



Mr Clarence Prince

January 11, 1939 - October 1, 2020

Statesboro, GA

Mr. Clarence Prince, age 81, departed this life on, Thursday, October 1, 2020 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. The Bulloch County native was the son of the late Vanburen Prince and Agnes Slater Williams. He received his formal education in the Public School System of Bulloch County, Georgia and was a graduate of the Williams James High School class of 1958.

Mr. Prince began his farming career in 1959 with his grandfather, Pete Slater. After being cultured by his grandfather, he began farming 1962. He presently farmed 1400 acres in the Middle Ground Community and grew soybeans, cotton, peanuts and wheat. He proudly became Bulloch County's largest African American farmer in this area and surrounding counties.

Mr. Clarence Prince was voted Agri Business Farmer of the year in 1996 by the Georgia Farm Bureau and voted farmer of the year in 2011 by the Statesboro, Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce. He was an avid fan of the Georgia Southern Eagles and the Atlanta Falcons. He was a faithful member of the St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents and grandparents, he is preceded in death by a

sons, Freddale Brown and Jimmy Prince, two brothers, Ray Williams and Willie James Williams and a great aunt, Sarah Hilton.

His memories are left to be cherished by: his seven, daughters, Beverly Prince, Shannon (Ron) Rhodes, and Tokia Brown all of Statesboro, GA, Chelsea (Tony) Hill, Jacksonville, FL, Sheryl Brooks, Virginia Beach, VA, Sandra Brown, Summerville, MA, and Tiffany (Charles) Offley, Brockton, MS; six sons, Clarence Prince Jr., Marvin (Denise) Prince, Spencer Prince and Michael Brown all of Atlanta, GA, Morris (Jean) Prince, Statesboro, GA, Reccardo (Tina) Brown Sr., Augusta, GA, five sisters, Cassandra Harden and Lorraine Weston both of Ft. Pierce FL, Helen Givens and Yvonne Washington both of Tampa, FL and Elaine Benjamin, Cocoa Beach, FL, a brother, Robbie Williams Sr., Tyler TX, three aunts, Mary Sabb, Statesboro, GA, Lossie Lee, Fishkill, NY and Catherine Prince-Long, Ft. Pierce, FL, 16 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, special friends, Talmadge Parker, Harvey and Janice Holloway, Robert Lee, Allen, Kevin and Stacey Spence and Arthur "Pike" Wilkerson, a host of other relatives and many friends.

A walk through viewing will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 from the hours of 12 noon until 7 p.m. at Hill's Mortuary, Inc. Per CDC requirements the family will be observing social distancing and masks are requested.

The funeral services for Mr. Clarence Prince will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at his residence located, 8975 Two Chop Road Statesboro, GA 30461 with Elder Donald Chavers, Jr., presiding and the Rev. Timotheous Mincey, officiating. A private burial will be held in the Lee Cemetery.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing will be enforced at the funeral services. We ask that you adhere to all CDC guidelines.

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

Tribute Wall

“ Continued:

Whereas: Mr. Prince's maternal lineage is traced to his great-great great grandfather John C. Lee, known as Boat Jack, who was born into slavery in 1817 in South Carolina. He was sold into slavery in Bulloch County and married Liddie Johnson. Their son and Mr. Prince's great great grandfather, Cow Jack Lee, was a black cowboy. His great grandparents Stephen (Doll) and Maggie Lee, his grandparents Pete and Celia Lee Slater and Mr. Prince lived on and preserved the original Lee Lands brought just after slavery.

Whereas: The Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center expresses our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the family of seven daughters, six sons, five sisters, one brother, three aunts, 16 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and many friends.

Be it resolved that the Board of the Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center will preserve the memory and legacy of Mr. Clarence Prince in Bulloch County by placing a copy of this Resolution, his obituary and newspaper articles on his farming and life story at the Center's Museum.

We bid farewell to Bulloch County largest African-American Farmer, Christian Soldier and devoted member of Saint Marys Missionary Baptist Church. Servant of God well done! Enter now into thy master's joy!

Respectfully,

Dr. Alvin D. Jackson, Board President of the Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance

Board Members: Mrs. Hazel Lee Allen, Dr. Nkenge Jackson, M.D. Mr. Larry Lee, Jr., Dr. LaTasha Lee, Ph.D., Mrs. Patricia Harden Willis, Dr. Atiba Jackson, M.D., Mr. Jelani Jackson, Mrs. Wiloise Jackson Harper, Dr. H. W. B. Smith III, MD, Mrs. Lummie Allen Baker

On This Day October 07, 2020

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shelia sabb - October 13, 2020 at 07:05 PM

SS

“ My name is Shelia Sabb. Clarence and I are 1st cousins on the Lee side. I first want to offer my sincere condolences to the family. Much love for you (blow kisses). In the absence of Dr. Alvin Jackson who couldn't be here, I stand before you representing the Willow Hill Heritage & Renaissance Center of Portal Georgia where I volunteer & co chair fundraising. Clarence loved hats. Always saw him wearing one. So my tribute is wearing this hat. Sharing this Resolution with you is truly special for me.

