



## Curtis Robert Clifford

September 21, 1960 - February 8, 2014

“Life Motto: Be the reason someone else smiles.”

Saturday evening, Curtis was fulfilling a dream by taking a ride in a helicopter with dear friends. His typical evening: friends, food and fun. Unfortunately, the evening came to a close with an experience none of his family and friends have yet to be able to comprehend. Curtis was born September 21st, 1960 in Little Rock, Arkansas, the second son, but, as he was fond of saying, only chronologically. Curtis' life would involve moves to Atlanta, Richmond, Carmel, Lake Oswego, Carmel, Toronto and finally 28 years ago to Tallahassee. And the fun began. An Avid FSU fan and tailgater without par. Curtis made Tallahassee his town to love and work to make better. Each city left memories and fun...those same friends are still in place.

On March 27th, 1993, Curtis and his wife Susan (Bladge) welcomed his first son, Joshua Alexander with great joy which has been growing ever since. In keeping with the Clifford tradition, another son, Michael Curtis, would make his appearance November 9th, 1996, again, joy was the only way to describe Curtis' mood.

Bursting with joy might best describe the next event in May of 2001 when Kim Parker became Curtis' wife and her Kaytlin became his daughter. In a search for words to describe Curtis' work experience the only ones that come to mind are Sales Extraordinaire. If some one made it, Curtis could sell it and love

doing it because he saw the whole experience as helping others.

And so, the helicopter came down and ended the joy but nothing can take away the memories, the family, the friends, the business associates or the fun.

A celebration of Curtis' life and times will be held Friday, February 14th at 3 PM at the Bradfordville First Baptist Church, 6494 Thomasville Road in Tallahassee followed by a time of joy and telling Curtis' stories at SummerBrook Golf and Country Club, 7505 Preservation Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32312.

Curtis is survived by his wife, Kim Parker Clifford; his sons Joshua Alexander, Michael Curtis and his daughter Kaytlin Ashley Smallwood-Clifford, all of Tallahassee; the mother of his boys, Susan Bladge Clifford of Tallahassee; his parents Ron and Judi Clifford of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; two brothers: Rogers (Connie) of Hilton Head Island and Doug (Lisa) of Havana, Florida; a sister Leslie Robinson (Ken) also of Hilton Head; nephews: Ben and Alex Clifford of the US Army Rangers; Sam and Jesse Clifford of Carmel, Indiana; Troy Clifford and Ty Robinson of Hilton Head; two nieces: Jacey Robinson and Hanna Clifford of Hilton Head; an Uncle Drew (Becky) Rogers of Little Rock, Arkansas; a Grandmother Betty Rogers Canaday of Hilton Head; and a huge host of friends...you know who you are....Curtis made sure of that. He is pre-deceased by his older brother, David Clifford of Carmel, Indiana.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations be sent in Curtis' name to the ALS Association of Indiana, 6525 East 82nd Street, Suite 115, Indianapolis, Indiana, in honor of Curtis' brother David. Bevis Funeral Home, 850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com), is assisting the family with their arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

Bradfordville First Baptist Church  
6524 Thomasville Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I was shocked to read this terrible news of the death of Curtis. My name is Bill Bell and I was a friend and work colleague when Curtis lived and worked in Toronto for Eli Lilly. When his father was transferred to London Curtis stayed with my wife And I for a short period of time. I remember that one morning I made soft boiled eggs and toast for breakfast. I placed this on the table and went back to the kitchen to get the coffee, I was gone maybe five minutes, on my return I observed Curtis staring intensely at his egg. I asked if he was okay and he looked up and laughed ,saying what do I do,I said what do you mean,he said, but how. I showed him how to break the top off with a knife.He laughed again saying, man that is really weird. Apparently he had never had to take the top off a soft boiled egg. This was years ago and periodically this comes to mind and I can't help but laugh. I just recently had that thought today and thought I would look Curtis up . I am so saddened to just learn that he is gone from this life but in my mind i can still see that vibrant young man staring down at that egg. Peace my friend.

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**Bill Bell** - May 23, 2020 at 07:00 PM

CP

“It seems like yesterday that I met Curtis. It was in one of our "Lonnie's Sales Team Meeting", where he came in with his charismatic smile, made everyone laugh with a joke and challenged everyone to out sell him!! That was 3 years ago, with many smiles, many laughs, and most of all many good memories since. To our fallen comrade, for he was truly as "Sales Warrior" and friend; may the Lord bless those you love and bring them the comfort you would desire for them. For we know you, it was never your intent to make them cry; but rather to make them laugh, challenge them and to mostly make them all smile.

