

*In Loving Memory
of
Vernon Culpepper, Sr.*

*Sunrise
September 20, 1928*

*Sunset
March 12, 2014*



*II Timothy 4:7
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*

*Services
Saturday, March 22, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.
Tabernacle Baptist Church*

*1829 Northeast 36th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111*

*Reverend Dr. Frank McClarty, Interim Pastor - Officiating
Tabernacle Baptist Church*

Obituary

“Like a ship that has left it’s mooring and sails bravely out to sea, someone dear has gone away to calm serenity.”

Mr. Vernon Culpepper, Sr. reached out and took his Savior’s hand early evening, Wednesday, March 12, 2014 and went to his heavenly home to be with the Lord.

He was the third child born September 20, 1928 to David and Nena Smith Culpepper in Birmingham, Alabama. Vernon was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, two brothers, and one son.

Vernon was a quiet person who loved his church, family and friends. This was exhibited in his involvement in the community. At an early age, he became a member of Holy Temple Methodist Church and also worshipped frequently with the Catholic Church as a part of the Boys Club in his hometown of Birmingham. He graduated from A.H. Parker High School in Birmingham, Alabama and attended Miles College. Later he attended numerous educational and professional workshops and Institutes that supported his advancement in the workforce at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City. He worked as a Nursing Assistant, Health Technician and Assistant Chief of Building Management Services. He retired after 37 years of government service.

Mr. Culpepper served his country in the United States Navy and received the American Area Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal as a testimony of honesty and faithful service. He also received numerous awards for outstanding performance related to his job.

After making his home in Oklahoma City, Vernon united with the Church of the Living God, under the pastorate of Bishop William J. Fizer and worked with the brotherhood of the church. He also became a Boy Scout’s Troup leader in the Garden Days Community. Later he united with Tabernacle Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend John L. Mayshack. He was an ordained Deacon, Senior Men’s Sunday School class instructor, and sang with the Men’s Chorus. As an active member of “The Sirs” club, he served two years as president and directed projects that contributed to improvements in the community. Vernon became a member of the first “Anthropos” in Oklahoma City (an affiliate of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.). He served a term as president of the local “Anthropos” and was elected national president 1997-2001. Many improvements were made with the local chapters and the National Organization during his tenure. Later he revised and compiled a national historical document for the National Anthropos Organization.

Vernon had a great passion for sports, western movies, fishing and hunting. He loved traveling with his family, his organizations and friends. One of his greatest joys was to see his daughter graduate from college and his sons serve our Country in the military.

Vernon was survived by his oldest brother, Frank of Phoenix, Arizona, now deceased as of March 13, 2014. Other survivors: his devoted wife Rosetta Johnson Culpepper and son, Vernon L. Douglas Culpepper; three children from his first marriage: two sons, Vernon Jr. and Marvin Culpepper of Oklahoma City; daughter, Cynthia Cullins and husband Tom of Edmond, Oklahoma; nieces: Beverly D. Culpepper, Birmingham, Alabama, Patricia Culpepper, Phoenix, Arizona; Michelle Holder, Biloxi, Mississippi; nephews: Darius Culpepper, Birmingham, Alabama and Adrian Holder, Biloxi, Mississippi; other relatives and friends.

Vernon Culpepper will be remembered by everyone whose life he touched.

MOURNED, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN!