

SFC (Ret) William Victor Jefferson

May 14, 1937 - April 11, 2008



Funeral for retired Sgt. 1st Class William Victor Jefferson, 70, Lawton, will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bethlehem Baptist Church with the Rev. James Towers officiating. Sgt. 1st Class Jefferson died Friday, April 11, 2008, in Lawton. Burial with military honors will be Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under direction of Jefferson Funeral Home.

He was born May 14, 1937, in Cleveland, to William and Clara Edna Jefferson. He grew up in Cleveland, and attended Second Mount Carmel Baptist Church there. He attended the public schools of Cleveland including Brownell Junior High School and graduated from East Tech High School. He came to Lawton in 1967 from Fayetteville, N.C. He furthered his education while serving in the military and graduated from Cameron University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice in 1984.

He married Johnnie Pearl Jefferson on April 22, 1972, in Wichita Falls, Texas. A was a veteran, and entered the U.S. Army Sept. 19, 1955, and retired at Fort Sill in 1980. His awards and honors includes National Defense Service Medal, ARCOM Army Commendation Medal w/first oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct Medal 4th Award, Vietnam Service Medal Six Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; three overseas Service Bars, Driver and Mechanic Badge with bar, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with palm, sharpshooter (rifle M-16), and sharpshooter (rifle M-14). Following military service, he was employed by the Directorate of Public Works at Fort Sill, Vocational Technical School (Vo-Tech), in Lawton, Fort Sill Housing and Texcom, and at Fort Sill (SKE) as a contract laborer. He was a life member of Vietnam Veterans of America-Lawton Chapter 751.

Survivors include two sons: Victor Maurice Jefferson, of Chicago; and Larry Tubbs, of Lawton; five daughters and sons-in-law: Marilyn J. and William Headen, and Lorraine and Gerald C. Phillips, all of Fort Smith, Ark.; Lois Veal and Raymond R. Veal, and Shanessa Skye Tubbs, Jefferson, all of Lawton; and Debra Tubbs, DeSoto, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Clifford and Marsha Jefferson, of Cleveland; three sisters, and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Robert and Margaret Russ, Beverly and Nehemiah Cooper, and Sharon McAbrew, all of Cleveland; Edna Richardson, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Alma Wiggins, of Duncan; Betty Lacy, Chandler, Ariz.; Robbie and Jim Hilderbrand, of Lawton; Carolyn and Billy Lacy, of Snyder; and Clarence W. Tubbs, of Florence, Colo.; six grandchildren: Tarus Murray, Larry Wilson, Quwanah M. S. Veal, Raymond Russell Veal Jr., Lauren Inez Phillips, and Iyanna Adams; two great-grandchildren; many nephews; nieces; other relatives; and special friends: David Daniels Jr., O.C. Williams, Melvin Smiley, Ruby Veal, and Leonard Cowan, all of Lawton. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a sister, Clara Mae Watson; two brothers: Clayton Jefferson and Dovie Leonard Jefferson; and a son, William Raymond Jefferson.

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