*We will miss you Curtis Robert Clifford!"*

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**Carlos (Carl) Padilla** - February 14, 2014 at 08:49 AM



“Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Curtis Robert Clifford.



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February 14, 2014 at 07:20 AM

SO

“ I only met Curtis briefly in one of the many times he visited his mom and dad and siblings here on Hilton Head. It was evident this man was strong, faithful, was loved and loved others with a passion. His life motto says it all and for that he will be missed BUT knowing that he is with his creator and also brother David, and we believers will see them again gives us strength and hope to carry on. I love the Clifford Family for sharing with us all. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."



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**Susan Ochsner** - February 14, 2014 at 05:47 AM



“ Perhaps I only met Curtis 4-5 times as he visited our church or I visited "Camp Clifford." Yet, because he knew I loved his family, Curtis treated me like family. The love, the welcome, the joking. I don't know much, but I do know two things. One is that Curtis already had one foot in Heaven as he shared his family's grief of losing his brother David. Secondly, I know that as Curtis enters Heaven his footprints of love on earth will always remain.

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**Bea Wray** - February 14, 2014 at 05:04 AM

EW

“ I will miss Curtis; He was a great man and represented all that is right in this world. We have been friends for 17 years and he always impressed me with his integrity and energy. Our friendship made the transition from business to personal and he knew how to manage the distinction. My heart is broken over this loss.

*Ed Wilson*

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**Ed Wilson** - February 13, 2014 at 12:01 PM

SC

“ I first Met Curtis back in the day when he use to call on us Salon people. He was the only "Salesman" we actually looked forward to seeing. He was always knowledgable and helpful- never pushy. Even when we didn't need anything he was still happy to have stopped in to check on us and visit for a bit. he made ya wanna buy something. I would run into him thru the years here and there and he was still the same happy positive guy he always was. I was blessed a couple years ago to have reconnected with Curtis and Kim (his beautiful bride as he always said) thru mutual friends. It was fun getting to know them in a non work environment. He was the one who always had some great advice, a funny story and made everyone around him feel like a million bucks and he meant it. He always made ya smile. His love for his family was obvious in his words and actions as well as his friends. I am blessed to have known him. My heart goes out to his family and friends. Curtis touched so many lives and you will continue to! You are loved and missed.

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**Shauntelle Catani** - February 13, 2014 at 10:10 AM

MG

“ I am sorry to read of the passing of your loved one; please accept my deepest sympathy. While you are grieving, I hope you will find comfort in Jesus' promise of the earthly resurrection, for those who have fallen asleep in death (Acts 24:15) and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will have to mourn the loss of a loved one.- Isaiah 25:8; John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that GOD cares (I Peter 5:7) and will give you the strength to endure during this grievous time.- Matthew 5:4.

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**Mrs. Gant** - February 13, 2014 at 08:15 AM

LR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Leslie Clifford Robinson - February 12, 2014 at 08:18 PM

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“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Leslie Clifford Robinson - February 12, 2014 at 08:09 PM

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*Love and huge massive hugs and kisses, your little "sis" xoxo*

Leslie Clifford Robinson - February 12, 2014 at 08:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Curtis Robert Clifford.*



February 12, 2014 at 06:43 PM

JL

“ I knew Curtis from the car business decades ago. I found him to be a standup guy and we became friends and have been since. One year at a biker rally, Curtis stayed with my wife and I in our motorhome. the next morning after showering, Curtis asked if I had any hair gel. I said no but why did he need it. Curtis said that he liked the way it made his hair spike up. I said, well brother you just earned yourself a nickname. From that day on he was SPIKE to the biker community. He told me he loved that handle. So, with that in mind, let me just say. Spike I love you Bro, and you will certainly be missed. We will miss your wit, smile and friendship. We, who knew you are lessoned by your early departure. Joe and Sue De Luca

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**Joe De Luca** - February 12, 2014 at 05:08 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Curtis Robert Clifford.



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February 12, 2014 at 02:46 PM

LM

“ How can words describe CRC? We would need so many pages to describe the breadth of this one amazing man! He added a lot of life to our company - even being so far away from Miami - but brought us closer in the few privileged years we got to work together. Curtis had a compassion for people and loved to solve problems. He never said no - he always volunteered to help. He was so devoted to his family (pride and joy) and, as he always referred to Kim, "his lovely bride". CRC made such an impact on so many lives that his spirit will be with us always.

