

Life Reflections

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:4

Bobby Lee Cunningham was born to the late Bish Cunningham and Ancester Marshall Cunningham on July 23, 1932 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. He entered eternal rest on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Carolina Caring in Newton, North Carolina.

To know him was to love him, he was affectionately known as Bob or Mr. Bob by his family and friends. Bob attended public school in Catawba County, North Carolina. He was a faithful member of Coulter's Grove A.M.E. Zion Church where he was a Trustee. He retired from Delta Apparel.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by seven siblings, John Cunningham, Purnell Cunningham, James Curtis Cunningham, Ellaree Holloway, Connie Johnson, Creola White and Purnell White.

Bob leaves to cherish fond and loving memories in the hearts of his children, Sylvia Henry of Maiden, NC; Carol Mayfield of Newton, NC; a brother, Connell Cunningham of Jacksonville, NC; two sisters, Mayola McMullen, Gracie Phillips both of Maiden, NC; an adopted sister, Evelyn Ellis of Newton, NC; seven grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Bob was a pillar in his community. He made sure his sisters and neighbors trash cans were put out. He had a big heart for people. He was honored by Mayor Max Bumgarner, Jr. on the Juneteenth celebration for being the oldest African American man in his community.



Order of Service

Prelude
Processional.....Ministers & Family
Receiving of Family & Friends.....12:00 noon – 1:00 P.M.
Call to WorshipRev. Michael Hester
Selection.....Choir
Old Testament ReadingRev. Leslie Williamson
New Testament Reading.....Rev. Jacqueline Elliott
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Betty Stinson
Selection.....Choir
Resolution/Reading of the Obituary.....Rosie Rankin
Remarks.....Tracy Ledford, Maiden Town Manager
Andrew Reinhardt, Church
Connell Cunningham, Brother
Selection.....Choir
Eulogy.....Rev. Michael Hester
Recessional

Committal/Interment
Coulter’s Grove A.M.E. Zion Cemetery
Newton, North Carolina



Floral Bearers
Nieces
Friends of the family

Pall Bearers
Manley Stinson Ray Hickman
William Shuford Laddie Ford, Jr.
Calvin Nixon Jacob Shuford, Jr.

Even in our deepest sorrow, this promise reminds us that pain and mourning are not the end of the story. God’s love is greater than every tear, and his plan is one of restoration, peace, and everlasting joy. Take heart in knowing that every trail you face today is temporary, and a brighter tomorrow is already written by His hand. Hold on to hope –your breakthrough, your comfort, and your victory are assured in Him.

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Celebration of Life
BOBBY LEE CUNNINGHAM



“Bob”

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 11TH, 2025
1 PM

Coulter’s Grove A.M.E. Zion Church
Newton, North Carolina
Rev. Michael Hester, Pastor