



Claude Eugene Pinson

November 21, 1925 - August 18, 2022

Orangeburg, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. Claude Eugene “Gene” Pinson, 96, who entered into rest August 18, 2022, will be conducted Friday, August 26th, at 11 o’clock from the Orangeburg Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment in Belleville Memorial Gardens with Veterans Honors. The family will receive friends at the church Friday morning from 9:30 until 10:50. At 2:00 there will be a musical tribute by Mr. Pinson's former students and friends at the church.

Born on November 21, 1925, Claude Eugene (Gene) Pinson, son of Ira David Pinson and Bessie Alma Buckner was a native of Sumter, South Carolina. Gene began his studies and early college years at Morris College, where his father served as president. Eugene Pinson’s early training in piano came from his mother, and his love of singing came from his tenor father.

He completed his undergraduate degree at South Carolina State College in 1948 after having served two years in the United States Army as a Medical Technician during World War II. In 1949, he received his Master’s degree from Teachers’ College, Columbia University in Music and Music Education with a major in voice and a minor in piano. He married Yvonne Juliette Disher (who preceded him in death) on June 7, 1950.

Eugene was an instructor of music at Claflin College before joining the music

department faculty at South Carolina State College, where he worked for over 45 years. After his 2nd retirement from South Carolina State, he worked as an adjunct at Voorhees College. About teaching, he said, "The imparting of knowledge is a joy, just as learning should be an adventure. My friends wonder why I don't stay at home and enjoy my old age. But I say that I will meet tomorrow with the attitude that all have to live until we die, so why not try to coast as smoothly and as long as we can and help as many as we can along the way."

One of the highlights of his singing career was his participation in the Tricentennial production of Porgy and Bess in "the lead role of "Sporting Life."

For over 40 years, Gene was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he served, loved, and was loved by its members.

Survivors include two sons, Emile (Arah) Pinson, St. Matthews, SC, and Andre (Marietta) Pinson, Irmo, SC; two daughters, Michelline Hedman, New York, NY, and Giselle Harman, Fayetteville, TN; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

You may contact the family at 803-655-7277.

Pallbearers will be Nicholas Pinson, Jordan Pinson, Evan Pinson, Spencer Disher, Norjon Hedman and Norjan Hedman, II.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org

The family wishes to thank Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta, SC for the kind and compassionate service rendered.

Cemetery Details

Belleville Memorial Gardens

2900 Belleville Road
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 9:30 AM - 10:50 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Orangeburg Ward
2740 Broughton Street
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Service

AUG 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Claude Eugene Pinson



Posey Funeral Directors - August 24, 2022 at 09:45 AM

KB

BEAUTIFUL!!!

KATHY BURKE - August 25, 2022 at 11:32 AM

KB

Please view this wonderful video. It is amazing.

KATHY BURKE - August 25, 2022 at 11:36 AM

LW

Such a beautiful tribute to an absolute wonderful man that we all loved.

Linda Wiles - August 26, 2022 at 04:36 PM



“ Claude Eugene Pinson

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Claude Eugene Pinson

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

JY

“ Prayers of Comfort to the family, friends and community of Mr. Pinson. He was my organ teacher and I am a church organist, since I graduated from SCSC in 1967. Thank you, Mr. Pinson, for being an excellent teacher. 🙏🎹❤️

Joan Young - August 28, 2022 at 03:07 PM

CB

“ Thought and condolences to Andre and family from your classmate Clara Snell Brooks

Clara Snell Brooks - August 28, 2022 at 01:26 AM

NB

“ Previous tribute from NB - Sincere condolences on behalf of the Salley, Magee & Bolar Families.



NB - August 27, 2022 at 10:54 AM

NB

“ Mr. Pinson is an amazingly wonderful person! He'll forever be one of our living legends. Community icons. He's made lasting impressions upon us all through quiet strength, wisdom, tenacity & longevity. He lives on through his family & life legacies. God bless & keep his children, grands & greats comforted & lifted each passing day. He'll be loved, missed & celebrated by all loved ones until we meet again. RIH, Sir Pinson... NB, Family Friend



NB - August 27, 2022 at 10:43 AM

CM

“ Sending our love and sympathy to the entire Pinson Family. We will miss the opportunity to personally share in the home going services of your father, grandfather etc. He was such a wonderful man!! His warm and gentle spirit will be missed by so many but will live on in our minds and hearts. Hope to be able to see you soon!!

Love,

Ken, Cynthia, Jarae' & Ashley Middleton💕💕💕

Cynthia Middleton - August 26, 2022 at 02:52 PM

RM

“ Sending heartfelt condolences and love to the Pinson family. Mr. P was a good man, and a great neighbor. Much respect!

Roy Mosely - August 25, 2022 at 11:44 PM

KB

“ Gramps was such an amazing member of our family. I remember Danny telling me about him and how awesome he was. Gramps would sing Danny Boy when my son would enter a room! He always made everyone smile. A truly great man who blessed every life he touched. My condolences to all the family, friends, and students of this wonderful man!

KATHY BURKE - August 25, 2022 at 11:35 AM

TF

“ The Charlie Burke Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Claude Eugene Pinson.