*We will miss him dearly, and may God bless every one of his family and friends in the days ahead.*

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**Lonnie Maier** - February 12, 2014 at 01:22 PM

BS

“ Our prayers are with all of Curtis' family as they grieve his untimely death. May the healing hand of God be on the shoulders of each and every family member in the days ahead.

*Bill & Mary Severns  
Beaufort, SC*

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**Bill Severns** - February 12, 2014 at 11:20 AM

JP

“ I met Curtis when he started with DMS-DivTel. What a wonderful person and mentor he was! It was a pleasure to be his friend and colleague. Curtis you will be missed. My heart goes out to Kim and the rest of the family.

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**Joelle Peek** - February 12, 2014 at 10:43 AM

DR

“ I remember interviewing Curtis before he started his career at FPL Fibernet and I immediately noticed his confident demeanor and charismatic personality. Shortly after he was hired by our company he made an immediate impact and for the last several years has played a significant role in our company's success. My prayers and condolences go out to his entire family at this time. May the Lord bless and provide comfort and strength in the days ahead. You will be extremely missed CC!!

-Duane

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**Duane Roberts** - February 12, 2014 at 09:55 AM

LG

“ I knew Curtis through Kim, I worked with Kim for many years. Curtis was a great man that loved Kim & his children very much, he always took such good care of them! My prayers & love go out to Kim, his children & his parents!

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**Lisa Godwin** - February 12, 2014 at 08:12 AM

DC

“ DSM Technology Consultants purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Curtis Robert Clifford.



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**DSM Technology Consultants** - February 12, 2014 at 08:07 AM

GP

“ I knew Curtis through our business relationship, and from our first meeting admired his strength of character and caring personality. My sincere condolences to his family, his friends and his team at FPL. You will be sorely missed my friend.....

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**Gary Pollard** - February 12, 2014 at 07:43 AM

JA

“ Curtis and I met three years ago when he first joined FPL FiberNet. I was assigned as his sales engineer. The first thing that I noticed was he was never a “do this for me” type of person, instead always asked “how do we get this done.” Curtis and I immediately bonded beyond our professional relationship. We spoke more about our lives than we did about work. I was always amazed by his ability to balance work life and home life; one thing that always impressed me was his absolute love and dedication to his wife and children, he loved them like I never seen anyone before. I am going to miss you Mr. Curtis!!!

*My thoughts and prayers are with you Kim, and your children.*

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**Jay** - February 12, 2014 at 07:22 AM

TH

“ Curtis and I worked together for three years at FPL FiberNet. The first thing that I noticed about Curtis is that he was a “take charge” guy. Curtis was a great competitor and didn't mind going out of his way to help. Our friendly competition created a strong bond and friendship that will truly be missed.

*My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

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**Ty Harris** - February 12, 2014 at 05:14 AM

TF

“ Ty Harris and Family purchased the A Full Life for the family of Curtis Robert Clifford.



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**Ty Harris and Family** - February 12, 2014 at 04:53 AM

 Terry Krupski

“ Kim, Kaitlyn and family,

*There are no words to express my love for all of you and even though the years have passed since I moved up north, that love never diminished. I will always hold all the memories of us together close to my heart. Curtis always made me feel special even when I never thought I was. He exceeded our friendship so completely and that was always so sweet to me. True Friends are hard to come by and I will always cherish what we shared before I moved. My love and thoughts are with you.*



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**Terry Krupski** - February 11, 2014 at 08:35 PM

 Kris Weitz

“ Kris Weitz lit a candle in memory of Curtis Robert Clifford



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**Kris Weitz** - February 11, 2014 at 04:05 PM

MM

“ *What a shock. I have known Curtis from the good ole Carmel days. Later, Curtis and I helped open Who's On Dill and Matches (owned by Steve and Judd) at Ball State. Needless to say opening a new bar and restaurant is hard work. Did we have fun? You bet.*

*I will miss your smile Curtis.*

*Curtis, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*The pictures are from a Dave Porters bachelor party in Muncie, 1982. Most went to Carmel with Curtis.*

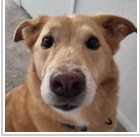
*Curtis is in the bottom left in the first picture. The others are Tim Varnau, Joe Stump, ?, Todd Lloyd, Jeff Atkinson, Fred Kennedy, Shawn Kersey, Happy Clifford( I think), Dave and Rick Porter, Steve Lloyd, Al Withrow, Steve Romweber, Greg Mcaloon, Kevin Neal, Mike Norris, Randy Elzie.*

*Mark Mallare*



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**Mark Mallare** - February 11, 2014 at 01:45 PM



“ *My heart goes out to the Clifford Family, this step back after starting to heal from another sons passing(David) it just unfathomable. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family in this trying time. Both David and Curtis were classmates of mine, Good Men taken WAY to soon!!!! Rest Well Curtis.*



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**Brad Johnson** - February 11, 2014 at 11:07 AM

EP

“ *Evelyn P. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Curtis Robert Clifford.*



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**Evelyn P.** - February 11, 2014 at 10:36 AM

TH

“ *Curtis,*

*One of my very first true friends when I moved here in 88. Always ready for adventure, never a dull moment, constant smile and contagious energy. You will be missed but never forgotten.*

*Tony Harris*

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**tony harris** - February 11, 2014 at 07:24 AM

GM

“ Curtis was one of the first friends I made in my move to Tallahassee. While we didn't see each other often, whenever we did it was like we had never missed a day in between. He was a great man, a true friend and a blessing to those who knew him. The last time we crossed paths was on my birthday. Now that memory will be a constant reminder that life and friendship truly is a gift..... Gina Martocci

Gina Martocci - February 11, 2014 at 07:15 AM

LT

“ I worked with Curtis when he was with DMS SUNCOM. He was always entertaining, I grew to like him very much. I feel honored to have know and shared some laughter with him. Curtis you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers and you will not be forgotten.



Laura Towne - February 11, 2014 at 06:59 AM

DG

“ I met Curtis over 30 years ago at Ball State. He was a great friend and a great brother to me. Even so, I hardly got to know him.

Dave Gordon - February 10, 2014 at 08:05 PM

BA

“ I am very sorry for your loss I knew Curtis when I worked at Proctor Acura in parts and he was in F&I he was a good friend.

*Billy Allen and family*

Billy Allen - February 10, 2014 at 07:58 PM

JC

“ It is fitting that the guy with whom I shared some of the most fun times of my life would be the guy whose untimely passing would leave such a gaping hole. I spoke with Curtis a few weeks ago following FSU's National Championship, which they surely won for him and his fellow Seminole Faithful. We commiserated about the Colts playoff loss, but agreed that they were on the right track and that one day, they would bring the second Lombardi Trophy to Indianapolis. I remember when Curtis's Brother David was sick and it looked like he might not have long to live, Curtis talked about how much he loved him and that he was grateful for the time he had to tell him repeatedly how much he loved him. When I stayed with Curtis and Kim last November, I remember telling Curtis how happy and proud I was for him and for the life he and Kim had made. We talked about the old days, recollecting stories that were mostly true, and vowing to remain friends well into our old age. I was in Florida to bury my older Brother, and Curtis was the perfect friend with whom I could find comfort. He had been there not too long ago. And just before I left, I told him that I loved him and that i was grateful for our friendship. I want everyone who reads this to know that Curtis's family extended far beyond Florida and that he had a large group of friends in Indiana who all wish to send collective condolences to all y'all who have made his and Kim's life so full for all these past years. We are all grateful for the time we had with him. And to Kim and Judi, Michael, Josh, Kaytlin, Rogers and Leslie, we send our love and sympathy. You made him who he was, a gift to all who knew him. He rests with David now, forever free from the surly bonds of Earth. Curtis and David, go rest high on that mountain.



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**Judd Creech** - February 10, 2014 at 05:42 PM

JC

*I to r: Steve Romweber, Curtis, Dave Gordon, Judd Creech and Mike Clumb. Better days.*

**Judd Creech** - February 10, 2014 at 05:47 PM

TV

“ *Curtis, I am so sorry you were taken from this world so suddenly. I draw comfort that you are in such a beautiful place now. Spread your wings and fly.*

*Tina Vescovi*

**Tina Vescovi** - February 10, 2014 at 05:33 PM



MK

“ *Mel Kiper lit a candle in memory of Curtis Robert Clifford*

**Mel Kiper** - February 10, 2014 at 03:49 PM



RY

“ *Great memories with Curtis and family  
May God Bless you Kim and the Clifford Family*

*Randy Yarborough*

**Randy Yarborough** - February 10, 2014 at 03:44 PM