

## Words of Appreciation

In great appreciation, the family wishes to thank their many friends and family for their kind expressions of sympathy, all the many phone calls, cards, flowers, love, prayers, visits, and food brought comfort to our hearts in our hour of grief.

~The Family~

## His Favorite Scriptures

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Proverbs 4:7 (KJV)

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matthew 22:37 (KJV)



A.K.A. Donkey Shaw Really Gonna Miss You!

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

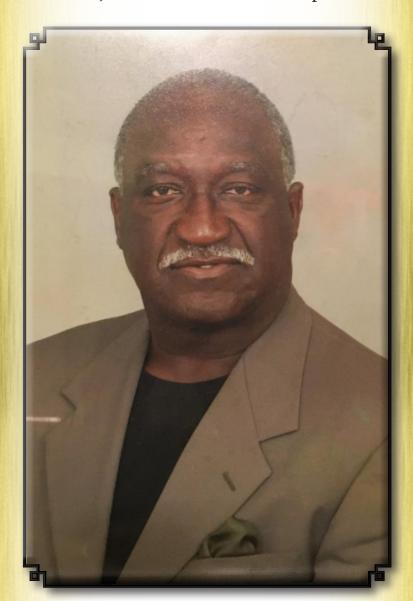
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## Deacon Laurence G. Shaw

November 28, 1948

Sunset
April 8, 2020



Saturday, April 11, 2020 Ten O'clock in the morning

> - *Graveside Service*-Jackson Cemetery Yemassee, SC 29945

# THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DEACON Lawrence G. Shaw

"Can a man's life be summed up in mere words?" No, but his life living speaks volumes. Deacon Lawrence G. Shaw, a son of the late Nellie Lee Cochran Shaw and Robert E. Shaw, Sr., was born on November 28, 1948, Yemassee, SC. A native of the Barkersville community of Hampton County, he attended the public schools. Lawrence was a graduate of the former North District Training School (NDTS), Varnville, SC, Class of 1967.

Lawrence was reared in a Christian home and was trained to love the Lord. Early in life, he was baptized and united with the Pilgrimford Missionary Baptist Church, Yemassee, SC.

As a young man, he sought to broaden his horizons and moved to Elizabeth, New Jersey. In 1969, he would return to be joined in holy wedlock to his lifemate, Joyce Jeanette Locklair Shaw. On August 31, 1969, he kissed his bride and saluted his wife. Together, they shared the blessings of their union which includes two daughters. An infant daughter, Lydia preceded her father in death.

For several years, Lawrence and Joyce lived in Elizabeth, NJ. Never one to sit on the sidelines of life, he was employed as a truck driver for the Neil and Spangler Lumber Company. While in New Jersey, he attended the Elizabeth Baptist Church. Meanwhile, his love for home drew him back to South Carolina.

Coming back home, he reunited with Pilgrimford. Lawrence had a personal relationship with Christ that led him to give himself to be a servant. He was ordained as deacon and served as Co-chairman of the Board of Deacons. He was a Trustee, Sexton for the Cemetery, and in years past sang with the Male Chorus. The list is too numerous to detail, he simply served.

Lawrence was mentored by his late father the founder/operator of Shaw Logging Company. He developed a passion for this enterprise and enjoyed doing what he loved best. Lawrence became the CEO of the operation and in recent years he retired. Only to return to logging and worked until the setting of the sun.

Lawrence was a Master Mason 33rd Degree with the Antioch Lodge No. 91, Varnville, SC. Past Worshipful Master, he has held the position of treasurer. He was the Past Associate Patron for Glad Tidings No.48 Order of the Eastern Star; Past Commander-in-Chief of the Cradle-Simmons Consistory, Hardeeville, SC; and was member of the Arabian Temple No. 139, Charleston, SC.

He was a board member for the Hampton County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs and the Lowcountry Action Agency, Walterboro, SC. Lawrence was also a member of the Shaw Family Reunion Committee.

A well-lived life, he enjoyed the hobbies of fishing and hunting. He was a member of the Campbranch Hunting Club.

Lawrence stood in the gap in various capacities for many. His favorite saying was: "if you don't have something good to say....then "zip-it." He devoted his life to loving and caring for his fellowman. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and brother.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Jacqueline Shaw and Loretta Blue, and brother, Robert E. Shaw, Jr.

Lawrence was called from this mortal world to rest in God's care on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at his residence His life will continue to be honored, celebrated and his memories held near, by: his wife, Joyce Shaw; daughter, Keya Vashon Shaw of Yemassee, SC; granddaughters, Aaliyah Kiana Shaw, of Yemassee, SC and Skylar Hampton of Atlanta, GA; sisters and brothers, Margaret S. Green (Samuel), Yemassee, SC, Roberta Smith (John), Rahway, NJ, Deacon Thaddeus G. Shaw (Deloris), Yemassee, SC; Gwendolyn Greene (Deacon James), Grays, SC; and Adolph Shaw (Doreatha), Yemassee, SC; children of the heart, Tyrone Davis (one grandchild), Columbia, SC, Versalius Johnson (four grandchildren), Yemassee, SC, Sonya Smith and Kim Smith (one grandchild), New Jersey, and Lanamisha Mixon- Hampton, GA (four grandchildren); brother and sister-in-law, Eddie and Elnora Locklair, Yemassee, SC; one aunt Argie Tardy, Hepitzah, GA a host of Godchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Uncle,

An uncle
In a class of his own
The blueprint
The mold
The diamond standard, let the truth be told

Your love shone outward, not inward Farther than your arms could reach or span

Your spirit so bright
Your laugh and words always made life feel right
Your presence so strong
From the way you entered a room to th comfort of your
hugs; always welcoming, a place to belong
Your energy inspired and lifted
You were a treasure to every life you touched; remarkably
gifted

The memories will forever be with us
They are packed with love
And we're holding them near and dear
Protected in our chests

Our uncle forever and always
The archetype
The undeniable best
For that, we are blessed

-syieve locklair

WITH ENDLESS LOVE, NIECE TANYA & NEPHEW SY

#### The Call to Celebration

The Gathering

Song of Praise

The Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Ms. Sandra Wilson (Niece)

#### Reflections:

From the Church
Deacon Thaddeus G. Shaw

Class of 1967

Tribute from the Family

Mrs. Donna Shaw Middlebrook

Song of Praise

**Words of Comfort** 

Pastor Rogerstine Gourdine

Committal, Final Prayers, Interment