



Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.

May 3, 1929 - July 15, 2021

Statesboro, Georgia

The Reverend Julius Abraham Jr, peacefully passed away at his home in Statesboro, Georgia on July 15, 2021, at the age of 92.

The Reverend Abraham was a native of North Charleston, SC and born to the late Julius Abraham Sr. and Octavia (Hopkins) Abraham. Graduating as valedictorian of his high school class, he would later receive a B.S in Education from Allen University where he became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. He received a Master's in Education from Columbia University in New York City. While pursuing his academic goals, he also took time to honorably serve his country in the United States Air Force.

In 1957, he began his teaching career in Bulloch County by accepting a position at what was then William James High School, one of several schools in the totally segregated Bulloch County School System. By 1960, he had been promoted to Assistant Principal at William James and in 1963 became Principal of Willow Hill Elementary School. In 1971, Statesboro High School and William James High School were combined as a fully integrated school. Because of his proven leadership within the African American community, Reverend Abraham was called upon to be an Assistant Principal at Statesboro High School, the first fully integrated high school in Statesboro.

In the ensuing years, Reverend Abraham would be an instrumental member of Statesboro High School's leadership team and help direct the school and community through the many trials associated with school integration. In 1980, Reverend Abraham became the first African American Principal at Statesboro High School.

Before retiring in 1991 to pursue his calling to ministry in the A.M.E Church, Reverend Abraham received numerous awards and recognition for his years of service in the Statesboro community. He was active member of Greater Bethel A.M.E Church and served as pastor of Jerusalem and Mount Pisgah A.M.E Churches. He served on numerous community boards and organizations – most notably the Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County. In 2013, he received one of his greatest honors with the construction and dedication of the Reverend Julius Abraham Trail - a walking and biking path that winds through the very community in which he lived and labored.

In his sun-setting years of life, he could most often be found doing what he enjoyed most – walking around various venues in Statesboro while communing with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his loving wife Arneese Woods Abraham, a sister, Ruth Murray, daughter Shery Abraham Littles (Vernon), son Julius Abraham III (Judy), grandchildren Vernard Littles, Erica Abraham, Alyssa Abraham, and Garrison Littles and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and other loved ones.

A public walk-through service will be held on Friday, July 23, 2021 at the Statesboro High School Auditorium from 4 – 8 pm.

Due to the COVID-19 health concerns, the family will have a private

Celebration of Life Services, to be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 24, 2021 at the Ben Samuel Hill Memorial Chapel of Hill's Mortuary with the Rev Deborah Lanier Scott, presiding and the Rev. Benny Wilkey as eulogist. Interment will be held at 1:00 pm Sunday, July 25, 2021 at Carolina Funeral Home & Gardens in North Charleston, South Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make donations may do so in memory of the Reverend Julius Abraham Jr. to the Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County (<https://bgcbulloch.org/>) at <https://bgcbulloch.org/>.

Services may be viewed via-live stream on our Facebook page at Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Hill's Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Hill's Mortuary, Inc. - July 23, 2021 at 11:27 AM

LC

The family have my Sincere Condolences and Prayers

Lady Elizabeth Lee Historical First Chur - July 23, 2021 at 02:39 PM

LD

*With deepest sympathy and prayers for the Abraham Family
Linda Douglas*

Linda Douglas - July 23, 2021 at 04:10 PM

BC

*To the family,
During this difficult time, may the Lord comfort your hurting heart with
tender care and the gentle hope of an external reunion. With Sympathy
and Prayers. Brenda Cross & Family*

Brenda J. Cross - July 23, 2021 at 04:37 PM

RM

*Mr. Abraham was one of our favorite teachers. Robbie Fay, Sarah &
Shirley (deceased) had fun joking him while in his class. May the God
of comfort give you peace. 2 CO 1:3 & 4. Robbie Fay Hall Moore*

Robbie Moore - July 23, 2021 at 08:50 PM

AB

My Deepest condolences to the family my God comfort you in your hour of sorrow he was a great Teacher and principal

Anna w.Irvin Brown - July 24, 2021 at 12:25 AM

JJ

May GOD bless the family in this time of bereavement. I remember Mr. Abraham as a kind and gentle individual. He is and shall always be my Principal. He will be truly missed.

