fields

**Kimberly Brewington** - July 02 at 01:04 PM

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“ Cliff took the to bring me under his wings and mentor me. He befriended me and treated me with dignity and respect.

Because of Cliff, I was given the opportunity to travel the country and meet great people.

I will always love him and his family. May he rest in God's arms.

**Hector Rodriguez** - June 30 at 12:39 AM



“ Thank you Hector, Nilda, & family, you are a beloved part of his legacy. Love, Herreece and Family.

**Jeretha McKinley** - July 04 at 11:42 PM