

Order of Service

Pastor Ronald O. McClurklin, Presiding

- Prelude-----
- Processional-----Pastor T.A. Belton, Family and Friends
- Opening Hymn -----White Oak Combined Choir
“Won’t it Be Grand”
- Scriptures:
Old Testament – Psalm 23 -----Evangelist Renee Canty
New Testament – John 3:5-8-----Pastor Curtis Robertson
- Prayer of Comfort ----- Pastor Ivory T. Thigpen
- Solo ----- Reverend Glenn Thomas
“One More Time”
- Reflections----- Pastor James Adamson,
Pastor Alonzo Gregory, Pastor Melvin Syphrett
- Solo ----- Pastor Johnny Gibbs
“I’ll Be Resting in My Home”
- Reflections----- Sister Joyce Dean
Deacon Albert Belton, Pastor Charles Murphy and Shoney’s
Breakfast Club Ministries
- Selection -----A Tribute from the Family
- Reflections-----Pastor Preston Harrison
Rev. Dr. George Gaymon, Rev. James Goodwin, Rev D. L. Jackson
- Reflections-----Family and Friends
- Selection -----White Oak Combined Choir
“I’ll Be Alright”
- Words of Comfort -----Reverend Henry Spann, Jr.
- Recessional----- Funeral Directors
“I’ll Fly Away”

Committal Rites with Military Honors
White Oak Baptist Church #1 Cemetery

Floral Bearers
Family and Friends

Pall Bearers
Purity Lodge #42

Acknowledgements

We, the family of the late Reverend Eugene Canty, acknowledge with grateful and sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement. We would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Rodney G. Rhinehart and the staff of Providence Heart Health, Providence Health Columbia, SC, Heartstrings Hospice, Dominique Williams of Always Best Care and Great-Great Niece Talisha Kennedy. May God bless and keep each of you with His Everlasting Love and Mercy.

The Family

Hey Granddaddy,

We know you’re not here physically but we know your presence will always be here with us. We just wanted to let you know that you were the best granddaddy we could’ve ever asked for. You loved each of us just for being ourselves and played a huge part in our lives. For some of us, you were more than just a grandfather; you were the first father we ever knew. You taught us how to not be selfish and to care for other people more than ourselves. You taught us to always put God first in our lives and live in His will. You taught us to always be there for the family and to keep each other lifted as well as taught most of us how to drive. No matter how much we may wish you were still here, we know there’s someone who needed you more than we did on this side and we wouldn’t want anything else for you. While there are certainly times when we miss your stories, laughter, encouragement and wisdom, we are so thankful for the memories we had the privilege of making and the man we had the honor of knowing. You’ve left a permanent imprint in each of our hearts and we will never forget that. You’ve changed our understanding of what it means to live fully and have shown us how to love deeply. You really are a hero, and we know your legacy will be passed down for many generations to come.

We love you always,
Your Grandchildren



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A CELEBRATION
OF LIFE



Reverend Eugene Canty

April 6, 1931 – June 6, 2018

Saturday, June 16, 2018, 12:00 Noon
White Oak Baptist Church #1
520 White Oak Church Road
Winnsboro, SC 29180

Pastor Henry Spann, Jr., Pastor

Obituary



Reverend Eugene Canty was born to the late Cary and Lucille-Wilson Canty and the mother who raised him, Biner Johnson Canty on April 6, 1931 in Fairfield County, SC. He departed this life on Wednesday June 6, 2018 at Providence Health in Columbia, SC.

He accepted Jesus as His Lord and Savior at a very young age at Good Hope Baptist Church.

He was educated at the Hanes School from first through seventh grade which was a one room building and there was only one teacher, Mrs. Maggie Pickett. After finishing eighth grade at Lebanon School, he dropped out at the age of 15 and he entered the pulpwood business and later became a carpenter's helper.

At the age of twenty, he was drafted into the Army where he served two years and three days and fought in the Korean War. After finishing his tour, he went back to being a carpenter's helper, but he just wasn't satisfied. He decided to enroll in Bethel High on the GI Bill. While there, he worked hard to achieve good grades and made the Honor Roll. At the age of 28, he graduated from Bethel High School with a High School Diploma.

During this time, he returned to the states and married the love of his life, the former Willie Mae Harrison and was married for nearly 62 years.

He worked at Craft Farrow State Hospital for 30 years. While working for the hospital, he also received one-on-one training to become a barber and he became a Barber Instructor and Master Barber. Reverend Canty was the owner and co-owner of two barbershops, Killian Barbershop in Columbia, SC and Town Barbershop in Ridgeway, SC which was one of the first African-American businesses in Ridgeway, SC. After receiving his training, he helped 11 people receive their barber licenses. He stayed in the barbering business for more than 50 years before retiring. During this time, he gave many people spiritual counseling on marriages, jobs, addiction, prayed for many and provided the word of God. He also had a wood business for over 50 years where he donated wood to many in need.

In the early sixties, Reverend Canty became a deacon at Good Hope Baptist Church. While there, he served as a Sunday school teacher, sang on the gospel choir, and was very faithful in all of his duties. On May 10, 1988, he became a licensed minister and two years later was ordained by the Fairfield Baptist Association. He graduated from Morris College School of Divinity in 1996. He has preached at many churches in Fairfield County and surrounding areas.

In 2002, Rev. Canty became a pastor at Calvary Baptist Church where he served for over four years. After pastoring at Calvary, the Lord led him to White Oak Baptist Church #1 under the leadership of Pastor Henry Spann, Jr. In 2010, the Lord spoke to him about starting a church on Main Street in Ridgeway, SC. Being led by the Lord, Dan Ruff remodeled the room beside his store. The Church of God Jesus Christ was opened, where there he held services for almost two years. Due to health reasons, he decided to close the church in 2013.

He was a great supporter of Golden Rock Fellowship Church and Joy Ministries. He also was the resident minister at Tanglewood Nursing Home for seven years, resident minister at Fairfield Nursing Home, a jail minister for seven years at the Fairfield County Detention Center, Barbershop Fellowship Ministries, Shoney's Breakfast Club Ministries and also a lifetime member of #42 Purity Lodge in Ridgeway, SC where he had served as Treasurer and Chaplain. He was President of #2 Singing Convention. He was a great pillar of faith in his community and was involved in many other ministries.

Obituary cont'd

Reverend Eugene Canty leaves to cherish his memory,; his loving wife, Willie Mae Canty of Ridgeway, SC; four loving daughters, Reverend Loretta Able and Gloria Jean Canty of Blythewood, SC, Pamela Lotricia Canty of Decatur, GA, and Kawaski Iristeddi Canty of Atlanta, GA; two loving sons, Terence Satonio Canty of Augusta, GA and Stacy Eugene Canty of Mebane, NC; two adopted sons, Reverend Dr. Preston (Stacy) Harrison of Columbia, SC and Adrian Harrison of Ridgeway, SC and one adopted daughter, Katie Barber Roach of Ridgeway, SC. He also leaves eleven grandchildren, one grandson-in-law, seven great-grandchildren, six brothers-in-law, seven sisters-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whom will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Pearl Canty Kennedy; one brother, David Canty; his brother-in-law, Isaac Kennedy, Sr.; one son-in-law, Minister Haskel Able, and other siblings.

