



Office of the Mayor, Bryan S. Franklin
Robert (Bobby) Walter Loner, Sr., Proclamation
December 4, 2020
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

WHEREAS, Bobby was born on May 28, 1930, in Columbus, Georgia and was the youngest son of the late Albert Eugene Loner, Sr. and Ethel Lennie (Dolly) Reid; and

WHEREAS, Bobby moved to Blythewood at two years of age to the old Loner home on Loner Road; and

WHEREAS, Bobby attended Holly Grove School and he walked several miles a day to get there and back; and

WHEREAS, Bobby graduated from Blythewood High School; and

WHEREAS, Bobby married the late Mellie Ruth Harper on July 15, 1950. They were blessed with forty-nine years of marriage and had five children; and

WHEREAS, Bobby later married the late Lillie Belle Mattox Thigpen and was married for fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, Bobby's goal was to be a blessing to others like God had blessed him. Bobby was not afraid of hard work and was a very generous, giving man; and

WHEREAS, Bobby retired after thirty-seven years of service to the City of Columbia in the Traffic Engineering Division; and

WHEREAS, Bobby was a skilled electrician and provided electrical services and expertise to many homes and businesses in the Blythewood community and surrounding area. However, his most important post retirement work was being "Pa" to his grandchildren and great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bobby was a member of Sandy Level Baptist Church in Blythewood, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and deacon for many years and was named Deacon Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Bobby lived his faith as he talked about the Lord and witnessed to everyone he came in contact with by word and deed. He believed in the power of prayer and instilled that in his children; and

WHEREAS, Bobby attended the Blythewood Masonic Lodge No. 395, where he was a founding member for sixty-eight years. During his time there, he served in various capacities including the Master of the Lodge twice in 1962 and 1972; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood and the Town Council Members, on behalf of our community, proudly recognize Robert (Bobby) Walter Loner, Sr. on a life well lived, and hereby proclaim that today, the 4th Day of December in the year of Our Lord, 2020, be known throughout the Town of Blythewood as Robert (Bobby) Walter Loner, Sr. Day.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Blythewood on this day, December 4, 2020.




Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor