

## Order of Worship

Reverend Sammie L. Stroud, IV, Officiant  
Pastor, Good Hope Baptist Church, Hodges, SC

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Prelude .....	Reverend Barry Caldwell <i>Minister of Music, Good Hope Baptist Church, Hodges SC</i>
Processional .....	The Clergy and Family
Musical Selection .....	Reverend Barry Caldwell
The Holy Scriptures	
Old Testament .....	Reverend Deidrick Smith <i>Pastor, Saint Peter AME Church, Abbeville, SC</i>
New Testament .....	Bishop Michael A. Blue <i>Door of Hope Christian Church, Marion, SC</i>
Prayer of Consolation .....	Reverend Barry Caldwell
Congregational Hymn of Praise	
‘Leaning on the Everlasting Arms’	
What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms. What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms	
O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms O how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms	
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms	
Leaning, leaning Safe and secure from all alarms Leaning, leaning Leaning on the everlasting arms	
Reflections	
The Church .....	Deacon Marcellous Davis
Family Tribute .....	Cyrus Leon Sturkey
Solo .....	Ms. Brenda Robinson
Acknowledgements .....	Matrell Sturkey
Hymn of Assurance .....	Good Hope Baptist Church
Eulogy .....	Pastor Mims Camm
Selection.....	Good Hope Baptist Church
Parting Prayer .....	Reverend C.C. Evans
Postlude	
Committal Service	
Prayer, Committal and Benediction .....	The Graveside

## LIFE PROFILE

Eugene Sturkey, Sr. was born in Clinton, South Carolina on Thursday, November 11, 1937, a son of Albert Sturkey, Sr. and Mamie Elizabeth Lindsay Sturkey.

He attended the public schools of Laurens County, South Carolina and later received vocational training from Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, South Carolina. Eugene was known as a dependable, trustworthy, hard-working man in the community and was a great provider for his family. His skills included that of a butcher. He held employment with the Torrington Company and retired from Presbyterian Communities of Clinton following seventeen years of service. He was well known as an excellent painter and the owner of Sturkey Interior and Exterior Painting, an accomplishment for which he was most grateful. He always carried a smile, enjoyed laughing and talking, and had a word to say to everyone in his presence.

During his early life, Eugene joined Bethlehem Grove Baptist Church, Clinton, South Carolina and later united with Springfield Baptist Church where he was a faithful member until his health declined. He served on the Deacons Ministry and Willing Workers Ministry. He was also a member of Consolation Lodge #3 Prince Hall Affiliate and Sons of Aids Lodge #15. He loved singing gospel and during the time when churches frequently fellowshiped during evening programs, was often asked ‘to come and help carry on devotion,’ many times along with his brother, Luther. When stricken with Parkinson’s and confined to a nursing facility, Eugene could be heard singing gospel; although, his voice was no longer as clear or strong as it had once been, a song remained in his heart. His favorite song, *‘Birds have Nests in the Top of the Tree and Foxes have Holes in the Ground, but the Son of Man has Nowhere to Lay His Head,’* is believed to have been based on scriptural readings found in Matthew 8:18-20.

Eugene found much delight in his family and enjoyed sharing funny, real-life experiences then watching them laugh. It didn’t matter if the stories were repeated, because the expression on his face always made them laugh. He was married to Lille Belle Price Sturkey for nearly 59 years and was the proud father of two sons and two daughters. He also had eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren who called him ‘Pop’ and held a very dear place in his heart.

On Monday, December 3, 2018 , Eugene transitioned to an eternal house not built by human hands. He was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Albert Sturkey, Jr. and Luther Sturkey; sisters, Maudine Williams and Ola M. Calhoun.

He leaves to cherish heartfelt memories and carry on his legacy, wife, Lillie; sons, Eugene Sturkey, Jr. (Dianna Blakely), Clinton, SC and Cyrus Leon (Matrell) Sturkey, Marion, SC; daughters, Renay S. (Sammie) Stroud, Fountain Inn, SC and Sharon Deloris Sturkey, Clinton, SC; grandchildren, Sharod Vance, Quinton Stroud, William (Ashley) Gilliam, Marcus Sturkey, Sade Sturkey, Brandon Stroud, Amara Sturkey and Adaya Sturkey; great-grandchildren, Noel Irby, Laila Chambers, Jaycee, Kaelyn and Jaxon Gilliam, Jayvon Vance, Serenity Dillard, and Kenley Henderson. He is also survived by brothers, Estee Sturkey, Clinton, SC and John W. Sturkey, Philadelphia, PA; sisters, Pauline Mykies, Clinton, SC and Ruby (David) Smith, Laurens, SC; sisters-in-law, Hazel Sturkey and Minnie Watts both of Clinton, SC; brothers-in-law, Henry (Mamie) Price and William (Levonina) Price both of Clinton, SC.

Eugene also leaves a host of precious relatives and friends who knew him to be kind, including devoted friends Dianne Griffin, Nancy Darby, Karen Hiott and “adopted son”, Andrew Guy.



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### In Loving Memory of Daddy

He never looked for praises, He was never one to boast  
He just went on quietly working for the ones he loved the most.

His dreams were seldom spoken, His wants were very few  
And most of the time his worries went unspoken too.

He was there ... A firm foundation through all our storms of life  
A sturdy hand to hold onto in times of stress and strife.

A true friend we could turn to when times were good or bad  
One of our greatest blessings, the man we called Daddy

~Author Unknown~

## THIS OLD CLAY HOUSE

When I am through with this old Clay House of mine  
and no more guide lights through the windows shine  
just box it up and lay it away,  
with the other old clay houses of yesterday,  
and with it, my friends, do try, if you can  
to bury the wrongs since I first began.

Just study this house, no tears should be shed  
it is like any clay house when the tenant has fled  
I've lived in this house for many years, all alone,  
sometimes I was just waiting and longing to go home.

Now don't misunderstand me, this old world is divine,  
with its love, birds, flowers, and glorious sunshine  
It's a wonderful place with wonderful plans,  
it is and wonderful gift to every man

But somehow or another when the cycle's complete,  
there are love ones across we are anxious to meet  
so the old book of life has checked on the past  
it has come to a close – this is the last.

Of course I know it's too late to mend,  
a bad-built house when we come to the end,  
but to you who are building just look over mine,  
and make your alterations while there is yet time

For the Builder has promised when this house is spent,  
to have one all finished with the timber I've sent  
while I lived here in this one – of course, it will be,  
exactly as I here have built, you see  
you ask what material is best to select?  
Well that was told a long time ago by the Grand Old  
Architect:

“A New Commandment I give unto you,  
that ye love one another as I have loved you.”  
So the finest material to send up above is pure  
straight-grained timber of brotherly love.

## INTERMENT

Apple Orchard Park  
Clinton, SC

## Floral Attendants

Morning Glory Order of Eastern Stars Chapter 191

## Pallbearers

Consolation Lodge #3

## Acknowledgements

*We, the family of Eugene Sturkey, Sr., would like to share our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for your prayers, comforting words, floral tributes and other expressions of kindness.*

*We wish to extend a special thank you to National Health Care of Clinton and to all whom gave their time and service during his illness.*

*A special thank you to Reverend Barry Caldwell, Aretha Charles, and the staff of Presbyterian Communities of Clinton, for your continual support throughout this time. Your generosity has gone above and beyond, and the Sturkey Family is forever grateful.*

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to

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## Homegoing Celebration of Life

For



**Mr. Eugene Sturkey, Sr.**

Sunrise: November 11, 1937

Sunset: December 3, 2018

Friday, December 7, 2018

1 O'clock in the Afternoon

Springfield Baptist Church  
Clinton, South Carolina

Pastor Mims Camm, Eulogist

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who loved His appearing.

*II Timothy 4:7-8 (NKJV)*