Resolution Honoring Mr. Clarence Prince

Whereas: We the Board of the Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center of Bulloch County Georgia, express our deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Clarence Prince, another Christian Soldier and Bulloch County Farmer who has reached his destination as the train of time moves on.

Whereas: Clarence Prince was born in Bulloch County, Georgia 81 years ago, to Vanburen Prince and Agnes Slater Williams. Clarence's father died on November 30, 1939 when he was 11 months old. He was raised by his maternal grandparents Pete and Celia Lee Slater in a Christian home in the Saint Mary and Middleground Communities of Bulloch County, Georgia near where his home now stands.

Whereas: Mr. Prince received his early education at Pope's Academy under the tutelage of Professor Aaron Pope famed Bulloch County educator. He also studied agriculture under Professor M.M. Martin, the first Black County agent in Bulloch County. He is a graduate of William James High School class of 1958. In 1959 at age 20, Mr. Prince began his farming career under the guidance of his maternal grandfather Pete Slater and grew a farming empire and is recognized as one of the largest and most successful Black Farmers in Bulloch and surrounding counties.

Whereas: The Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center was created to preserve the history and legacy of the Willow Hill School and greater Community and the history of African Americans born in Bulloch County and those who traveled away because of the great migrations between 1920 to 1970.

Whereas: Mr. Prince's family roots are connected to many of the early African American Churches in Bulloch County through his family connections with the Slaters, Lees, Johnsons, Princes, Byrds, Goodman and Mikell families. A search of our historical records at the Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center Museum notes that Mr. Prince paternal ancestry is traced to South Carolina, where his grandfather Chester Prince and his great grandfather Remer Byrd, a former slave, came to Bulloch County in the late 1890's as part of the turpentine industry. They joined the Piney Grove Baptist Church.

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shelia sabb - October 13, 2020 at 07:02 PM

CY

“ *Celentria Young lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince*



Celentria Young - October 13, 2020 at 08:39 AM

EF

“ *Earl And Wanda Miller & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince*



Earl and Wanda Miller & family - October 10, 2020 at 06:52 AM

JD

“ *Jeanette Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince*



Jeanette Daniels - October 08, 2020 at 06:36 AM

JD

Praying for comfort doing this time of beaverment 🌹

Jeanette Daniels - October 08, 2020 at 06:37 AM

MC

“ *Michele Chodnicki lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince*



Michele Chodnicki - October 07, 2020 at 11:26 PM

MR

“ Michele Chodnicki & Kitty Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince



Michele Chodnicki & Kitty Reynolds - October 07, 2020 at 11:23 PM

MM

“ Mary Anne And Jeffery Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince



Mary Anne and Jeffery Moore - October 07, 2020 at 09:30 PM

TF

“ The Boykin family



The Boykin family - October 07, 2020 at 12:11 PM

TF

“ The Boykin Family lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince



The Boykin family - October 07, 2020 at 12:10 PM

BM

“ Banks Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Elder Joseph Mosley, Pastor.



Brent and Bernice Mosley - October 07, 2020 at 10:31 AM

MF

“ Marilyn Childers & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince



Marilyn Childers & Family - October 07, 2020 at 07:12 AM

FR

“ Mr.Prince will be missed



Freddiemae - October 07, 2020 at 03:58 AM

NS

“ To The Prince Family:

May the love of our Heavenly Father comfort each of you at this time. I remember Mr. Prince as a young child always working very hard, driving those big tractors every day. That was like my second home was their house. I only know that he will be truly missed and I love each of you very deeply. Beverly, my older sister you are I love you with all my heart and May God give you peace at this time and hold you deeply. To Morris, Van, and Marvin may God keep you all strong and comfort each of you at this time. Please keep your sister held and please do not leave her side. I love you all very much. I am sorry I could not be there but my prayers are with each of you.

Love Yevette

Neico Smith - October 07, 2020 at 02:01 AM



GS

“ Georgia Sampson

Georgia Sampson - October 06, 2020 at 11:00 PM



LR

“ With deepest sympathy to the Prince and Lee Family.

