



## Joel Hampton Bonner Jr.

December 25, 1933 - March 16, 2021

Joel Hampton Bonner, Jr. was called from earthly labor to heavenly reward on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. He was the ninth of twelve children, born in Columbia, South Carolina, on December 25, 1933, to the late Joel Hampton Bonner, Sr. and Blanche Roper Bonner. He was a graduate of the historic Booker T. Washington High School in 1951. While in high school, he joined the US Naval Reserve. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951, and served his country until he was honorably discharged in 1953.

After completing his military tour of duty, Joel enrolled in Benedict College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry in 1958. While attending Benedict College he met the love of his life, the former Pearlease Glover, and in 1955 they were united in holy matrimony. This loving union was blessed with a son and namesake, Joel Hampton Bonner, III.

Joel was an educator in the Walterboro Ruffin Community where he taught History and Chemistry. In 1958, he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service, where he served in various capacities and retired as Postmaster in 1989. Joel also worked alongside his wife operating a successful day care facility, Haskell Heights Day Care Center, for over thirty years.

He was a lifelong, dedicated member of Sidney Park CME Church, where he served faithfully in many capacities including Sunday School Teacher and

Superintendent; Trustee; and wherever else his gifts and talents were needed.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his four brothers: William Bonner, Robert Bonner, Alexander Bonner, and Antonio Bonner; four sisters: Josephine Bonner Oglesby, Blanche Bonner Lewis, Beatrice Aaron, and Julia Antoinette Green.

He leaves to cherish precious memories, his beloved wife and partner of sixty-six years, Pearlease Glover Bonner of the home; a son Joel H. Bonner, III of Columbia; three grandchildren: Jaleya Bonner, Treyon Bonner and Darrius Slater; a sister Louise Bonner Roseboro of Rock Hill, South Carolina; a brother Franklin (Carolyn) Bonner of Cross Hill, South Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Fort Jackson National Cemetery**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joel Hampton Bonner Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Condolences to the Family of The Late Joel Hampton Bonner! Our Hearts and Prayers are with you! Words are truly inadequate in the passing of our Classmate! We all Graduated from The Booker T. Washington High School, the year of 1951. Joe was always a soft spoken and cheerful young man, We will certainly miss his smile and the presence knowing that he is no longer with us! May God sustain each of you during this difficult time! God Bless! Love The BTW Class Of 1951.*

**Ethel Oliphant Weston** - March 24, 2021 at 11:15 PM



“ *To the Bonner Family, I am deeply sadden by the passing of our dear friend,Joel.My love and prayers are with each of you,as my late husband,Garnell and Joe were dear friends , God Bless! Marian c McDonald*



**marian c mcdonald** - March 24, 2021 at 10:54 PM

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“ *Ray and Beverly Bonner & Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Joel Hampton Bonner Jr..*



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**Ray and Beverly Bonner & Family** - March 24, 2021 at 03:39 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Joel H. Bonner, Jr. Family*



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**Cheryl Sullivan** - March 24, 2021 at 03:37 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Cheryl Sullivan** - March 24, 2021 at 03:34 PM

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**Cheryl Sullivan** - March 24, 2021 at 03:33 PM

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“ *Love Dwight and Cheryl purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Joel Hampton Bonner Jr..*



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**Love Dwight and Cheryl** - March 22, 2021 at 07:19 PM

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“ *Andrea, Petraine, Ronald, and Chanika purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Joel Hampton Bonner Jr..*



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**Andrea, Petraine, Ronald, and Chanika** - March 22, 2021 at 05:52 PM