



## Joseph H. Oney Sr.

September 30, 1929 - January 12, 2016

Joseph H. Oney, Sr. was born to the late Pressley and Cleona West Oney on September 30, 1929. Joseph departed this life on January 12, 2016 at Harrison Senior living in Georgetown, Delaware.

Joseph received his education at Ross Point School in Laurel, DE and he attended Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School, where he graduated. Joseph also served in the United States Army in 1950's. After being honorably discharged, he worked for multiple companies: Bill Wiemann Farm in Laurel, DE, Marvin Pack Lumber Company in Sharptown, MD, Laurel Hatchery, Millsboro Poultry and Swift Poultry. He later retired from Perdue Farms Incorporated in 1994 in Georgetown, DE.

In his early years, he attended and became a member of Ross Point A.M.E Zion Church in Laurel, DE. Then later, he became a member of St. Matthew Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Hitchens. In 1987, he attended and became member of St. John 2nd Baptist Church in Millsboro, DE. On January 26, 1991, he was ordained as a deacon by the late Rev. Clarence N. Sample, Sr. He was a member of the Baptist Association and served as a member of the Brotherhood.

Deacon Joseph Oney enjoyed teaching the Men Sunday School Class and Vacation Bible School. He often liked discussing the Word of God early in the mornings at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee and bibles everywhere. He and his wife would talk about the word of God quite often. He would ask what was your opinion on a certain scripture. He enjoyed saying "The Lord's

Prayer.” One of his favorite scriptures was Psalms 23, “The Lord is my Shepherd.” He often said “It’s not about how you read the scripture, it’s about how you say the scripture.” He also enjoyed singing in the choir and a few of his favorite songs were: “Whatever it takes”, “Sending up my Timber” and “It Is well With My Soul.”

He was a loving husband, wonderful father, grandfather, and a joyful friend. He would smile so hard and laugh so hard you would have to laugh too.

Joseph always encouraged family & friends and anyone he came in contact with to stay focused and stay close to God.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Ronald Oney; one son, Joseph Oney, Jr. and two daughters, Shawndell Oney and Sharon Oney.

He leaves to cherish his memories his beloved wife of 26 years, Lizzie M Oney; his two sisters-in-law, Elizabeth (Leroy) Mullen of Georgetown, DE and Rose Perkins of Milton, DE; five children: four daughters, Ellen Thompson, Wilma Oney, Cornelia Oney all of Salisbury, MD and Frances Tull of Georgetown, DE and one son, Steven Oney of Laurel, De; four stepchildren, John Collins of Seaford, DE, Sheila Collins of Laurel, DE, David Collins and Diana Collins of Millsboro, DE; a very close son in the Lord, Lawrence Guest of Dover, DE. He also leaves to cherish his memories twenty-seven grandchildren, forty-six great grandchildren, ten great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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“ *Extending deepest sympathy to family and friends in this time of sorrow. Please take comfort in knowing that very soon all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out (John 5:28,29). Until that blessed day, may the GOD of all comfort grant you peace (2 Cor. 1:3,4) while many fond memories of Joseph warm your hearts.*

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**A. Wingfield** - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope you will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.*

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**M Jones** - January 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM