



Odell Lightner

May 3, 1939 - May 31, 2006

ODELL LIGHTNER, SR., (the 'Legend') was born in Blackstocks, South Carolina on May 3, 1939 to James Allen Lightner and Sarah Ann Jordan Lightner. Odell was called home to be with the Lord on May 31, 2006. He gave his life to Christ and was baptized at Red Hill Baptist Church in Woodward, S.C. at a very early age. Odell was educated in the Fairfield County, South Carolina school system. On November 10, 1964, he was joined in holy matrimony to the love of his life and life long partner, Carolyn J. Lightner. They raised their children in the fear of God. Odell Lightner, Jr., Chester Davis and Sandra L. Goodwin (who affectionately called him "father cantaloupe"). He had a special bond with grandchildren Vanessa Goodwin, Sherice and Annastasia Lightner. Odell worked at the Sweetheart Cup Company for 39 years. While employed there, he did carpentry and gardening side jobs in the Ashburton Community. Prior to being employed at the Sweetheart Cup Company, he served in the United States Army, where he received an honorable discharge. He was also trained to serve as a volunteer fire fighter. He enjoyed singing gospel songs, playing checkers and cards, fishing, carpentry, cooking and riding his bicycle. His best friend was his brother, Jesse Lightner, with whom he spent hours with everyday. Johns Hopkins Hospital and the surrounding community payed tribute to their love for the game of checkers by painting a Muriel (which is displayed at Chase and McDonald Streets) of Odell, Jesse and the members of the "Checkers Club" which they formed. Odell loved being with family especially at the family

reunions. He loved to tell the story about him and his father planting 7 acres of corn. He is survived by his wife, Minister Carolyn J. Lightner; three children, Sandra L. Goodwin, Odell Lightner, Jr. and Chester Davis; nine grandchildren; four great-grands; a mother-in-law, Ora M. Lewis; one brother, Jesse j. Lightner; three sisters, Hattie Lewis, Sarah Robinson and Flora Lightner; six brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-law; two daughters-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ Odell Lightner

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“ Our deepest of heartfelt sympathy is extended to Minister Carolyn Lightner and family in the passing of your loved one. Knowing certain that you know that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal, we extend our condolences and pray that the peace of God is with you at this time and forever.##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Roger N. Evans and Sons##imported-end##

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“ May the Lord continue to minister to your need. My prayer is that you will draw the strength you need from Him, because He is our strength and a very present help in the time of trouble. As the time moves on you will find comfort in knowing the Lord will continue to supply all of your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not to your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and He will direct your path.##imported-begin##Rev. Beverley Simpson##imported-end##

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“ To GOD be the GLORY for the GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE To Minister Carolyn J. Lightner and Family, may GOD in HIS infinite ways and wisdom continue to strengthen you and your family, and may HE continue to direct your path. In Jesus name, I pray... Norma Allen and Family###imported-begin###Norma A. Allen###imported-end##

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“ Hi, Aunt Jean God bless you. Mom and I are praying for you and the family as you deal with the death of Uncle Odell###imported-begin###KYLE ROBINSON###imported-end##

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“ You would always say to everybody, "I Love You And Ain't Nothing You Can Do About It"... One of your favorite songs was "How I Got Over In The Promised Land", it was your theme song and you would often tell the story about how our grandfather would sing this particular song in the country, Chester, SC. You made it to the promised land, a place for prepared people. I know you must be singing with the angels and you have joined the heavenly choir by now. Another one of your favorite songs you loved to sing was "Let Jesus Lead You". Every song has a message and I will continue to be lead by God's leading; all the way from earth to glory... You and I often talked about Jesus being a mighty good leader. You would often tell me you're alright and not to worry about you, because your relationship was secure with Jesus Christ. You would reply, He's a mighty good leader. Yes He is... I love you. I miss you. I will always carry you close in my heart. I sense your spirit close by me, especially in difficult times. I will always cherish our relationship as brother and sister. Your singing partner and baby sister, Flora "Let not your heart be troubled, if ye believe in God... John 14:1###imported-begin##Flora###imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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