

Farewell Family



For I am now ready to be offered,
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,

I have kept the faith:

II Timothy 4:6-7

Acknowledgements

We, the family of Deacon Joseph Nathaniel Neil, would like to express our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness, sympathy, and love shown during our time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. Please continue to lift us up in prayer and may God shower his richest blessings upon each of you.

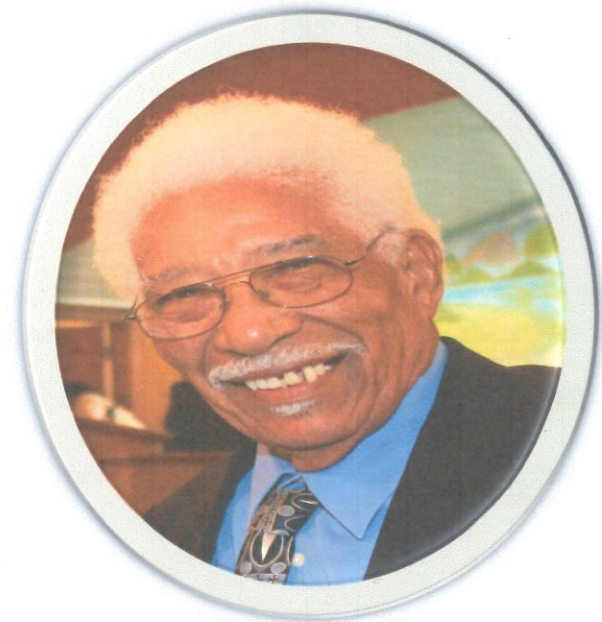
~ The Family ~

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707 Vinson Blvd
Whiteville, NC 28472
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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



Deacon Joseph Nathaniel Neil

March 30, 1934 ~ April 8, 2021

Friday, April 16, 2021
11:00 A.M.

Cherry Grove Cemetery
660 Vinson Boulevard
Whiteville, NC 28472

Reverend Anthony Rowell, Eulogist

Order of Service



Invocation.....Reverend Anthony Rowell

Scripture:
Old Testament.....Reverend Charles Parker
New Testament.....Minister Gloria Riddick

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Richard Threadgill

Church Resolution.....Dr. Selena Rowell

Remarks.....(2 Minutes).....

Eulogy.....Reverend Anthony Rowell, Pastor
*New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Whiteville, NC*



~ Service of Committal and Interment ~

Drive Thru Repast: New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
1980 Mill Pond Road
Whiteville, NC 28472

~ Obituary ~

Dear Dad,

God realized the last 7 months of pain and grief were too much for you to bear. So, at 2:32 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021, God made a visit to 82 Elm Loop Road. While you were peacefully sleeping, he whispered Joseph, I know you are missing your wife dearly. Take my hand and come with me to your heavenly home, where your beautiful Berneice is waiting for you.

Joseph Nathaniel Neil was born on March 30, 1934 in Whiteville, NC. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Joseph received his education from the public schools of Whiteville City and graduated from Central High School in 1951. On, January 26, 1957 he married the love of his life, Berneice Burns. They were blessed with one son, Johnathan Canordo Neil.

Joseph knew the Lord. At an early age, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He joined Mill Branch Missionary Baptist Church and later moved his membership to New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. He was a dedicated and faithful member until his health began to decline. He served in many capacities: trustee (1974), deacon (1984), Sunday school teacher, missionary circle, and union delegate. He took his positions at the church very seriously; especially the finances. He guarded the money like it was his own personal account. He also served on the Passion Week Committee, was a liaison for the Cherry Grove Cemetery, and volunteered at the South Whiteville voting precinct for many years.

Joseph was employed with the National Spinning Company of Whiteville for 38 years. After his retirement from National Spinning in 1997, he was able to spend more time with his family, nurture his grandchildren and help people in the community.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Berneice Burns Neil.

He leaves to cherish his memory a son: Johnathan C. Neil, Sr. (Susan) of Whiteville, NC; three grandchildren: Johnathan C. Neil, Jr. and Quinntasia Neil both of Hinesville, GA and Destiny Neil Freeman (Maurice) of the home; three special nephews: David Richardson Sr. (Tangula) of Raeford, NC, Gene Richardson and Clifton Richardson both of Newport News, VA; one sister-in-law: Alease Randall of Whiteville, NC; eight great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.