

A Celebration of a Wonderful Life for
DEACON CLIFTON "BOBBY" PRINCE



Sunrise
July 31, 1938

Sunset
January 24, 2015

The Obituary

On January 24, 2015, after a life filled with love and service, Clifton “Bobby” Prince departed the comfort of his daughter’s home in Columbia, South Carolina and peacefully transitioned from his earthly realm to his eternal life.

Born in Manning, South Carolina on July 31, 1938, he was a loving son of the late Mr. (Deacon) Creighton and the late Mrs. Lucille Brown Prince.

At an early age, Deacon Prince accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and devoted his Christian services as a member of the usher board, choir, trustee and culminating as a faithful deacon of Ebenezer Baptist Church. He was also a very active member of the Manning Branch of the NAACP and a lifetime member of the Brotherly Love Lodge #99, Free and Accepted Masons.

Deacon Prince was educated in the public schools of Clarendon County, graduating from Manning Training High School in 1958. He continued his education by taking trade specific courses such as, Welding from F.E. DuBose Vocational School and AAA Driver Improvement courses.

Deacon Prince was employed within the community holding positions of responsibility with Walker Tire & Recapping, Sunbeam Manufacturing, and Air-Cap Corporations. After 14 years of service, numerous outstanding employee awards, meritorious service awards, and certificates of appreciation, he retired as a Trade Specialist II with the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

On December 14, 2014, Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church bestowed Deacon Prince with the distinction of *Deacon Emeritus* for his devoted and diligent service to Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. He was honored, humbled, and overwhelmed with appreciation to be recognized as such a faithful member.

Deacon Prince enjoyed all sports especially baseball, playing with his grandchildren, family gatherings as well as being fashionable and well groomed. As an activist, he was politically and socially conscious, performing duties as a poll worker during elections or transporting those in need to the polls – ardently protecting the right to vote. Deacon Prince was a staunch believer of fairness and quality to all people.

Deacon Prince, formerly married to Lizzie M. Hilton, was the watchful father of Angiloe (Alex) Prince of Pasadena, CA, Meredith (Mary) Prince, Felicia (Daryl) Heath and Shirley Prince Quick all of Columbia, SC; god-daughter, Caroline Murray of Paxville, SC; sisters-in-law, Luella McCray of Columbia, SC, Mamie Jackson of Baltimore, MD, Marie Prince of North Carolina and Nita Prince of New York; special caregivers, Gussie Johnson and Barbara Martin both of Manning, SC; fourteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by brothers, Alphonso Jackson, Leroy Prince and Creighton Prince, Jr; sister, Edna Blanding..