

Obituary of Mr. Ernest Tucker

Mr. Ernest Tucker, affectionately known as "Bojack," was born on April 17, 1932, in Eastover, SC, to the late Thomas Tucker and Sallie Power Tucker. Ernest entered eternal rest on September 21, 2024.

Ernest was educated in the public schools of Richland County, S.C. He was drafted into the United States Army at the age of eighteen. He bravely served on the front lines during the Korean War for nine months. After completing his military service, Ernest worked for Columbia Iron and Steel, where he delivered steel along the East Coast for 25 years until the company closed.

Ernest was baptized at an early age, at Mount Olive Baptist Church, where served as a Trustee and was also an honorary member of the male chorus. He dedicated his time to his church family and was always ready to lend a hand whenever needed. During his illness, his faith in God never faltered.

Ernest was a devoted husband and father. He was known for his caring and generous spirit. He was always willing to help without hesitation and would go out of his way to ensure everything was okay. The home he shared with his wife was always welcoming for family and friends to share a delicious meal, laughter, and captivating conversations. Ernest had a gift for storytelling and a quick wit that made everyone love him. He shared a special bond with his niece, Cora, and their relationship was one of a kind. His niece Jeanetta was always a constant source of love and support to him and Mae.

Ernest was prepared for his transition to his heavenly home. Often during our visits, he would ask if we wanted to "go home" with him, because he did not want to go alone. He shared that he went to the Gates of Heaven and was turned around. Now we understand why—God wanted him to return with his wife, so they could enter Heaven together.

Our Rock, you are missed.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Ernestine Tucker; his granddaughter, Ashley Tucker; his brothers and their spouses; Warren Tucker (Lucille) and Samuel Tucker (Ruthie Mae); and his sisters and their spouses; Eva Dowdy (Wallace), Louise T. Sims (Harry), and Laureline T Brown.

Ernest leaves behind cherished memories with his five children: his son, Otis Tucker of Galloway, NJ; his daughters, Jackie Shiver, Yvette Tucker, and Lillian McFadden all of Gadsden, SC; Delilah Papadakis of Scottsdale, AZ; and Hazelette P. Wilson of Columbia, SC; fourteen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Additionally, Ernest leaves behind his sister-in-law, Mary Louise Parker of Gadsden, SC; his brothers-in-law, James Brown of Gadsden, SC, and Edward Harmon of Prosperity, SC, as well as a host of loving nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Memories



Obituary of Mrs. Mae Frances Parker Tucker

Mrs. Mae Frances Parker Tucker, affectionately known as "Mae Pop," was born on September 19, 1937, to the late Rogers Parker and Pauline S. Parker. Mae peacefully entered eternal rest on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

Mae received her education in the Richland County Public Schools. She worked at Fort Jackson Laundry Services, before starting her career at Squared D (Now known as Snyder Electric), where she retired after 29 years of dedicated service. Following her retirement, Mae continued to serve her community by working with the Summer Youth Program at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.

Mae joined Mount Olive Baptist Church after marrying her husband, Ernest "BoJack" Tucker. She was an active member, serving on the pastor's aide and kitchen committees. Mae faithfully attended church until her health began to decline.

A devoted wife and mother, Mae cherished her family and made everyone feel at home when they visited. She had a passion for cooking and was known for preparing soulful meals every Sunday. She was famous for her delicious Red Velvet Cakes, Pound Cakes, and Mac & Cheese.

She will be remembered as an icon, deeply missed by all who knew her.

Mae was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Ernest Tucker; her daughter, Ernestine Tucker; her granddaughter, Ashley Tucker; her sisters, Elouise Parker Churcher, Ora Bell P. Sweatman, Catherine Harmon, and Mildred Parker; and her brothers, Rogers Parker Jr., Theodore Parker, Leroy Parker, Romeo Parker, and Alphonso Parker.

Mae leaves behind cherished memories with her five children: her son, Otis Tucker of Galloway, New Jersey; her daughters, Jackie Shiver, Yvette Tucker, and Lillian McFadden, all of Gadsden, SC, and Hazelette P. Wilson of Columbia, SC. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Additionally, she leaves behind her sister-in-law, Mary Louise Parker of Gadsden; her brother-in-law, Edward Harmon of Prosperity, SC; a special niece Cassandra Kohn; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, and other family members.

