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A TIME TO BE BORN

Lancaster Greer was born to the late Mr. S. Melvin Greer and Mrs. Gertie Franklin Greer on September 1, 1930 in DeKalb, MS.

A TIME TO LIVE

Brother Greer spent his formative years in the Little Rock Community in Kemper County, MS. He attended the Little Rock Attendance Center and graduated from Whisenton High School, DeKalb, MS. After high school he was drafted into the United States Army. During his enlistment he returned home and married the love of his life, Eunice M. Davis. They wed on December 26, 1951

He confessed Christ at an early age and joined the Unity Springs Missionary Baptist Church in DeKalb, MS where he served faithfully until his health failed. He served as a faithful Sunday School Teacher, Choir member, Trustee, a member of the Finance Committee and Deacon. His outreach ministry work included serving as a member of the Kemper/Neshoba Jail Ministry Team, Member of the Little Rock Community Club and Member of the Unity Springs Masonic Lodge #225A. Brother Greer supported all the auspices of the Unity Springs District which includes the Association, Congress of Christian Education, and the Ministers.' Deacons' and Laymen Institute. In addition to Brother Lancaster's church work he devoted time and energy to his community. Early in his adult life he served as past president of the Kemper County Branch of NAACP, the United States Army, and a supporter of the Kemper County School System.

To provide for his growing family, Brother Lancaster worked many full-time jobs while farming his own crops and assisting his father-in-law with his crops. He worked for a period at Ingalls Ship Yard in Pascagoula, MS. He worked in several area businesses including Molpus Lumber Yard in Philadelphia, MS also hauling pulp wood for himself. The Lord blessed the family when Brother Greer gained employment at NAS Meridian as a certified Fireman.

Even though he was at the brink of the maximum cut-off age, and because of his excellent physical condition he surpassed all physical requirements necessary to perform the duties of a Fireman. He was employed at the age of 45 and retired as one of the first African American drivers at NAS with full Civil Service Benefits. He was an avid farmer, advanced checker player lover of people and a devout family man!Lancaster and Eunice obtained and proudly raised their family on the very own property.

A TIME TO DIE

Brother Lancaster Greer's song of life ended peaceably on December 20, 2023 at home surrounded by his loving wife and children. He is preceded in death by his father, S. Melvin Greer, mother, Gertie F. Greer, sisters Iona G. Drake, Marjorie Greer Pollock, Loda Greer, Insley Greer, Ora Greer; brothers Calvin Greer, Harold Greer, Horace Greer, and BJ Greer, and two grandchildren.

He leaves to cherish his memories his devoted wife of 72 years, Eurice Davis Greer, 10 children, Wallace W. Greer, Dekalb, MS, Joyce (Lar Franklin, DeKalb, MS, Synthia (Edward) Tureaud, Meridian, MS, Cliffo (Mary) Greer, Niceville Florida, Bobby Greer, San Diego, CA, Janet (Layton, Meridian, MS, Lancaster Greer II, DeKalb, MS, Tena (Georges) Baskin, Meridian, MS, Felicia (Eric) Neal, Atlanta, GA, Chad (Valerie) Diego, CA. Two honorary daughters Helen C (Hubert) Davis, DeKalbanda (Joe) Garrett, Tupelo, MS. One brother Tommy (Jegreer, Saginaw, MI; Two Sister-in-laws, Thessalonia White, Fayette, AR and Clementine Griffin, Philadelphia, MS. Two special cousins, H. Davis, and Mae Reather Davis, Dekalb, MS and special niece, Mary Wyatt, Philadelphia, MS, Twenty-six (28) Grandchildren, twenty-six (28) Grandchildren, and a host nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.