



Roydell "Butch" Cleaver

March 7, 1951 - February 12, 2019

Roydell "Butch" Cleaver passed away into the arms of Jesus on February 12, 2019. He was born on March 7, 1951 to Frank and Louise Cleaver.

He is preceded in death by his father, Frank (Snappy) Cleaver; baby sister, Latressa Renee Cleaver; grandparents, Jessie and Bertha Cleaver and Mose and Bertha Garrett.

He graduated from Washington High School in Los Angeles, California. Roydell attended Los Angeles City College, California State University and Texas Southern University. He received an Industrial Arts Degree.

After serving in the United States Army in Germany, his medals of commendations include the National Defense Service Medal and Sharpshooter of the Rifle-M16.

He was a Senior Buyer for the Department of Defense at Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Aircraft in Burbank, California. Working on the F-22 Raptor was one of his biggest accomplishments. He retired in June of 2013.

Roydell was a member of the Black British Leland Sports Car Club. He loved traveling throughout the state of California.

Roydell will be missed every day by his God-fearing mother, Louise Cleaver (Odessa, TX); ex wife, best friend and mother of his first-born child, Andrea Dawson (Nashville, TN); two beautiful daughters, Brandi Cleaver (Nashville, TN) and Tiffany Wilson, (Los Angeles, CA); three sisters, Patricia Wilson (Forney, TX), Pamela (Alfred) Lee and Toni Burton (Odessa, TX); three grandchildren, Ellis and Brendan Pittman (Nashville, TN) and Maliya Sowell (Los Angeles, CA); and a host of loving aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, uncles, classmates, neighbors and many, many great friends.

A service will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1000 W. Clements in Odessa.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/ Funeral Home/ Crematory.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am John (JD) Whitaker and I offer my deepest sympathy to Roydell's family. He and I lived on Harvard Street in Los Angeles for years. I think we lost contact when graduated from George Washington and joined the US Navy. I am deeply saddened that Roydell and I weren't closer for he was truly a good Brother. May the Almighty forever cover him and protect his family as their Father of All.

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