Johnny L. Jones - July 24, 2021 at 11:58 AM

JR

I will always and forever be grateful for the positive impact that you had on my life. Now take your rightful place in the bussom of GOD.

Janice Williams Respres - July 24, 2021 at 03:26 PM

VP

“ *Vanessa Perry lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Vanessa Perry - July 28, 2021 at 11:41 PM

VP

My condolences and prayers to the family.

Vanessa Cone Perry

Vanessa Perry - July 28, 2021 at 11:46 PM

SL

“ *Shulay Love-Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Shulay Love-Baldwin - July 24, 2021 at 11:49 AM

VS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers of peace and strength to the family.*



Love, Henry, Myles, and Vernetta

Vernetta Staten - July 23, 2021 at 05:04 PM

LS

“ *LaTasha Jones Smalls lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



LaTasha Jones Smalls - July 23, 2021 at 03:14 PM

AS

“ *Alicia Smith lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Alicia Smith - July 23, 2021 at 02:56 PM

CC

“ *Charlene Conley lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Charlene Conley - July 22, 2021 at 09:58 PM

CC

Mr.Abraham was a great person always smiling when he saw you in the hallways. He always had a word for you I can remember during lunch time at SHS I always wanted something more to eat. I would ask Mr. Abraham to go get me what ever and he would always go and bring it back to me. I will never forget his kindness 🙏🙏

Charlene Conley - July 22, 2021 at 10:09 PM

MG

“ *Millie R. Goodman-German lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Millie R. Goodman-German - July 22, 2021 at 06:39 PM

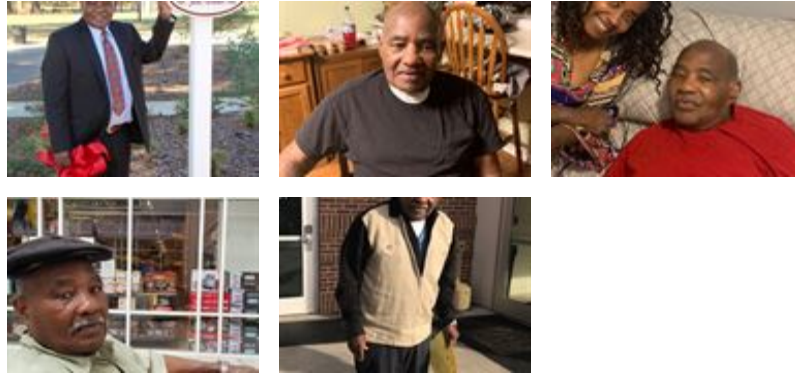
MG

Class of 1961 another Historian has gone but not forgotten.

Millie R. Goodman-German - July 22, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hill's Mortuary, Inc. - July 22, 2021 at 05:01 PM

VS

“ *I saw Rev. Abraham for the first time when I interviewed for a teaching position two days after I moved to Statesboro. At that time He was principal of Julia P. Bryant Elementary School and hired me as a music teacher. That position lasted until retirement. I became a stronger individual by his leadership, mentorship, and encouragement. He was vastly knowledgeable, insightful, and experienced, but remained gentle, humble, and kind. To Julius and Sheryl, my heartfelt condolences. Hugs and Blessings.....*
Veronice Scott- Farley

Veronice Scott-Farley - July 22, 2021 at 11:36 AM

VS

To Mrs. Abraham, you also have that same humble spirit that your husband possessed and you will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Sincere and heartfelt condolences.
Veronice Scott-Farley

Veronice Scott-Farley - July 22, 2021 at 12:00 PM

CJ

“ Chuck Johnson lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.



Chuck Johnson - July 22, 2021 at 06:43 AM

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“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Abraham. He deposit so much in students life while being a principle at Statesboro High.



" Class of 1979" - July 21, 2021 at 09:29 AM

RG

“ Mrs. Abraham and Family

Our deepest condolences to you on the transitioning of “Professor” Rev. Abraham. May you find solace in your reflections of the many wonderful memories you shared. Rev. was an amazing ally and friend of those who loved education and the community of believers.

