



Richard Charles Oriage

Richard Charles Oriage, 87, widower of Carol G. Campbell Oriage, died Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at Hilton Head Hospital.

He was the son of the late King Oriage and Carrie Smith Oriage and was born November 15, 1927 on Hilton Head Island long before the bridge.

At the age of 15, he became a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church where he served until his pilgrimage to New York City, where he was an active member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.

Richard attended the local public school and was a 1948 graduate of Penn School of St. Helena Island. He was a Korean War Veteran of the United States Army, where he received several medals, ribbons and citations, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

He was a retired Social Worker for the City of New York. After retiring, he returned to Hilton Head and Mt. Calvary. He served faithfully on the Usher Board, Deacon Board, Treasurer of the Achievement School Board, and Men's Fellowship Ministry.

Richard was the co-founder of the Gullah Heritage Tours.

In the community Richard helped to organize the Native Island Business and

Community Affairs which he chaired for six years. He was instrumental in forming the Loan Committee of the Native Island and Business Administration and chaired that board until it was dissolved. Richard loved gardening and was an avid fisherman who threw his last line on Wednesday, December 3rd. Fishing was a therapy he thoroughly enjoyed.

Survivors include three sons Luther (Shella) Mitchell of Navarre, FL, James "Jimmy" (Carol) Campbell and Ronald "Ronnie" Ford both of Hilton Head, SC; five grandchildren: Derek T. Mitchell, Keisha D. Mitchell, Kendra D. Mitchell, John R. Campbell, and Stephanie E. Campbell; seven great-grandchildren; eight brothers-in-law George (Esther) Williams, Herbert Campbell, Emory (Emma) Campbell, David (Barbara) Campbell, Irvin (Carolyn) Campbell, Melvin Campbell, Morris (Ida) Campbell, and Ben Campbell; all of Hilton Head Island, three sisters-in-law: Regina Ragland, Hattie (Jessie) Bryant, and Idean Campbell; and a host of cousins to include Blanche Cue, Alice Driessen, Eugene Oriage, Patsy Oriage, Gwen Fields; Maggie Oriage, David Oriage and Pearl Jones, other relatives and many caring friends.

Wake Services: 6 to 8 PM Friday at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Hilton Head Island. Funeral Services: Saturday at 11:00 AM at Mt. Calvary with burial following in Jenkins Island Cemetery with military honors. There will be no viewing after the eulogy.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations be made to Penn Center, PO Box 126, St. Helena Island, 29920 or the American Cancer Society.

Marshel's Wright-Donaldson Home For Funerals is in charge of the arrangements.

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