



Theodore Roosevelt Lignons

April 29, 1938 - August 6, 2023

Theodore Roosevelt Lignons was the 3rd of 10 children born to Arthur & Ethel Wilson-Lignons on April 29, 1938, in Clearview, OK.

At an early age, and after the tragic death of his father - Arthur Lignons, the family relocated to Chickasha, OK. They were instructed to lie still while traveling in the back of a flat-bed truck. All 5 children rode into Chickasha.

Originally, they settled around the Washita River Area.

At an early age, Theodore was baptized in the Washita River by the late Reverend Willie Clay Robinson who was the Pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church. The Church property was adjacent to the Lignons family homeplace, across the tracks on Walnut Street. Theodore's mother - Ethel Lignons purchased the first truckload of bricks in building a new sanctuary - the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Later in life, Theodore united with Shepherd Street (Disciples of Christ) Christian Church. He remained a faithful member until his health began to fail. As Theodore started became of working age, life was difficult during this era. He learned the definition of "hard work" at an early age. He spent 6 days per week in the cotton fields alongside several others. The Lignons rallied together as a family and pooled their resources as they built a new home at 510 E Walnut Street, across the tracks in Chickasha.

After graduation from Lincoln High School, Theodore Lignons united in matrimony to Evelyn Ann Stewart. Shortly thereafter, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was dispatched overseas during the Korean Conflict. After

serving his tour of duty, he was honorably discharged, and returned home to his wife and child.

During much of his adult life, Theodore maintained two jobs. He prioritized providing and taking care of his family.

He retired as the Street Superintendent for the City of Chickasha. Other places of employment included the Chickasha Police Department whereas he was the first Black Police Officer; the Pontiac Auto Dealership; The McFarland Hotel, The Greens Hotel in Woodward, OK, and as a Bartender at the Forget-it-Club. Theodore raised livestock and was owner operator of a Cab Service that serviced the Chickasha community. Theodore knew the challenges of hard work and welcomed it. He stayed gainfully and legally employed nearly all his life. He understood the value of a “dollar” and knew how to make it stretch. Theodore had great love for his grandchildren. He supported their activities as well as their scholastic achievements. All his grandchildren finished high school, and many of them went forth to finish college.

Theodore loved doing his yardwork and kept his property finely manicured. He was a hands-on type of individual. He converted his garage into a den, built wooden decks, and made many other home improvements by hand.

Theodore loved to “chop-it-up” with other OG’s (Original Gangsters), homeboys, and friends. He was a sociable person. Most of his Social Buddies have gone-on to their heavenly home. Theodore always shared a kind, loving and laughing spirit with his family. He also took a lot of pride in his personal appearance and loved to dress. He was referred to by family members as, “Dapper Don”.

Theodore Ligons united in matrimony to Evelyn Ann Stewart. To this union 2 children were born, Kevin and Richard. The two remained married for 50 years. Later in life, Theodore Roosevelt Ligons united in matrimony to Joyce Marie Williams. The two remained faithful and devoted to each other until the end.

Theodore was preceded in death by Evelyn Ann Ligons, his mother - Ethel Ligons; Seven sisters: Annette (twin sister of Andrew), Mildred, Ida Mae,

Florence, Oneva, Willie Mae, and Betty; five brothers: Andrew, Robert, Richard, Jr. (Hoppy), Clarence, and Lewis; grandparents - Bud Sampson & Willie Mae Wilson.

Survivors include wife, Joyce Marie Ligons of the home; two sons: Kevin A. Ligons, Sr. of Oklahoma City, OK and Richard A. Ligons, Sr. of Chickasha, OK. Three granddaughters: April, Stephanie, and GeorgeAnn; four grandsons: Kevin, Jr., Richard, Jr., Frederick, and Kareem. An adopted grandson – Cody. In addition, a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **11.** 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Brown - Thomas Funeral Home
401 SOUTH 1ST STREET
Chickasha, OK 73018
(405) 224-7258

Service

AUG **12.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Shepherd Street Christian Church
802 Shepherd St.
Chickasha, OK 73018

Tribute Wall

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“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the Family of Mr. Theodore Ligons. God Bless you with the Comfort, Peace, Understanding and Strength you need today and the days ahead.*



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