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Thankful Baptist Church Deacons

Flower Bearers
Thankful Baptist Church Ushers



Acknowledgements

With deep appreciation, we the family of Lenard Hightower, wish to express our sincere gratitude for all your love and support during our time of loss. Thank you all for acts of kindness to our family. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. It has been a comforting blessing to each of us and means so much to our family. Sincere appreciation to the staff at Amara Health Care for your tender loving care toward Mr. Hightower. Thank you for treating him with love, respect and dignity.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Mr. Lenard Hightower

Sunrise
April 20, 1939

Sunset
June 26, 2017



Saturday, July 1, 2017
11:00 A.M.

THANKFUL BAPTIST CHURCH
302 Walker Street
Augusta, Georgia



Reverend Christopher Waters, Pastor - Presiding
Reverend Gregory Young - Officiating

The Obituary

Mr. Lenard Hightower was born in Aiken County, South Carolina on April 20, 1939. He was the third child of Anderson Hightower, Sr. and Beatrice Hampton Hightower.

Lenard attended Jefferson High School. He worked in the textile industry for over forty years without missing a day of work. He retired from Avondale Mills. Lenard was a hardworking man that willingly and proudly provided for his family and his mother. He supported and served his church as long as he was able to.

Lenard's spiritual journey began at Pine Grove Baptist Church where he was baptized as a child. There he was honored to serve as an ordained deacon. His strong convictions and love for the Lord led him to Thankful Baptist Church, where he continued to serve with fervor as deacon until his illness. He was honored as Sunday School Individual of the Month and Father of the Year. Lenard was a proud man, full of integrity and humor. He loved to have fun and never met a stranger. He remained a man of character until God called him home.

He was united in holy wedlock to Corrine Bush. To this wonderful union three sons were born. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers, Lucius, Anderson, Jr. and Robert.

Lenard leaves to cherish his memories: his loving and devoted wife, Corrine Hightower; his legacy lives on through his sons, Dennis Hightower (Ruby), Hoover Al, Daniel Hightower (Barbara), North Augusta, SC and Charles Hightower, Graniteville, South Carolina; three sisters, Zeater Pettiford, North Augusta, SC, Patricia (Robert) Wiggins, Lincolnton, GA and Nellie M. Butler, North Augusta, SC; five brothers, James (Connie) Hightower, Eugene Hightower, David Hightower, all of Gloverville, SC, George (Maryann) Hightower, Aiken, SC and Watkin (Sandra) Hightower, Graniteville, SC; four grandchildren, Dennis "Denny" Hightower, Jessica Hightower, Jonathan Hightower and Breanna Hightower; two great grandchildren, Karson Hightower and Conner Olivier; three aunts, Lillie Mae Ramsey, Reading, PA, Mamie Anderson, Graniteville, SC and Juanita Abney, Beech Island, SC; four uncles, Thomas (Willie Mae) Hightower, Joseph Hightower, George (Vivica) Hightower, William (Cassie) Merriweather, all of Reading, PA; six sisters-in-law, Mildred Hightower, Graniteville, SC, Mary Alice Hightower, Aiken, SC, Loraine Abney, North Augusta, SC, Ethel Williams, New Ellenton, SC, Leola Wills, Atlanta, GA and Beattie Mae Marshall (Roger) Graniteville, SC; three brothers-in-law, Harry Bush (Clara), Bath, SC, John Henry Bush, Graniteville, SC and Ozzie Bush, Chicago, IL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see. If the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand, and said my place was ready, in heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye, for all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do, it almost seemed impossible that I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you, and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized, that this could never be, for emptiness and memories, would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from his great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you.

Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, and since each day's the same way there's no longing for the past. You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.

But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?" So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

The Order of Service

Processional

Selection Thankful Baptist Church Choir

Scriptures Reverend Dr. Jasper Lloyd, Sr.
Old and New Testaments

Prayer Reverend Dr. Jasper Lloyd, Sr.

Reflections (2 Minutes Please) Deacon Winston Butler
As A Church Member

Poem Ms. Anita Holbert

Acknowledgements Ms. Jacqueline D. Vann

Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Jerry Corbett

Selection Thankful Baptist Church Choir

Eulogy Reverend Gregory Young

Recessional

Entombment
Sunset Memory Gardens