



## Mr. Clifford Yelder

May 19, 1956 - June 10, 2015

The Life Of Clifford Yelder:

Clifford Yelder was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 19, 1956 to Dorothy and Ezell Yelder. Clifford was the third of seven children from this union.

Clifford departed from this life after his battle with cancer on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 4:28 a.m. in the privacy of his home. He was preceded in death by his father Ezell; brother John; sister Ruby and niece Jahkiyah Yelder.

Clifford was married to Eugenia Fortson-Yelder and they had a love for one another that lasted 29 years.

Clifford loved talking and debating with family, friends and strangers on any subject. He never had a problem letting others know his viewpoint during any conversation. Clifford was truly one of a kind.

Clifford worked at Ford Motor Company until he was diagnosed with COPD, which is when his medical journey began and this forced him into retirement in 2001. In 2006, he was diagnosed with congestive heart failure which caused him to be removed from the organ donors transplant list. In 2007, a stint was placed in his heart to correct his congestive heart failure; and in 2008 he had a bilateral lung transplant. Throughout all of Clifford's struggles with his health, he never once gave up on life.

Clifford loved educating people he came in contact with about becoming an organ donor and how important it is to be an organ donor. He would also encourage those who were waiting to be transplanted to never give up on hope.

Clifford loved working out every day. He discovered that working out daily not only helped him mentally and physically, but it also helped him throughout his medical journey and provided him the opportunity to meet others that he grew to love and consider his extended family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martez II and I miss you everyday and we wish you were here!* ”

Tiara - July 17, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Mr. Clifford Yelder* ”

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Kerri lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clifford Yelder* ”



Kerri - June 16, 2015 at 12:56 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Clifford Yelder.* ”



June 16, 2015 at 09:16 AM