His legacy will live on in the many students and adults he touched during his service. Also, he loved his Neighbors deeply and served as an role model for us personally. Thank you for sharing him with us. Peace and blessings. Randy and Anne Gunter

Randy Gunter - July 20, 2021 at 10:39 AM

DF

“ *Deepest Sympathies to the family.*



Delphia Florence - July 20, 2021 at 09:21 AM

DW

“ *Dorothy Hall Williams lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Dorothy Hall Williams - July 20, 2021 at 12:21 AM

DW

Class of 1959

Dorothy Hall Williams - July 20, 2021 at 12:22 AM

WS

“ *To Miss Arneese Abraham and family from BillSmith you are in my prayers Julius was a well loved person touched many lives stay safe love you*

William Smith - July 19, 2021 at 04:35 PM

NH

“ *Nita Houston Huff lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Nita Houston Huff - July 19, 2021 at 05:52 AM

VM

“ Valerie McCray lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.



Valerie McCray - July 18, 2021 at 05:32 PM

BU

“ Beverly Mack, He Was My Uncle. lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.



Beverly Mack, he was my uncle. - July 18, 2021 at 03:18 PM

AP

“ Arnold Perkins lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.



Arnold Perkins - July 18, 2021 at 12:02 PM

LM

“ Lisa Moore lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.



Lisa Moore - July 18, 2021 at 09:34 AM

FO

“ *Mr Abraham will truly be missed he was a great principal he would never tell you nothing wrong when you will see him he would always have that smile*



Freddiemae Ogundele - July 18, 2021 at 02:57 AM

GL

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Abraham family during this time of sorrow.*



Gwen Littles - July 17, 2021 at 11:11 PM

GF

“ *Georgia Sampson And The Colbert Family lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Georgia Sampson And the Colbert Family - July 17, 2021 at 10:48 PM

LS

Mr. Abraham was a great leader and mentor. His inspiration helped to mold me. You all have my sincere condolences.

Larry Shatteen - July 18, 2021 at 07:04 AM

MM

“ *Condolences to the Abraham family, He was such a loving and caring person . I will. Alway remember his fine qualities during my high school days.*

Mildred. Martin - July 17, 2021 at 10:30 PM

ER

“ *Eva Rivers lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Eva Rivers - July 17, 2021 at 07:29 PM

ER

Condolences to the families. May God Give You Comfort, Strength And Peace. From Katie Drummer And Eva Rivers.

Eva Rivers - July 17, 2021 at 07:33 PM

JW

“ *Julia Bellinger Williams lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Julia Bellinger Williams - July 17, 2021 at 06:29 PM

JW

“ Jacquelyn Wells lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.



Jacquelyn Wells - July 17, 2021 at 04:29 PM

JD

“ There was never a finer man. He will me missed.

Joy Darley - July 17, 2021 at 02:27 PM

MN

“ I praise and thank GOD for knowing such a wonderful blessed man of GOD. You could always find him taking a leisure stroll at Statesboro Mall. Family, you're all in my prayers.



Min Cynthia Norfleet-Jackson - July 17, 2021 at 02:02 PM

DD

“ Danlyn Brown Devine lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.



Danlyn Brown Devine - July 17, 2021 at 11:31 AM

CH

“ Thanking God for the life and service of Reverend Julius Abraham. To the family, may God's comfort and peace be with you the days and months ahead.
Min. Caroll L Hunter and Family.

Caroll L Hunter - July 17, 2021 at 11:15 AM

BL

“ My Heart felt Condolences to the Abraham Family. My prayers are with you. A very good teacher. He served our class reunions well. (WJHS CLASS OF 1962) God Bless.



Bernice Lewis - July 17, 2021 at 10:35 AM

BL

“ Bernice Lewis lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.



Bernice Lewis - July 17, 2021 at 10:26 AM

WF

“ Warnice Hunter-Wilson And Family lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.



