



## Cecil L. Clifton, Sr. Obituary

August 23, 1914 - July 30, 2004

A native of Leslie, GA and born Aug. 23, 1914 to the late Rueben Brown Clifton and Kate DeLacey Clifton. Mr. Clifton graduated from Ochlocknee High School in 1931. He went on to attend Crowe's School of Pharmacy in Atlanta. In 1937 to 1945, he worked at U-Save It Drug Store in Albany. He also traveled for Park-Davis Drug Co. before he bought in to Cash Drug Store in Moultrie, GA, where he lived for eight years. In 1987 he was honored by Mercer University of Atlanta's School of Pharmacy for Non-Alumni Meritorious Service. Mr. Clifton was one of only three Georgians to serve as president of the National Association of Pharmacy. Mr. Clifton held his Pharmacy License for 68 years. In 1955 Mr. Clifton was appointed joint secretary of the state's examining boards by Secretary of State's Ben Fortson. Mr. Clifton oversaw the licensing and disciplining of various professions and trades in Georgia, ranging from medical doctors to used-car dealers. At his appointment there were only 17 examining boards which grew to 42 professional and trade examining boards. In 1975, Mr. Clifton became the executive director of the State Composite Board of Medical Examiners serving the medical profession and the people of his state, by protecting them from wayward doctors. In 1984 he and his wife moved to Lavonia, GA, where he became an active member of Lavonia Baptist Church, and was known as the "candyman" giving out assorted candies to the youth. Mr. Clifton moved back to Albany in 2001, where he was a member of Gillionville Baptist Church.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Cecil L. Clifton, Sr. Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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“ *Dear Cliftons,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. We did not know Cecil's Dad, but knew him through you. Evelyn's mother and father were from Dooly County which is near Leslie. We're from Quitman and know Colquitt and Thomas County areas quite well. Again we just want you all to know we understand. God Bless,  
Tom, Evelyn, and Joel and Jenna*

**Tom & Evelyn Strickland** - August 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *I didn't know Mr. Clifton personally, but i know he was a very fine man! my sympathy in your time of sorrow.*

**Mercer Speir** - August 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Mr Clifton was a true gentleman, he would stop by my office just to say "hello" always with a big smile. I have missed seeing him since he left Toccoa. He will be missed but what a great life with all of his family & friends. I was glad to call him a friend. Fondly, Judy*

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**JUDITH "JUDY" MEANS** - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *We wish so much that we could have been with you for the funeral. California is so far away; I want you to know though, that I was praying for my Aunt Ruth and all of the family at the exact hour of the service.*

*I have so many fond memories of my Uncle Cecil. He was a special man and a delightful person. I loved him very much. I am very thankful that I was able to visit with him and Aunt Ruth in December when I was there visiting for my birthday.*

*We are praying for your comfort and strength which can only come from our Lord.*

*Know that we love you dearly,  
Lynda Ann and family*

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**Lynda & Robert Martel and family** - August 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you in your loss.*

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**Kirby & Beth Rutherford** - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *With our deepest sympathy.*

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**Bruce & Gloria Stancil** - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *An expression of condolences to the family of a great leader in pharmacy, a dedicated public servant, a man of honor and great integrity, and a warm, friendly and kind hearted person. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.*

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**Dean Howard Ansel** - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *To the family of Cecil Clifton, Sr.*

*I am saddened to learn of the death of one of my "favorite" people, as he will be greatly missed. I am rejoicing because he is in a much better place now. I pray for comfort for each of you and that memories will be brought to your mind when you think of your husband and father. I know you will miss him, but our Heavenly Father will give you all the comfort you need.*

*In His Love,*

*Nan Means Payne*

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**Nan Payne** - August 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *A kind gentleman whom I had the privilege of working for at State Examining Boards 1955-60. My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Clifton, the boys, and family.*

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**Johnnie Ruth Greene Hedden** - August 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM