

*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE  
OF



*Clifton Few*

SUNRISE: JANUARY 4, 1921 - SUNSET: MARCH 24, 2021

Service to be held

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

10:30 A.M. Family Hour • 11:00 A.M. Service

**Chapel Hill Funeral Home**

8033 Puritan Ave. • Detroit, Michigan

*Chapel Minister, Officiating*



*Charles, Ray, Frank, & Tip*



*Five Generations*

# HIS STORY

***Clifton Few*** was born January 4, 1921, in South Carolina to Fleet McCall. Clifton spent his first fourteen years in Thomasville, Georgia with his adoptive parents Fleetwood and Ezekiel Few. When Clifton was fourteen the family piled into Ezekiel's Packard along with a friend called Fish and drove to Detroit, Michigan. Clifton always bragged that he drove most of the way. Clifton's mother Fleetwood passed away in 1939.

In Detroit, Ezekiel found a position managing apartment buildings owned by Mandel Bernstein, of the law firm, Bernstein & Bernstein. Meanwhile, Clifton worked various jobs including as a bartender (when he was sixteen years old) and later as a line worker at a Chrysler Plant. When Ezekiel retired, Clifton inherited his father's management job. Bernstein must have believed in the young Clifton's ability to take on more responsibility and steadily increased the number of apartment buildings he gave him to manage.

Clifton acquired the nickname, "Tip," when his younger cousin Mary Lou Askew could not pronounce the name "Clifton." It always came out "Tipton," which eventually became "Tip."

While visiting friends who had also migrated to Detroit from Georgia, Tip met the love of his life, Constance Woods. Tip and Connie spent a lot of time together and got engaged, but their plans to marry were interrupted by WWII when Tip was drafted into the US Army. He was honorably discharged in December 1945, and the couple married on October 28, 1946. To this union were born three sons, Gregory, Charles, and James.

On the job training forced Tip to learn a lot while managing apartment buildings and eventually he decided to start an interior decorating business. Completely by word of mouth the business flourished. But because his business took him away from the buildings during the day, Connie, his wife, became an important part in managing the apartment buildings. His oldest son also participated in some of the management chores collecting rent, showing apartments and mopping floor. One can't help thinking that Tip's excellent work ethic, sense humor, and spirit of fun also helped his business grow. His business card read: "Many Paint, But Few Paper."

Tip loved his boat and named it after himself and his wife "Tippi-Con-nue." He also loved his time spent at the cottage on Little Lake Pleasant where he would lead the family in waterskiing, volleyball and skeet shooting. Like Frank Sinatra, Tip had his own "Rat Pack," four guys who knew how to schedule fun: Charles Boyd, Frank Buford and Ray Roberts were his lifelong friends. Tip left the building management business in 1963 when he kept his promise to his wife of a single family home.

Above all, Tip was devoted to his family. Tip and Connie enjoyed sixty-eight years of marriage until Constance passed away in 2014, and he was a devoted dad, grandfather uncle, and cousin. The Scripture says, "Many are called, but few are chosen," and after gracing the planet with his cheerful and loving presence for one hundred years, Clifton Few was chosen on March 24 to be with his Father in heaven.

Clifton was preceded in death by his brother, Clement, his sister Agatha Jackson, his wife Constance, his adoptive parents Fleetwood and Ezekiel Few, and his birthmother, Fleet McCall. He leaves to cherish memory three sons; one granddaughter; two grandsons; one great-granddaughter; one great-great granddaughter, and a host of cousins, relatives, friends, and neighbors.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome & Remarks .....

Entrance Song .....

Obituary .....

Liturgy of the Word.....

First Reading.....

Gospel .....

Homily .....

Universal Prayers.....