The Charlie Burke Family - August 25, 2022 at 11:15 AM

ON

“ Speaking for the global M.E.A.C. Family, our hearts and condolences go out to the entire Pinson Family. The picture posted shows you the center of his counseling, his efforts, and his love of all music from 'ROCK to BACH'. I am one of many who are still encouraged by his vast musical motion on this planet. When I play a little piano, step up to a mic, explain certain drum fills, rough out a guitar melody for songs, talk to a sound engineer on how I should sound.....etc etc...I think of Dr. P and the memory of telling me to 'Just stick with it'. And then that call of a Melody in my name....Oliver Nichols. Dr. P Rest well. I will feel you soon.



oliver nichols - August 24, 2022 at 11:06 PM

RJ

My sincere condolences and sympathy to the Pinson Family for "Master P" or Mr. "P". He was my voice coach and teacher; class of '76⁴

Robert M Johnson - August 26, 2022 at 12:17 PM

ZN

“ A blessing comes in many forms and he was one of them for he will surely be missed. My heartfelt love and prayers to the Pinson family. Forever your student and friend. Love you Mr. P Zandra V. Nichols ("Z") SCSC '72-76



Zandra V. Nichols - August 24, 2022 at 09:37 PM

PH

“ To the family of a great man. It was an honor being a vocal student of Mr. P. We had great times singing together, laughing and crying together during the lessons. He played the organ and piano with passion. His work and spirit will live on forever. Thank you for sharing him.

Pamela Harper-Bowman - August 24, 2022 at 03:17 PM

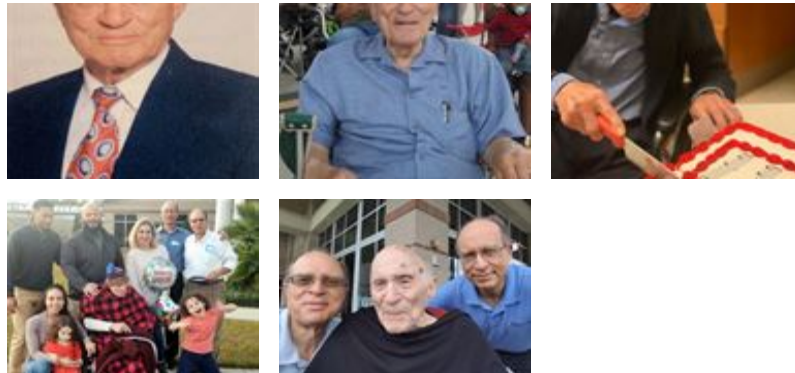
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Pamela Harper-Bowman - August 24, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ 68 files added to the album LifeTributes



Posey Funeral Directors - August 24, 2022 at 09:40 AM

NI

“ It's strange how paths can cross. While teaching in El Paso Texas Mr. Pinson's grandson ends up in my class. Heartfelt condolences to the family.

Natalie McDonald-Irby.

Natalie Irby - August 24, 2022 at 06:29 AM

HB

“ Extending my heartfelt condolences to the family, along with my deepest sympathy. I was fortunate to be graced with a song when Mr. Pinson would spontaneously sing. He had such a euphonious voice and he will always be remembered.

Hope Burch - August 23, 2022 at 11:45 PM

SS

“ To the family of a terrific man. I will always remember that smile. Walking afar, you knew him because he always smiled. God bless you family. Sandra B Salley

Sandra B Salley - August 23, 2022 at 09:00 PM

PM

“ Mr. Pinson was such a nice person. I really got to know him while I worked at VVH. I enjoyed every day that I got to talk with him and listening to all of his stories he had to share. A very remarkable man. RIP Mr. Pinson

Phyllis Mangum - August 23, 2022 at 06:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claude Eugene Pinson.*



August 23, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ *To The Pinson Family... You All Have My Deepest Condolence And Prayers in Your Time Of Bereavement; May God Wrap His Loving Arms each and Everyone of You....David Franklin*

David Franklin - August 23, 2022 at 12:43 PM



“ *Sandy, Michele, and Jackie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Claude Eugene Pinson.*



Sandy, Michele, and Jackie - August 23, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Sending love and prayers to the family. I had the honor of meeting this wonderful man; and listening to him play the organ and piano at state conferences! Blessings of peace and comfort to the family. A faithful servant of the Lord!*

Roy and Kathleen Roberts

Kathleen Roberts - August 20, 2022 at 07:23 PM

ME

“ Dear Michelins, Giselle, Emile and Andre,
I am deeply saddened to learn of your father's passing. I think of him with great affection. As a child, I looked forward to listening , from my bedroom window, to your father play the piano and sing. He had the most beautiful tenor voice. I also have happy memories of the fun we kids had growing up as neighbors. How blessed we all were to have shared our lives with him. How blessed was he to have had a long life surrounded by a large loving family and by friends and a community that appreciated his gifts.
May you be comforted by the knowledge that those who cared deeply for your father share your sadness.
With deepest sympathy,
Melissa Evans & The Evans Family

melissa evans - August 20, 2022 at 03:51 PM