



Curtis Moten

May 4, 2021

Moten, Curtis, 85 of Budd Lake, passed away on May 4, 2021. Cremation Services Private.

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“ Curtis Moten, 85 on Tuesday April 4, 2021 passed away peacefully at his daughters home away in Budd Lake, Morris, New Jersey. Born April 20, 1936 in Tarboro, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, to his parents Geneva ‘Jacksie’ Moten and Howard Pittman. Curtis only sibling was his beloved older brother, Robert ‘Bull’ Moten, deceased. At, age 3 he lost his mother to an illness which left him and his brother, Bull orphans. It was his mother’s oldest sister, Edna affectionally know as ‘Big Mammy’ who went to their brother Frank and at the behest of her; he adopted his sister’s orphan sons, where he raised them as his sons on the farm; Frank and his wife Retha Moten never had any biological children together; he adopted Retha children: Sara ‘Gal’ Moten Lawrence and Beulah Moten Kearney who are now his older sisters. During the holidays Curtis fondly remembers his Aunt Edna & Aunt Gladys would give them toy trains and food. Early childhood Curtis attended St. Stephens Baptist church regularly, where he taught his Aunt Retha Moten the lyrics of the spiritual songs from church. Later he joined the choir at Eastern Star Baptist Church. Curtis and his brother Bull helped their Uncle Frank build and run the convenience store on the farm daily; in addition to helping toil the farm. That farm and the work that Curtis and his brother performed was partly their ownership; it had their blood sweat and tears in it; he and his brother were never acknowledged about, he often spoke about it. He loved to attend school; where he walked six miles daily to attend the local school. Later, Curtis excelled in his academic achievements at W. A. Pattillo High School; f/k/a Tarboro Negro High School which included him being the first ever at the time in 1950, where he appeared in his first stage play at school-first ever for the Moten family. His beloved cousin, Louise and his Aunt Gladys was the only family members that came to see him. He was very proud of being in that play. At, 15 he left his Uncle’s Frank farm and lived on his own; at times living with extended family members, while working at the historic, Quigless Negro Clinic. There he worked doing all sorts of jobs after school; He reported directly to Dr. Quigless for his daily duties; in exchange for pay and food. Curtis also had a newspaper route delivering, The Daily Southerner.

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