Warnice Hunter-Wilson and Family - July 17, 2021 at 09:41 AM

BM

“ *SERVANT OF GOD, WELL DONE, ENTER INTO THY MASTERS JOY,*

BANKS CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, ELDER JOSEPH MOSLEY, PASTOR 🙏🙏🙏



Brent and Bernice (Riggs) Mosley - July 17, 2021 at 09:17 AM

JJ

“ *Josiebelle Joyce lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Josiebelle Joyce - July 17, 2021 at 08:30 AM

JJ

Thank you for the encouragement in my life rest SERVANT VESSEL OF GOD

Josiebelle Joyce - July 17, 2021 at 08:34 AM

VM

“ *It was an honor to know Reverend Abraham. His leadership was a priceless foundation for so many of us that made us believe in our own greatness and abilities. The Mincey family's thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. May God comfort and strengthen you all during this time of transition.*

Valerie Mincey - July 17, 2021 at 08:14 AM

JS

“ *Deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family.
Judy and Randy Smith*



Judy Smith - July 17, 2021 at 01:48 AM

CA

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Rev.Abraham.*



Carolyn Akins - July 16, 2021 at 10:28 PM

AM

“ *Sending my deepest heartfelt sympathies and
condolences to The Abraham Family..Keeping
you in my thoughts and prayers during this
difficult time Love 🙏😭💔*
Annette Mincey



Annette Mincey - July 16, 2021 at 09:30 PM

LS

“ *Lavern Smith lit a candle in memory of
Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Lavern Smith - July 16, 2021 at 09:10 PM

EY

“ *Elvis/Cynthia Young lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Elvis/Cynthia Young - July 16, 2021 at 05:26 PM

ML

“ *Minister Irene Lester lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Minister Irene Lester - July 16, 2021 at 05:17 PM

ML

Rev.Abraham was a true leader and man of God. He was our principal when I attended Willow Hill.He was always caring.

Minister Irene Lester - July 16, 2021 at 05:20 PM

TA

“ *Sending my Condolences to the family, keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. It was a great honour to have known Rev. Abraham, he will truly be missed by many.*

Tabatha Jackson Alston - July 16, 2021 at 04:46 PM

GW

“ *Deepest hwart felt sympathy, and prayer for the family.1* 👍❤️❤️😎

Gwen - July 16, 2021 at 02:46 PM

KH

“ *Kishala Holmes lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Kishala Holmes - July 16, 2021 at 02:06 PM

AT

“ *Angela Allen Thompson lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.*



Angela Allen Thompson - July 16, 2021 at 01:00 PM

KS

Praying 🙏 for the 👨👩 family

Karen Grant Smith - July 16, 2021 at 02:01 PM

KS

🙏🙏 praying

Karen Grant Smith - July 16, 2021 at 02:01 PM

SJ

praying for the family
shirlene Johnson

Shirlene Johnson - July 16, 2021 at 09:27 PM

AS

“ Alicia Smith lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.



Alicia Smith - July 16, 2021 at 12:47 PM

MF

“ Marilyn Childers& Family lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.



Marilyn Childers& Family - July 16, 2021 at 12:25 PM

LR

“ Linda Ramey lit a candle in memory of Reverend Julius Abraham Jr.



Linda Ramey - July 16, 2021 at 12:21 PM

LR

To Family,
It is with deepest condolences for the loss of my principal, my teacher,
my neighbor and my friend. He was a great person and will always be
remembered. I pray that God will give you strength during this time of
sadness.

Linda Ramey and the Whitfield Family

Linda Ramey - July 16, 2021 at 12:27 PM

MM

RIP Mr Abraham 🙏 my condolences to the family 🙏🙏🙏

Marvin And Bettye Mainer - July 16, 2021 at 12:27 PM

MM

My condolences 🙏🙏

Marvin And Bettye Mainer - July 16, 2021 at 12:28 PM

LF

My condolences go out to the family.

Letha Florence - July 16, 2021 at 12:34 PM

PW

All that we are and everything the former students of Mr. Abraham strived to be in life was impacted by his guidance. He was field General who understood the impact of education and discipline. Absent from the body, present with the Lord and forever in our hearts. This is one life whom we all can say "Well Done." My prayers are with the family.

Patricia Ward Woodard - July 16, 2021 at 09:57 PM

VM

My condolences go out to the Abraham family. He was very instrumental in preparing me for college-one of the best teachers we had.

Valerie McCray - July 18, 2021 at 05:29 PM

AT

Reverend Abraham was my Assistant Principal at William James High School and Mrs. Abraham was my home economics teacher. I will always be grateful to Reverend Abraham for hiring me as his administrative assistant in October 1972. I had the pleasure of working with a man who always had a smile when greeting you. He was humble, patient, and deeply cared for the students and staff. My prayers and condolences go out to the Abraham family.

Alice Mincey Taylor - July 24, 2021 at 10:07 AM