May the Lord give you strength during this time of sorrow 🙏

Linds Ramey and the Whitfield Family

Linda Ramey - October 06, 2020 at 10:46 PM



DF

“ *My deepest sympathies*



Delphia Florence - October 06, 2020 at 10:31 PM

AS

“ *Alicia Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince*



Alicia Smith - October 06, 2020 at 07:51 PM

TP

“ *To the entire Prince family, my love and condolences to each of you. I'm so sorry for your loss. May God keep you blessed and comforted.* ❤️



Theresa Payton - October 06, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr Clarence Prince.*



October 06, 2020 at 03:53 PM

C(

“ A very successful farmer and Community Leader. I regret this great loss to the family, and Georgia Agriculture. It was always a pleasure to hear about Mr Prince, from Marvin and Clarence. Mr. Prince raised these two fine men, who were great Georgia Troopers, Supervisors, and Leaders. It has always been an honor to know this great family, and to patrol with them. Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Capt. J. Don Stultz (Ret.)

Mrs. Annelle Stultz and Robert Stultz

Capt. J Don Stultz (Ret.) - October 06, 2020 at 02:57 PM

JB

“ Jake And Theresa Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince



Jake and Theresa Beasley - October 06, 2020 at 02:50 PM

JB

Clarence was a kind man Jake thought the world of him. Prayers to all the family.

Jake and Theresa Beasley - October 06, 2020 at 02:51 PM

TF

“ The Luella Slater Family purchased the Simply Ellegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr Clarence Prince.



The Luella Slater Family - October 06, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr Clarence Prince.



October 06, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *Alton & Faye West (Metter, GA)* lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince



Alton & Faye West (Metter, GA) - October 05, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr Clarence Prince.



October 05, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr Clarence Prince.



October 05, 2020 at 06:36 PM

GD

“ Glenn & Debbie Deal purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr Clarence Prince.



Glenn & Debbie Deal - October 05, 2020 at 06:07 PM

BG

“ Betty Graham lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince



Betty Graham - October 05, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr Clarence Prince.



October 04, 2020 at 09:36 PM

BR

“ Becky Tanner Robertson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr Clarence Prince



Becky Tanner Robertson - October 04, 2020 at 06:12 PM

AL

*My condolences to The Prince Family from the The Lanier Family.
Sylvania Ga*

Addie Lanier - October 04, 2020 at 08:37 PM

DF

*My condolences to the Prince family, praying for peace and comfort.
From Doris Fowlkes*

Doris Fowlkes - October 06, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr Clarence Prince.*



October 04, 2020 at 04:35 PM

SS

“ *29 files added to the tribute wall*



Shelia Sabb - October 04, 2020 at 04:02 PM

SS

“ Clarence is my 1st cousin. I lived in Cincinnati. When I was little every summer my family would take vacation in Statesboro. I'd be soo excited! Daddy, mom & I would take that 10 hour drive. All I could think about was staying with Clarence & his family. Mom & dad would go their way & I would hang out with Clarence Annette Van Jimmy Beverly Marvin & Morris. It was a blast. Clarence had us working in the tobacco barn one time and the bees chased me out! And the fish fries! Man he could cook some fish and bbq. Such a dear. I don't care what I asked him for his answer was always yes. Daddy, his Uncle Jimmy spent much time out there fishing. He might as well had moved in lol. He & Clarence would sit out there & talk & fish from sun up to sun set. Big C told me he enjoyed it because it was like father & son time. Momma, his Aunt Mary but her son. She was crazy about her Clarence. Nothing would brighten her day more than to see him walk in her room. He'd bring her cake donuts all the time. Her hips were spreading so he cut back lol. Back in the day he load us up with peanuts and peas. Daddy would roast em & have the whole house smelling like "parched" peanuts. And all those peas? I couldn't go outside to play until they were all shelled. My thumbs hurt. Thanks a lot cuz! So many loving memories. 1st cousins are often more like siblings. Well, he was certainly the best big bro & I'll love and cherish the memories always.

Shelia Sabb - October 04, 2020 at 03:43 PM

MC

“ Marilyn Childers&Family lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince



Marilyn Childers&Family - October 04, 2020 at 10:53 AM

EV

“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Clarence’s passing!
Praying for the family! 🙏
Esther and William Vickers & Family



Esther Vickers - October 04, 2020 at 01:23 AM

CI

“ Sending prayers out to the Prince family

Catherine Moore Irvin - October 03, 2020 at 06:10 PM

JJ

“ Josiebelle Joyce lit a candle in memory of Mr
Clarence Prince



Josiebelle Joyce - October 03, 2020 at 04:53 PM

 Danlyn
Brown

“ Danlyn Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr
Clarence Prince



Danlyn Brown - October 03, 2020 at 08:28 AM

LW

“ *Lynette Jones Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Mr Clarence Prince*



Lynette Jones Wilcox - October 03, 2020 at 07:50 AM

MF

“ *Praying for the family*



Mildred Fagan - October 02, 2020 at 06:48 PM