

Frank Lee Jackson

1921-2013

He was the sixth of twelve children born to Thomas, Sr. and Annie Sims Jackson of Blair, South Carolina. He attended Gethsemane School through the 6th grade and stopped school to work and help support his family. Jackson was married to Cora People to this union thirteen children were born.

Frank Jackson was a World War II Veteran working in the Transportation Division. One of the things that he was commended for was driving an ammunition vehicle for days without stopping to get ammunition to the troops on the front line. He was honored with: the American Theater Medal; The EAMET Medal with two Bronze Stars; the Good Conduct Medal; and the Victory Medal.

After dedicating his life to Christ, he began his Christian journey. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1963 at the Gethsemane Baptist Church. He taught Sunday School Classes for many years. Children held a special place in his heart. He was always patient and taught them the Word of God. He also sang in the Senior Choir.

From 1976-1979, Jackson served as the community baseball coach for the boys in the neighborhood. He was instrumental in helping start the Shelton-Blair Credit Union. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #128 for over 60 years.

He was famous for his Frank Jackson Barbeque. He began a tradition of starting on Good Friday and going until Labor Day each year that he was able. He began cooking barbeque after leaving the Army. People in Blair and the surrounding communities loved his barbeque. Even people who had moved away, they came home on vacation and would come to purchase his barbeque. It was a ritual.