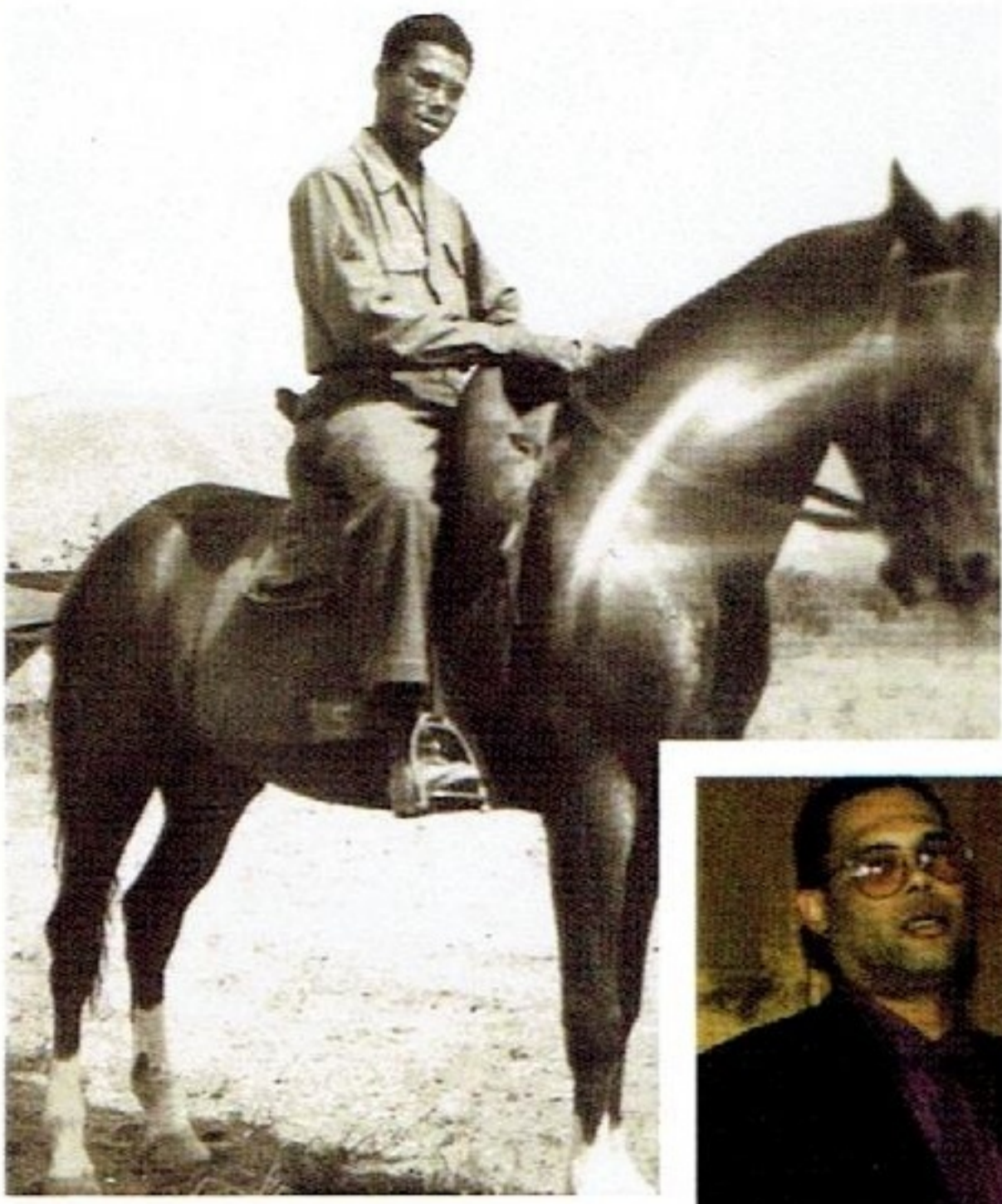
Blessing/Dismissal.....

Recessional .....

**SPECIAL THANKS TO:  
Janet Hill & Peter Banks**

*I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he  
were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and  
believeth in me shall never die.*

*St. John 11: 25-26*





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### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPRECIATION

With sincere appreciation, we wish to thank our many family and friends for their expressions of kindness during our bereavement for our loved one. May God bless each of you.

- THE FAMILY