

*Home Going Celebration
Of
Mr. Clifford Huzell Tatum*

Sunrise

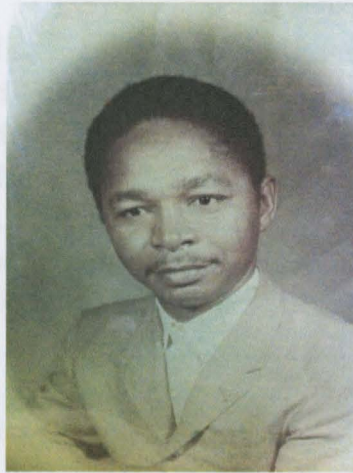
March 20, 1939

Rockingham County, NC

Sunset

June 12, 2014

Surry County, NC



Spencer Funeral Home

Edward J. Spencer and Pattie J. Spencer Memorial Chapel

824 North Main Street

Mount Airy, North Carolina

Monday

Two O'clock

June 16, 2014

Elder Brooks Tatum / Officiating

Dr. Tony O. Carter / Eulogist

Order of Service

Earths Final Glimpse.....	1:00PM until 2:00PM
Invocation	Guest Minister
Hymn.....	Congregation
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Geneva Gee
Selection.....	
Scripture	
Old Testament.....	Elder Brooks Tatum
New Testament	Reverend Rhonda Tatum Tucker
Family Tribute	Reverend Rhonda Tatum Tucker
Selection.....	Ms. Marquita Oliver
Eulogy	Dr. Tony O. Carter
Final Rites	District Deputy Tommy Johnson and Granite City Lodge 828, Mount Airy, NC
Recessional	"People Standing"
Committal/ Benediction	
Interment	Stateline Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery Mount Airy, NC
Final Flight.....	Spencer Funeral Home Staff

Flower Bearers

Nieces and Cousins

Casket Bearers

Nephews, Cousins and Friends

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Obituary

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadows of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflow. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Mr. Clifford Huzell Tatum 75, of 570 Parker Road, Mount Airy, NC. He was born in Rockingham County on March 20, 1939 to the late Claude Tatum Sr. and Mary Joyce Tatum. He departed this earthly life on June 12, 2014 at Joan and Howard Woltz Hospice Home, Dobson, NC.

Cliff was a graduate of Charles Drew High School in Madison, NC; he also attended Holy Angels Catholic Church in Mount Airy, NC. For 28yrs he traveled back in forth to R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company where he retired. On many Saturday evening he would attend the Masonic Lodge meetings at the Madoc Center and Spencer Funeral Home, he was the past Wishful Master of Granite City Lodge# 828 for numerous of years, and he also received his 33rd Degree Masonry.

He was married to the late Velma Gunter Tatum who preceded him in death in 1986. He leaves to cherish his memory one son Clifford D. Tatum (wife) Eunice Price Tatum of Atlanta, GA; one daughter Beverly Tatum Powell (husband) Clayton Powell Jr. of Marrow, GA; 3 grandchildren; 1 aunt Oledis Clanton of Fieldale, VA; a special friend and caregiver, Marci Hayes of the home; 5 brothers-in-law and 5 sisters-in-law, Thomas and Betty Gunter of Greenville, NC, Vestal and Naomi Gunter of Camden, SC, Charles Gunter of Rocky Mount, NC, Samuel and Brenda Gunter and Willis and Debra Gunter of Mount Airy, NC, Mary Tatum of Stoneville, NC. With a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by 7 sisters Maxine Phillips, Essie Parson, Jean Tatum, Ethel Tatum, Geraldine Tatum, Shirley Miller and Irene Shuff; 3 brothers Melvin Tatum, Claude Tatum Jr. and Hubert Tatum.

Fathers Are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises as often as we should,
For, somehow, Father seems to be the man who pays the bills,
While Mother binds up little hurts and nurses all our ills.
And Father struggles daily to live up to "his image"
As protector and provider and "hero of the scrimmage,"
And perhaps that is the reason we sometimes get the notion
That Fathers are not subject to the things we call emotion,
But if you look inside Dad's heart, where no one else can see,
You'll find he's sentimental and as "soft" as he can be.
But he's so busy every day in the grueling race of life,
He leaves the sentimental stuff to his partner and his wife.
But Fathers are just wonderful in a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments and accolades of praise,
For the only reason Dad aspires to fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him and to bring them happiness.
And like our heavenly Father, he's a guardian and a guide.
Someone that we can count on to be always on our side.

Acknowledgements

We would like to extend our greatest appreciation to all
For your kind word, sympathy, and presence that you have shown
During our time of loss

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