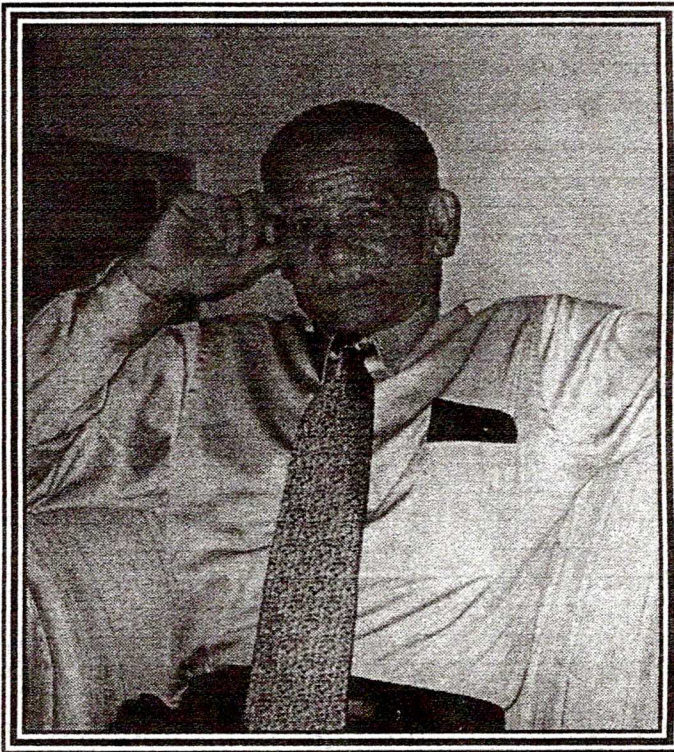


A Service of Praise
In Celebration
Of The Life Of
Deacon Grover C. Murphy, Sr.

"To everything there is a season"
Ecclesiastes 3:1

"A time to be born"
March 17, 1928

"A time to die"
November 9, 2007



White Oak Baptist Church No. 2
5555 Bellfield Road
Ridgeway, SC 29130

Wednesday, November 14, 2007
2:00 PM

Reverend Dr. J. P. Neal, Jr. – Pastor



Obituary

A Time to *Begin...*

The life of Grover C. Murphy, Sr. began March 17, 1928, in Ridgeway, SC. He was born into the hearts of his hard working parents, the late William "Bud" and Nannie Nelson Murphy. Grover was the tenth of fourteen children and the last surviving child of this union.

A Time to *Grow...*

Grover was educated at Thorn Tree School in Fairfield County. In 1949, he moved to Washington, D.C. and a year later was drafted into the United States Army. By 1952, Grover was honorably discharged from the Army and returned to Washington, D.C. where he passionately worked as a general contractor specializing in plastering and dry walling. He was one of the first African Americans to own and remodel a house in the Capitol Hill area.

A Time to *Worship...*

Grover was baptized early in life at White Oak Baptist Church No. 2. A Christian for many years, he restored his membership at White Oak in the early 1970's. He became active in church as a trustee and later as a deacon. Grover was also a member of the Senior Choir and organized a Men's Club where he was president until he became ill.

A Time to *Love...*

On June 13, 1953, Grover was united in holy matrimony to Lottie Christine Gladden and four children came from this union.

A Time for *Family...*

Grover will be affectionately remembered for his infectious smile and heartfelt laughter. He spent many weekends while in Washington D.C. with his brothers and sisters playing the family favorite card game "bid whist", eating crabs, sharing laughter, and family debates. Grover enjoyed hunting with his brothers, daughter, sons, and close friends. He included the entire family in his construction business. His sons Robert "Bobby", who preceded him in death and Grover "Jr." were trained and acquired his professional contractual skills. His legacy continues with his grandsons. Upon returning to Ridgeway, South Carolina as the patriarch of his family he continued to have regular family gatherings.

A Time to *Cherish...*

To celebrate Grover's life and memories, he leaves a loving and devoted wife of fifty-four years, Lottie Christine Murphy; Two daughters and their husbands, Sharon and Donald Ford of Ridgeway, South Carolina; Brenda and Dexter Kennedy of Indonesia; One son and his wife, Grover "Jr." and Teresa Murphy of Maryland; and one daughter in law Queen "Susie" Smith. Ten grandchildren, Tandalayia, Dionate' (Katrina), Donald "DC" (Celina), Vashonda "NeNe", DeAndre', Jemmelle, Dremelee, Devin, Brandon, Justin; and nine great grandchildren, Bria, Brionna, Xaxier, Isaiah, Kamarey, Dionate' Jr., Cadesia, Donovan and Maicen. He also leaves two brothers-in-law; Eddie Dixon of Columbia, South Carolina and Sylvester (Ozelia) Tucker of Ridgeway, South Carolina; a devoted and special niece and nephew Leenora Vann of Richmond, Virginia and Lenwood Truman of Fort Washington, Maryland; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

"To live in the hearts of those who love you is not to die"