



HE IS GONE

You can shed tears that he is gone
 Or you can smile because he has lived
 You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back
 Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left
 Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
 Or you can be full of the love that you shared
 You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
 Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
 You can remember him and only that he is gone
 Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on
 You can cry and close your mind,
 be empty and turn your back
 Or you can do what he would want:
 smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

A LIFE WELL LIVED

A life well lived is a precious gift
 Of hope and strength and grace,
 From someone who has made our world
 A brighter, better place
 It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
 With smiles and sometimes tears,
 With friendships formed and good times shared
 And laughter through the years.
 A life well lived is a legacy
 Of joy and pride and pleasure,
 A living, lasting memory
 Our grateful hearts will treasure

Pallbearers

St. John Lodge #349, Free and Accepted Masons
 Prince Hall Affiliated

Floral Bearers

Church Ushers

Expression Of Gratitude

The family of the late
LEONARD E. LANIER, SR.
 is grateful for all expressions of love, kindness,
 and comfort shown during the passing of our loved one.
 Our lives are now changed by Leonard's passing,
 yet so wondrously blessed by the preciousness of his
 memory. May the love, joy and peace of God
 continue to embrace you.



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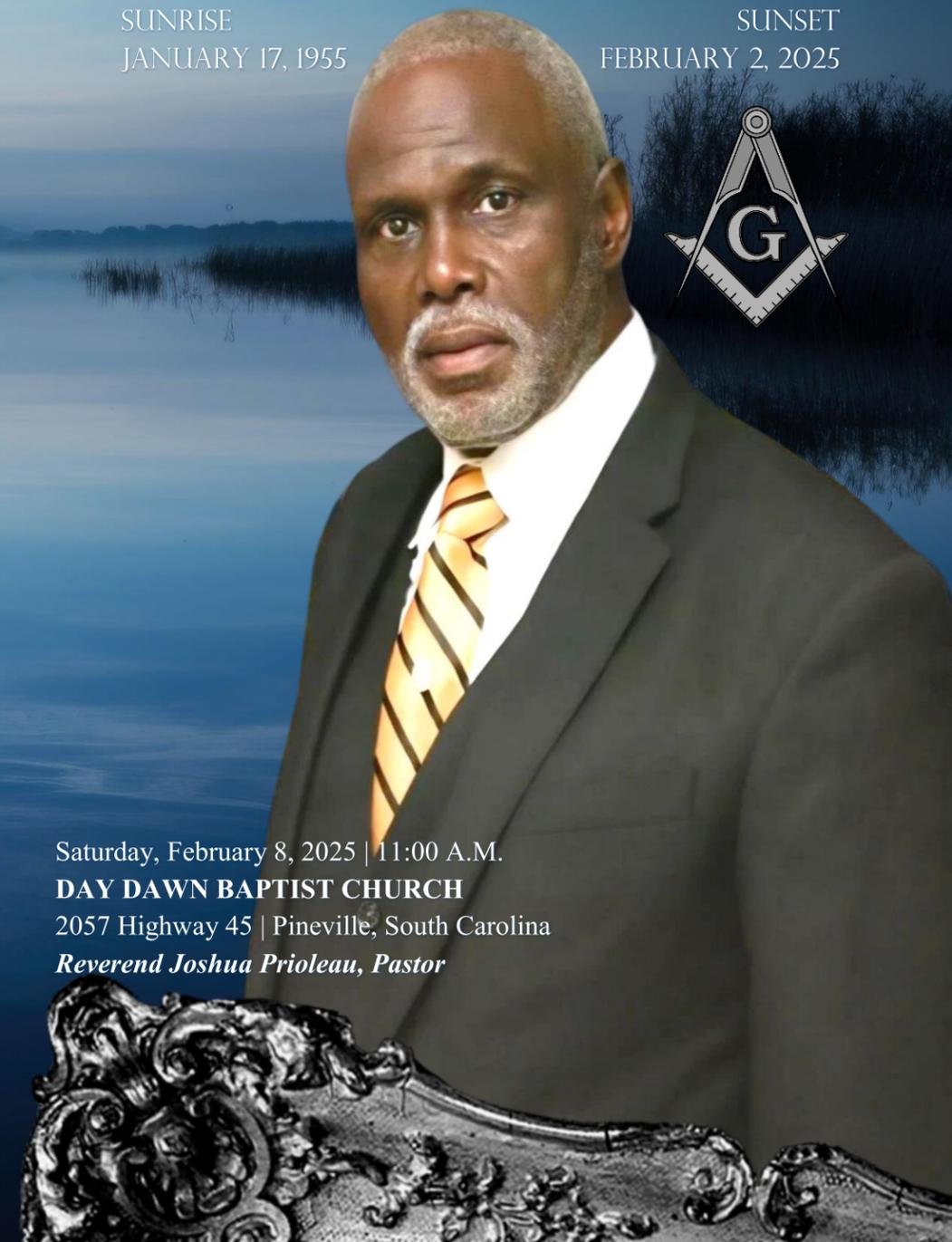
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF *Leonard E.* **LANIER, SR.**

