

### **Arthur L. Frazier**

Arthur Lee Frazier, 89, of Hilton Head Island died Tuesday, May 13, at Hilton Head Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 19, 1914, on Hilton Head, the son of the late Daniel L. and Katie Miller Frazier. He was married to Earline C. Frazier, who also preceded him in death.

He received his education in the public schools of Hilton Head. He had various careers.

Mr. Frazier started the first island ferry between Hilton Head and the mainland, and later started a ground transportation business that covered most of the Lowcountry area. He was a retired longshoreman and one of the island's more prominent businessmen before 1980.

In later years, Mr. Frazier became a minister and established Frazier's Temple.

He was a member of the International Masons Pride of Hilton Head and was instrumental in the early years of the Hilton Head branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

He was proud of being a part of the March on Washington in 1963

and of his advocacy of the first bridge to Hilton Head Island.

Survivors include a brother, Irvin Frazier of Maryland; a sister, Amy Pusha of Savannah; and other relatives.

He also was preceded in death by a son, Phillip C. Frazier.

A wake will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today in the sanctuary of the Hilton Head New Church of Christ.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will follow at 85 Jonesville Road on Hilton Head.

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

# Arthur Frazier remembered as valued community member

Thanks to Juanita Gadson of Hilton Head Island for sharing a glimpse into the celebration of the life of venerable Hilton Head native Arthur Lee Frazier, who passed away May 13.

Mrs. Gadson said the funeral service Saturday, May 17, at the Hilton Head New Church of Christ on Spanish Wells Road was beautiful.

Mr. Frazier, born on the island in 1914 to the late Daniel L. "Lemon" Frazier and Katie Miller Frazier, started the first ferry between Hilton Head and the mainland. He later operated a ground transportation business and a store on William Hilton Parkway across from Wild Horse Road. He also was a retired longshoreman, farmer and preacher. Mr. Frazier was the only citizen from Beaufort



County to attend the 1963 March on Washington, and he helped form the island chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Many native islanders like Mrs. Gadson knew him as "Fraidge," a kind man who ran "Fraidge Store" next to the island's first consolidated elementary school.

As a child, she and other students bought cookies and candy at the store. She remembers the Mary Janes and Squirrel Nut Zippers.

"I became friends with him when his wife, Earline, got sick," Mrs. Gadson said. "She was a school teacher. Mr. Frazier had a

lot of love in his heart for people and that's what we need, and that's what I saw in him."

Mrs. Gadson said Mr. Frazier was respected for what he stood for and for what he brought to the island through years of great change.

She drove out to The Packet's Bluffton office to share photographs from the service, and this handwritten note:

"The going-home service of Mr. Arthur Frazier was presented by the Rev. Benjamin Williams and others at the Hilton Head New Church of Christ.

"May the Lord be with us always.

"As a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frazier, I want to express my appreciation for the friendship of this long-lived native of



Special to The Packet

The Rev. Benjamin Williams participated in the funeral service of Hilton Head Island native Arthur Frazier.

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Among others assisting in the service were Elder Sandy Pusha,

Prophet Isaac Chisolm, Sister Betty Roundtree, Bishop John Miller, Sister Laura Campbell, Prophet Henry Jones, Willie Morris (president, International Longshoremen Association), Apostle Elijah Murray, the Rev. Isaac W. Wilborn Jr. and pallbearers Otis Willis, Angelo Frazier, Thomas Patterson, John Campbell, Kurtis Brown and Quincy J. Campbell.

## A LOOK BACK

Thanks to Judy Hillis of Hilton Head for sharing her thoughts on a couple of special islanders and a special time on the island.

Judy writes:

I take a leisurely approach to The Island Packet each morning. After digesting the world and local news and reading the editorial page, I

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