

Poem

It was beautiful as long as it lasted, the journey of my life.
I have no regrets whatsoever. Save the pain I'll leave behind.

Those dear hearts who love and care...

And the strings pulling at the heart and soul...

The strong arms that held me up when my own strength let me down.

At every turning of my life I came across good friends, friends who
stood by me even when time raced by me. Farewell, farewell my
friend. I smile and bid you goodbye. No, shed no tears for

I need them not. All I need is your smile.

If you feel sad do think of me for that's what I'll like.

When you live in the hearts of those you love remember then,
you never die.



Acknowledgements

For much more than the words "Thank You" could ever express, the family of Mr. Douglas Tanksley extends sincere expressions of gratitude for the many acts of kindness, cards, flowers and your prayers during the passing of our loved one. Your thoughtfulness will be a source of comfort for days to come.

~The Family

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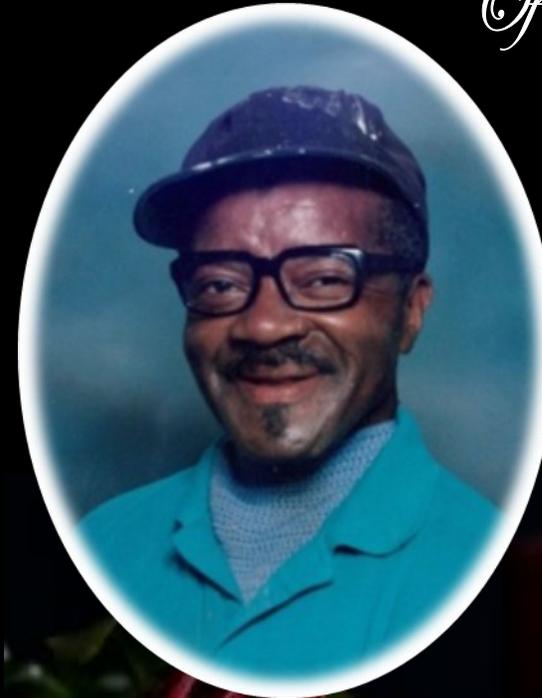
February 11, 1945

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November 30, 2017

2 Timothy 4:7

*I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith:*



Douglas Arthur Tanksley

2:00 PM

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Knotts Funeral Home

719 Wall Street
Sanford, North Carolina

Rev. Vernadette Williams, Eulogist

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

ProcessionalClergy and Family

Selection

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament ~ Brian Dennis

New Testament ~ Latoshia Johnson

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Daniel Owens

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary (Read Silently)

Remarks (2 minutes)

Selection

Eulogy.....Rev. Vernadette Williams

Recessional



Obituary

Douglas Arthur Tanksley was born in Collinsville, Mississippi on February 11, 1945 to the late Murray and Silva Tanksley. On Thursday November 30, 2017 the Lord quietly called Mr. Douglas Tanksley home to rest.

He was the third youngest of the twelve siblings. He ended his education early to go and work to support his family. He later moved to Philadelphia where he met his future wife, Mary Tanksley of 48 years, they then had his one and only child, Silva.

Mr. Tanksley was known for his hard work and dedication. He had a great passion for lottery tickets and strolling the streets of Sanford. He would often work in extreme weather, no matter the temperature until he was caught by one of his grandchildren and was told to go home and to call it a day. He loved to do what he wanted to do regardless of what anyone had to say. He also kept one of his granddaughters, Lakeya up on her toes at all times, by giving her the run around while she worked hard and tried to make sure he had what he needed.

He was preceded in death by: Beadie Martin, Ray C. Tanksley, Osami Tanksley, Cepheus Ray Tanksley, Luna Mae Jackson, Alice Tanksley.

He leaves to cherish in his memories: his wife, Mary Tanksley of Sanford, NC; Silva Johnson (Kerry Johnson) of SC his only daughter who preceded him in death. Three special grand-children: Kerry Johnson (Lakeya) of Sanford NC, Maurice Johnson (Latoshia) of Fayetteville NC, and Elicia Spears (Jason) of SC; thirteen great-grand children and a host of nieces and nephews. his siblings, Kola (Roosevelt) Cashwell of St. Louis MO, Murry (Eunice) Tanksley Jr. of St. Louis MO, Willar Pringle of Toledo OH, Jessie Rose (Tommy) Greer of Saginaw MI, and a host of other relatives and friends.