SUNRISE
 JANUARY 17, 1955

SUNSET
 FEBRUARY 2, 2025



Saturday, February 8, 2025 | 11:00 A.M.
DAY DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH
 2057 Highway 45 | Pineville, South Carolina
Reverend Joshua Prioleau, Pastor

LEONARD LANIER, SR.

Life Story

“My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths”-Proverbs 3:1-6 (KJV)

Mr. Leonard E. Lanier, Sr., beloved son of James and Lillie M. Lanier, was born in St. Stephen, South Carolina on Monday, January 17, 1955. He departed this earthly life in Moncks Corner, SC on Sunday, February 2, 2025, at the age of seventy. Above all, Leonard was a man of peace – who dedicated his life to loving his family, uplifting his community and walking by faith.

Leonard embraced the teachings of Jesus Christ at an early age, being baptized at Day Dawn Baptist Church and beginning his lifelong commitment to learning the ways of the Lord.

Leonard received his formal education in the Berkeley County Public Schools. He attended J.K. Gourdine from the first through eighth grade and transitioned to St. Stephen High School for his final grade school years. There, he excelled academically and participated in several extracurricular activities including: band, football and baseball. He also served at the Senior Class President, graduating in 1973.

After graduating from St. Stephen High School, he attended South Carolina State University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Chemistry in 1977.

After earning his degree, Leonard started working as a chemist for Gist-Brocades, a biotechnology company that produces biochemical and pharmaceutical products. In 1980, he left Gist-Brocades to join Century Aluminum Company in Mt. Holly, previously known as Alcoa

and Alumax, as a lab technician. Over the next forty years, Leonard became an essential part of Alcoa’s operations, earning several certifications to operate and maintain the plant’s metallurgical X-ray systems and retired as Century Aluminum’s Senior Quality Analyst in 2018.

Alongside his professional accomplishments, Leonard remained a dedicated servant to his community. He volunteered with the Callen-Lacey Center, the only emergency center in Berkeley County for neglected, abused and abandoned children. He served as the President of the Center’s advisory council and was honored as the Callen-Lacey Center Volunteer of the Year in 2010. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Charleston Youth Development Center, where he led efforts to build several playgrounds across the Lowcountry.

Leonard was actively involved in his church, serving on the Usher Board and as Vice President and Director of the Male Choir.

He was also a proud member of St. John Lodge #349, Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated and Thurgood Marshall Consistory #367, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Prince Hall Affiliated.

The true joy of Leonard’s life was his family. He married the love of his life, Carolyn Bryan Lanier on July 3, 1982 and enjoyed forty-two years of marital bliss. Together, they raised three sons, Leonard E. Lanier, Jr., Terrance D. Lanier and Maurice A. Lanier, instilling in them values of love, faith and hard work. Leonard’s legacy also lives on through his grandson, Joshua A. Howard.

Leonard will be remembered by those who loved him for his work ethic, conscientiousness, commitment to his family and dedication to his faith.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Carolyn Lanier; his mother, Lillie M. Lanier; his children, Leonard, Terrance and Maurice Lanier; his grandson, Joshua Howard; his siblings, Karen Lanier-Grant and Thelma Hammock; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. His legacy will live on in all that knew him.

ORDER OF *Service*

Reverend Joshua Prioleau, Officiating

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #174 - “Near the Cross”

FINAL VIEWING

OPENING HYMN# 309 – “My Hope Is Built”

SCRIPTURE READING..... John 14:1-14

PRAYER.....Reverend Ronald Casey

SOLO Mrs. Carmella Castillo

REFLECTIONS:

Community Mr. Vardry Kennedy, Jr.

Family Mr. Terrance Lanier, *Son*

..... Mrs. Karen Lanier-Grant, *Sister*

..... Ms. Aleta Pride, *Niece*

Friend Reverend Gerald Blanding, Sr.

REMARKS Deacon Freddie James

RESOLUTIONS

SELECTIONDay Dawn Baptist Male Choir

WORDS OF COMFORT Rev. Joshua Prioleau, *Pastor*

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENTGourdine Cemetery

