

A Life Well Lived

Though his smile is gone forever,
And his hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories,
Of the one we loved so much.

His memory is our keepsake,
With which we will never part,
God has him in His keeping,
We have him in our hearts.

Celebration of Life Service

Thursday, April 1, 2020
Gethsemane Memorial Gardens
809 W Gannon Ave Zebulon, NC 27597

Acknowledgements

With grateful hearts, the Branch Family wishes to express deep appreciation for the many comforting messages, prayers, visits, and other expressions of kindness shown during our time of bereavement.

Sunrise

March 7, 1932

Sunset

March 28, 2020

Deacon Claude Edouard
Branch

Services Entrusted to:

Richard Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Inc.

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Obituary

Order of Service

Pastor Elma C. Harris, Presider
Walking by Faith Missionary Baptist Church
Sims, NC

Family Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Committal

Deacon Claude Edward Branch Sr. was born March 7, 1932 in Franklin County, NC to the late Ella Davis Branch and the late Zebulon Branch. He departed this life on Saturday, March 28, 2020 peacefully at his home in Wendell, NC.

Deacon Branch attended school in Franklin County. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour at an early age. His walk with Christ eventually led him to New Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Clayton, NC; there he grew and was ultimately ordained as Deacon. In January 2008 he joined Walking by Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Sims, NC where he faithfully served as Deacon until his illness.

Before his illness, Deacon Branch was a very hard working man. Most of his adult life he was an entrepreneur; owning his own pulpwood and farming business. His favorite pastimes were singing, fishing, hunting, gardening, and spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Deacon Branch was united in holy matrimony to his loving wife Bille Ruth Branch on December 21, 1992.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 36 years, Ethel Whack Branch; his oldest son, Claude Branch Jr; and three grandchildren, Brad Stancil, Charles Edward Branch, and Shamekia O'Neal.

He leaves to cherish his memories; his loving wife and faithful caregiver of 28 years, Billie Ruth Branch of the home; his wonderful children, Pastor Elma Harris (Rev. Albert) of Clayton NC, Claude Branch Jr "Deceased" (Rosa Branch) of Smithfield NC, Charles Branch of Middlesex NC, Rev. Claudine Marshall (John) of Zebulon NC, Claude Mitchell of Durham NC, Co-Pastor Connie Jackson (Pastor Darryl) of Knightdale NC, Yvonne Stancil (Daniel) of Garner NC, Pastor Karen Durant (Apostle Eugene) of Clayton NC, James Branch (Margaret) of Middlesex NC, John O'Neal (Sandy) of Raleigh NC, and Glenda Kearney (Michael) of Zebulon, NC; two sisters, Elder Edna Lunsford (Albert) of Hillsborough NC, and Ruby Smith of Louisburg NC; thirty two grandchildren; a host of great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Deacon Branch was truly blessed to have two special, caring, and loving neighbors; Mr. Billy and Mrs. Amelia Dewberry; and four lifetime friends, Mr. Cameron Lee, Mr. Buddy Mitchell, Mr. William "Bill" Stainback, and Mr. Dexter Williams.

