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Obituaries

Oscar J. Frazier

CHARLESTON — Oscar J. Frazier, 49, died Monday, Aug. 22, 2005, at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Mr. Frazier was born in Bluffton on Jan. 21, 1956, to Oscar B. and the late Daisy P. Frazier. He was a graduate of H.E. McCracken High School. After graduation, he served three years in the U.S. Army. Upon his return home, he studied roofing and construction at Beaufort Technical College.

Mr. Frazier was the owner and operator of a landscaping company and Oscar's Barbecue, which operated out of a little red caboose in downtown Bluffton.

He was the mayor pro tem of Bluffton as well as its poet laureate, and he authored two poetry books and a children's book. He served on several town panels, as well as on the boards of directors of a number of civic and community organizations.

Mr. Frazier was one of the founders of the Bible Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as deacon.

He is survived by his wife, Rena, of Bluffton; four children, Jacquelyn Brown, Oscar J. Frazier Jr., Bridgette Frazier and Joshua Frazier; his father; six sisters, Margaret Frazier, Isabell Frazier, Carolyn Brown, Marion Haynes, Louise Fields and Shirley Johnson; seven brothers, Benjamin Frazier, Thadeus Frazier, Kenneth Frazier, Theodore Frazier, Vernal Frazier, John Frazier and George Mitchell; four grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the First Zion Baptist Church in Bluffton.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Campbell Chapel AME Church. Viewing will be from 9 a.m. until the hour of the service. Burial will be at Jackville Cemetery in greater Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to the Oscar Frazier Assistance Fund at the Palmetto State Bank and either taken to the bank at 194 Bluffton Road or mailed to P.O. Box 327, Bluffton, SC 29910.

Residents of Hilton Head Island can make memorials to Deep Well earmarked for the Frazier family, either in the memo or in a separate note. They can be dropped by the office at 154-A Beach City Road or mailed to P.O. Box 5543, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938.

Stiney's Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.