



On March 13, 2015, June Lawson, 79, passed into eternal rest in Youngstown.

June was born June 30, 1935, in Jackson, Ga. He is the eldest child of James Clifford and Eliza Taylor Lawson.

His Christian education at the Fairfield African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E) Church, developed his devotion to studying the Holy Bible and sharing his love of the scriptures with others. After his education in the Jackson public schools, he moved to join relatives in Youngstown.

June worked at the Isaly's Company, Schwebel's Bakery, U.S. Steel Corporation, Ohio works, Rolling Mill plant, all in Youngstown, and the U.S. Steel Corporation in Lorain. After 42 years with U.S. Steel Corporation, he retired.

In 1955, June met Corrine Leola Chillous at a gospel concert at the Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown. On Sept. 3, 1955, he and Corrine married at the Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Youngstown and devoted nearly 60 years together, enjoying religious and community events, visiting friends, raising their family and traveling.

On Dec. 31, 1968, June joined his family in membership at the Price Memorial A.M.E Zion Church in Youngstown, where he attended Sunday school, assisted with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America events, supported the Vacation Bible School program, and worked with his family as custodians of the church. In 2013 the Price Memorial A.M.E. Church family recognized his retirement after 44 years of service as a custodian.

June and Corrine raised their two children, Arnold and Sheila. June supported their activities in church, in school, and in the community. He helped them maintain a Vindicator paper route for over 12 years and visited them as their careers, work and endeavors relocated them throughout the United States and abroad.

His many talents involved gardening vegetables and fruits, and sharing seasonal harvest; cultivating plants shrubs and trees; and telling good stories and jokes to everyone, including his wife and children, seven brothers, three sisters, and grandson Christopher, all of whom he loved dearly.

June leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Corrine; children Arnold James Lawson and Sheila Jurine Lawson; and grandson Christopher James Lawson. He will also be missed by his brothers, Winston (Juanita) Lawson of Warner Robins, Ga., Charles (Jacqueline) Lawson of Jackson, Nathaniel (Cheryl) Lawson of Newnan, Ga.; sisters Arvella Taylor of Cincinnati, Mary Hunter of Atlanta, Virginia Lawson of Youngstown, uncle Fred Lawson of Youngstown and aunts Geraldine Ingram of Youngstown and Ann Chillous of Atlanta; sisters-in-law Essie Jefferson of Merrillville, Ind., and Sherrie Davis of Atlanta; godson Derrick Willingham of Cleveland; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

His loved ones who have departed this life are his parents, James and Eliza Lawson of Jackson; brothers Edward Price of Cincinnati, Arthur Lawson and Clifford Lawson, both of Jackson, and Cecil Lawson of Atlanta; sisters-in-law Mercedes Lawson of Jackson, Catherine

Price of Cincinnati, Helen Lawson of Atlanta, and Annette Berger and Louise Talley, both of Youngstown; brothers-in-law Gene Chillous and James Talley, both of Youngstown, and Alphonso Berger of Columbus; and many other relatives and friends.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, at the Price Memorial AME Zion Church.

Friends may call one hour prior to the services from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. Arrangements entrusted to the L.E. Black, Phillips and Holden Funeral Home.