



Mr. James W. Clifton

April 26, 1942 - December 27, 2025

Statesboro, Georgia

Mr. James Willie "Jay" Clifton was born on April 26, 1942, to the late Lillie Mae Cooper and Bennie Clifton in Bulloch County, Georgia. He passed away on December 27, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Jay was a proud graduate of William James High School, Class of 1962. He honorably enlisted in the United States Army on January 28, 1965, serving his country with dedication and pride.

Following his military service, Jay devoted 38 years of faithful employment to Brooks Instrument, where he was respected for his strong work ethic, dependability, and commitment.

Jay was united in marriage to Doretha Rawls on November 28, 1967, and they shared 58 years of love and companionship. From this union three children were born.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by all his siblings, Thelma, Elise, Biola, Alma "Rita", B.J., Bennie "Buddy Boy" Jr., Edward, Bobby, Billy, William, and Eunice "Doll".

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Doretha Clifton; his children: Clarissa Clifton of Atlanta, Georgia, Calvin (Donna) Clifton of Bluffton, South Carolina. and Curtis (Shamika) Clifton of Statesboro, Georgia, an aunt, Rachael Walden, an uncle, Emory Rawls. Jay will be remembered for his devotion to his family, his service to his country, and the quiet strength he displayed throughout his life. His memory will forever remain in the hearts of five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that he leaves behind.

The Clifton family will receive friends and family during family hours from 6 P.M. to 7 P.M., Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

The funeral service for Mr. James W. "Jay" Clifton, will be held at 11 A.M., Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at the Ben Samuel Hill Memorial Chapel of Hill's Mortuary, Inc., with the Rev. Ronnie S. Tremble, officiating. Burial will follow in the Bulloch Memorial Gardens with military honors.

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hill's Mortuary, Inc.
58 Packinghouse Road
Statesboro, GA 30458

Lie In State

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Hill's Mortuary, Inc.
58 Packinghouse Road
Statesboro, GA 30458
(912) 764-7134

Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

DEC **31** (ET)

Bulloch Memorial Gardens
22002 Hwy 80 East
Statesboro, GA 30458

Tribute Wall



“ Hill's Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James W. Clifton



Hill's Mortuary, Inc. - January 01 at 04:41 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hill's Mortuary, Inc. - December 30, 2025 at 01:33 PM

SL

“ Shulay Love-Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James W. Clifton



Shulay Love-Baldwin - December 30, 2025 at 12:37 PM

PF

“ *Pauline and Theodore Whitfield family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. James W. Clifton.*



Pauline and Theodore Whitfield family - December 30, 2025 at 11:20 AM

PF

“ *Pauline and Theodore Whitfield family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James W. Clifton.*

Pauline and Theodore Whitfield family - December 30, 2025 at 11:20 AM

LR

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. With deepest condolences to you and your family*



Linda Whitfield Ramey - December 29, 2025 at 10:38 PM

AB

“ *My Deepest Sympathy goes out to the family and Friends of James J.Clifton class of 1962*

Anna Irvin Brown - December 29, 2025 at 06:14 PM

WW

“ *Rest in Peace, Uncle Jay! We will miss you! Wilhemina, Bruce, Tez, and Byron*

Wilhemina Walker - December 29, 2025 at 05:47 PM

LW

“ *Prayerd from The Seabrooks Family*



Lucia wallace - December 29, 2025 at 05:23 PM

RC

“ *Rev. James & Cynthia Canty offers our
condolences to the family. R.I.H.P. ❤️🙏❤️*



Rev. James & Cynthia Canty - December 29, 2025 at 05:06 PM