



Mr. Cletis Bashford

November 5, 1964 - October 9, 2023

Cletis “Buck” Bashford, 58, of Chicago/Peoria, departed this life on October 9, 2023, at his residence surround by his loving family at 2:45 pm. Cletis was born on November 5, 1964, in Chicago, IL to LeRoy Bashford and Willa Roundtree. He owned one of the first black owned men clothing stores in Peoria. He was famously known for his style of dressing, which was expressed in many ways as he step-danced with his childhood friends. Since he was a little boy in Chicago, he would wear tailored suits from one of the churches seamstresses. His love of old cars was his passion as he would restore them back to their original style and drive around the city. Cletis leaves to cherish his precious memories: his mother, Willa Roundtree Bashford; wife Michelle Bashford; three daughters; Brittney Bashford, Sameenah Bashford, and Amiyah Bailey, all of Peoria; two sons, Don’te Jenkins and Christopher Jenkins of Eau Claire, WI; and one sister, Desiree Bashford-Lewis of San Diego, CA. He also leaves his remembrances to a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family. Cletis was preceded in death by his father LeRoy Bashford, Godparents, Christine, and Bill Wigley. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2023, at Supreme Suits, 535 W Taft Dr, Holland, IL from 3:00pm – 8:00pm. Interment will be private. Services were professionally entrusted and arranged for the Bashford Family by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Supreme Suits
535 W. Taft Dr.
Holland, IL 60473

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Cletis Bashford.



October 17, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Cletis Bashford.

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