



## Orien Alfred Hills

January 22, 1932 - September 21, 2022

Deacon Orien Alfred Hills was born on January 22, 1932 in Alachua, Florida (Bland Community) to the late Irvine and Marion Walker. He transitioned on Wednesday September 21, 2022 at the E.T. York Center, Gainesville, Florida

Deacon Hills was educated in Alachua County at the Alachua County Training School. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from North Carolina A&T State University.

He was converted at an early age and joined Old Shiloh Missionary Baptist church. He served faithfully as a Sunday school teacher and Deacon. He was a former educator, teaching at Mebane Middle School and was an active member of the Alachua Lions Club. He served honorably in the United States Armed Forces.

Deacon Hills is survived by his Life partner, Delores Miller, Son -Garry Calhoun preceded him in death, One Brother-Lavern (Ella), Freddie Walker-Special cousin and Sheriff Clovis Watson Jr. - Devoted friend like a son, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.

Deacon Orien Alfred Hills was a mentor, role model and exceptional leader. He served faithfully as an influential Mayor and Alachua City Commissioner for 15 years.

He engaged the citizens as he walked the streets and sidewalks of his community. He was often observed communicating and inquiring about the needs of the people in the "Good Life" Community. He was instrumental in supporting candidates for public office.

He served diligently on numerous boards including the Planning and Zoning Board and the Growth Initiative committee as the city continued its economic development plans.

He will be well remembered for his love for this community and his personal motivation to enhance and improve the lives of those in our community. He was a Pillar in the City of Alachua, "Standing Tall" for the voiceless, our youth, Voting Rights, the improvised, the Incarcerated and the marginalized.