

Order of Service
Reverend Flavian Coleman, Presiding

Processional -----Clergy and Family

Musical Selection-----Antioch Baptist Church Choir
“Have You Found Out”

Introduction and Words of Welcome-----
Reverend Flavian Coleman

Scriptures:
Old Testament -----Reverend Josephine Holley
New Testament-----Ms. LaKisha Irby

Prayer of Comfort ----- Reverend Preston Wilson
Selection-----Antioch Baptist Church Choir
“Holy Ghost You’re Welcome”

Reflections – 2 Minutes, Please -----

Moses Bell
Eleanor Dalton
Brenda Murphy
Elijah Long
Elliott Qualls
Robert S. Cunningham, Jr.

Obituary Reading – (Read Silently) -----

Selection-----Antioch Baptist Church Choir
“Down in the Valley”

Eulogy -----Reverend Flavian Coleman

Recessional -----

Committal Rites
Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery
1145 Old Windmill Road
Ridgeway, SC 29130

Repast: Immediately following the Interment at Antioch

Floral Bearers
Nieces

Pall Bearers
Masons

Acknowledgements

With heartfelt humility and profound gratitude, we wish to extend our thanks to each of you who was there to comfort us during the loss of our love one. Special thanks are extended to Heartland of Columbia, Agape Care, Micheal Augusta, Consadttta Trapp, and Antioch Baptist Church. Your many expressions of kindness extended to us are greatly appreciated. May our God bless and richly reward you for your acts of love and compassion.

God’s Gift of Time

We all need a time to grieve, a quiet time for reflections to sift through precious memories and come to grips with what has happened.

We all need a time to let the tears flow;
not for the ones we lost who are at peace in Heaven
but for ourselves as we realize that things will be different now.

We all need a time to just “be,” when we can open ourselves to God
and let the reassurance of His everlasting love
start to heal our broken hearts.

God gave us the gift of time, and one of its greatest uses is the healing of a broken heart.

Even during your darkest nights, God has promised to hold your hand.

He will be there to comfort you, and He will give you strength to face this time of sorrow.

Anonymous~



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***A Celebration
of Life***



Mr. Robert S. Cunningham, Sr.

April 17, 1934 – April 22, 2021

**Thursday, April 29, 2021
12:00 Noon**

**Nelson’s Funeral Home
270 N. Dogwood Ave.
Ridgeway, SC 29130**

Reverend Flavian Coleman, Officiating

Obituary



Mr. Robert Shannon Cunningham, Sr., affectionally known as “Shank” was born in Ridgeway, SC on April 17, 1934 to the late William P. and Amy Graves Cunningham. He departed this life on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was married to Dorothy Mae Bell Cunningham for 64 years and from this union two sons were born, Robert Shannon Cunningham, Jr. and Virgil Maurice Cunningham.

At an early age, he joined Antioch Baptist Church in Ridgeway, SC. He was a member of the Deacon Board, choir, and attended Sunday School. He served faithfully until his health began to fail. However, he remained devoted to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mr. Cunningham retired from the Ft. Jackson Commissary after 30 years of service and the Riley and Chavis Construction Co. He was educated in Fairfield County School District. He was also a Mason and a member of Longtown Lodge 123.

He enjoyed fishing, singing in the choir, and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His family was especially important to him.

Left to cherish precious memories, are his wife of 64 years, Dorothy Bell Cunningham; sons, Robert Shannon (Shenita) Cunningham, Jr. of Apex, NC and Virgil Maurice (Constance) Cunningham of Winnsboro, SC; one daughter, Brenda Woods of Columbia, SC; four grandchildren, LaKisha Irby of Winnsboro, SC, LaTressa (Reginald) Kelly of Blythewood, SC and Joshua and Justin Cunningham of Charlotte, NC; three great-grandchildren, Travion, LaMya and Dreamer; one brother, Joe Lewis Griffin; one sister, Lottie Russell; one sister-in-law, Lula Cunningham of Ridgeway, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.

Robert was preceded in death by five brothers, William P. Cunningham, Jr., Joe L. Cunningham, Governor Cunningham, Knighter Cunningham, and Jimmy Cunningham; four sisters, Mary C. Harrison, Julia C. Smith, Gracie C. Bell, and Emma C. Mitchell.

