



*A Celebration of Life for*  
**MR. LEVI PEARSON, JR.**



*Sunrise*  
*July 3, 1940*

*Sunset*  
*February 1, 2015*

## *The Obituary*

On Sunday, February 1, 2015, Mr. Levi Pearson, Jr. exchanged time on earth for eternity with the Lord at Clarendon Memorial Hospital in Manning, South Carolina. He was born on July 3, 1940 in Manning, South Carolina to the late Civil Rights Activist Levi Pearson, Sr. and Viola Clark Pearson.

*Levi* received his formal education in the public schools of Clarendon County. On January 19, 1963, he was united in holy matrimony to the love of his life Minister Clementine "Tina" Jones Pearson and to this union they were blessed with one daughter Lorie "Cookie" Pearson Hodge.

*Levi's* life reveals he was a man of integrity and faith as seen by the dedication to family and friends. And, to the young men in his community he was a role-model, mentor and surrogate father.

*Levi* was an extraordinary man, his talents and abilities afforded him to become a professional boxer in the U.S. Welterweight Division. He was an entrepreneur, successfully owning a restoration and salvage business while residing in Newark, New Jersey. By trade *Levi* was a plumber pipefitter, employed by several well-known construction companies. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by the V.C. Summer Nuclear plant in Jenkinsville, SC.

While the secular things in life were important to him, *Levi* knew the value of having a personal relationship with Christ. He joined Historic Trinity A.M.E. Church after returning to South Carolina in the early 80's and was a faithful member until his health declined.

*Levi* enjoyed hunting, fishing and took pride in teaching the sport to his grandsons and nephews. He let his Christian light shine by showing the better side of living, evidenced by his genuine concern for his family, friends, and community.

*Levi* touched the lives of everyone he encountered and will be notoriously remembered for his famous saying "*It's my way or the highway!*"

He leaves to cherish his precious memories a devoted wife of 52 years, Minister Clementine "Tina" Jones Pearson, a loving daughter Lorie "Cookie" Pearson Hodge; two grandsons, Dominique Ny'Qwan J'Rome Hodge and Diondre Marquis Levi Hodge; god-daughter, Beverly (Jerial) Dingle; three god-sons, Jermaine Uzzell, Jaimele Wineglass and Stanley Lemon; seven sisters, Carrie Conte, Vinell Nelms, Mary Pearson, Olar Slappy, Eloise Wineglass, Virginia Lemon and Daisy Lewis; two brothers, James Pearson and Delaware Pearson; one sister-in-law, Carrie Pearson; a host of nieces, nephews and a special friend Quentin Durant.

*Levi* was preceded in death by two sisters, Lillian Davis and Inez Levy; three brothers, Willie Pearson, Harold Pearson and Ferdinand Pearson Sr.