

Life's Reflections

Claude was born in Wilson, North Carolina. He attended school in Brooklyn, New York. He served in the United States Air Force and retired from the Air Force after serving over twenty years where he received extensive training in Leadership and Management, Morale and Ideology, Personal Counseling and Basic Doctrine Character Guidance. Upon his retirement, he began his civilian career with Safeway Stores, Inc., Oakland California as a Supervisor and later he was Superintendent. Claude retired from Safeway in 1989. He began a new career with Anheuser Busch as a Supervisor, retiring in 1993 and relocating to Bennettsville, South Carolina. During this period of time (twenty-two years) Claude was self-employed as a Registered Representative with Waddell and Reed as a Financial Planner.

Claude served as a Deacon at Shiloh Baptist Church, and past Sunday School Superintendent, a member and past president of the Male Chorus, and a member of the Brotherhood where he served as the first President, Chairman of the Policy, and Chairman of the Calendar committee, and other committees assigned by the Pastor. Claude is a 32nd degree Mason, Past Master, Treasurer and a Royal Arch Mason, Past Worthy Patron, District Patron, Past District Associate Patron, and Eastern Star. He also served as Eastern Star Grand Officer for two years. Also served as a Grand Lodge Deputy at Large for Community Affairs. Other activities that Claude was a part of included Transportation Board of Directors of Marlboro County, past Chairman Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership Board, Chairman Marlboro County Economic Board, Board of Directors Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership Board (Treasurer), Board of Directors United Way, past Vice Chairman United Way,

Board of Director Red Cross (Treasurer), Life Member of NAACP, Charter President Bennettsville Breakfast Club, Secretary Bennettsville Breakfast Club, and was on the Board of Directors Federal Correctional Institute, Bennettsville, SC Drug Court member. Claude was a member of the local Kiwanis Club where he served as a member of the Board of Directors, Club Secretary, Distinguished President and Distinguished Lt. Governor. Claude was awarded the Omega Citizen of the Year award in 2000; he received a letter of Congratulations for Prestigious Accomplishment in Kiwanis from Jim Hodges, then Governor of South Carolina. He received a Certificate of Appreciation from State Senator Maggie Glover in 2000 and 2004. Also, received a Certificate of Appreciation from US Representative Jim Clyburn in 2000 and State Senator Gerald Malloy in 2004. Claude received many other awards and recognition throughout his life that would take too long to mention them all.

Claude has been married to Gladys Coit, of Bennettsville for sixty-eight years. They have five children: Eva Willis, Brenda Bronaugh, Claude Barnes, Clifford Barnes, and Tanya Veiga; fourteen grandchildren (one deceased), twenty-eight great grandchildren, eight great, great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.



To God be the Glory for a
life well lived!

The Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Opening.....Reverend Dr. Coley Mearite

Scriptures:
Old Testament.....Deacon Jimmie Jones
New Testament.....Deacon Godfrey Johnson

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Dean Fullard

Remarks:
Deacon Fred Thomas
Ms. Joyce Cobbs
(All other remarks limited to 2 minutes please)

Selection.....The Townsend Family

Resolution.....OES Chapter #5
Diane Townsend, Guiding Star Church, POGCOV

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Coley Mearite

Benediction.....Deacon Fred Thomas



~Committal and Interment~
Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery

Floral Attendants
Friends of the Family

Pallbearers
Masonic Landmark Lodge #16

For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. ~NLT

Acknowledgements

The Family of the late **Claude J. Barnes** acknowledges with sincere appreciation your many comforting messages, cards, flowers, and especially your prayers, and any other expressions of love extended to us during our time of bereavement. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless each of you in a special way.

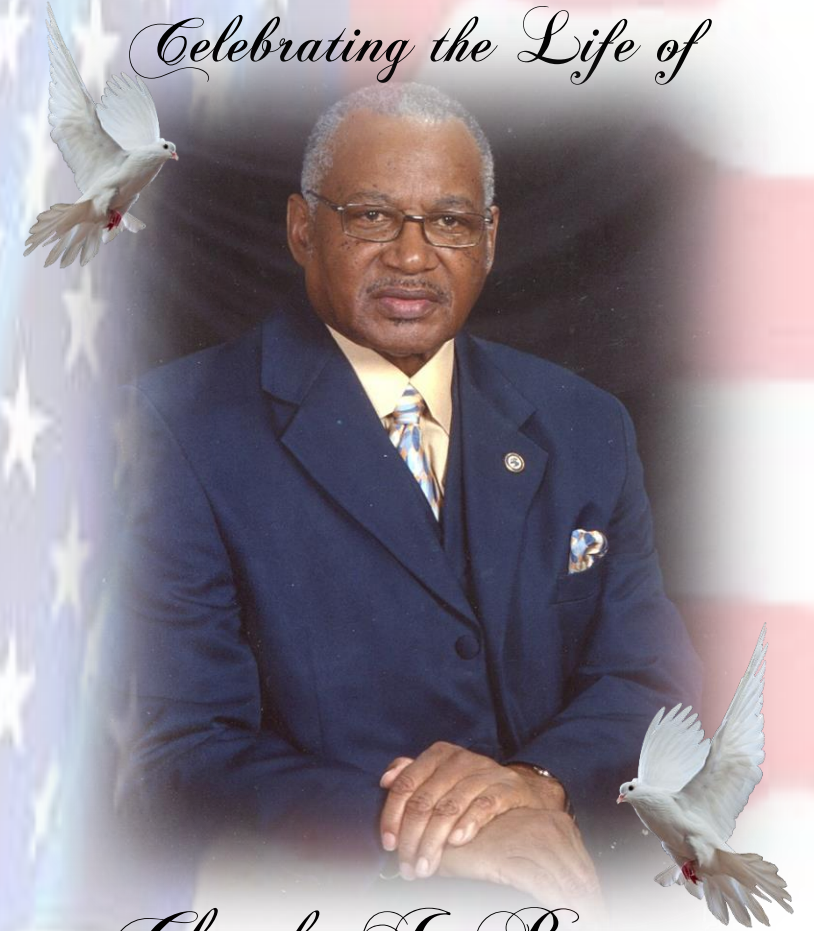
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Celebrating the Life of



Claude J. Barnes

Sunrise
March 16, 1935

Sunset
August 29, 2021

Saturday, September 4, 2021
3:00 P.M.

Berea Baptist Convention Center
Highway 38S
Bennettsville, South Carolina 29512

Reverend Dr. Coley Mearite, Officiating

