



Earnest Prue Sheriff

September 30, 1938 - August 28, 2024

Earnest Prue Sheriff, 85, passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at St. Francis Hospital – Downtown, in Greenville, SC.

Prue, as he was affectionately known, was born in Pickens County, SC. He was the son of the late Julius Harrison Sheriff and Annie Mae (Hinton) Sheriff. Prue spent part of his childhood at the Connie Maxwell Children's home in Greenwood, SC after his mother died in 1951.

While at Connie Maxwell, Prue learned carpentry and helped maintain campus buildings and cottages. From this early beginning Prue eventually became a skilled carpenter.

Upon leaving Connie Maxwell at the age of 18 Prue worked for Cone Mills (The American Spinning Plant) in Greenville. He worked for 34 years until the plant closed. At this time Prue used his carpentry and home repair skills to start a new career. He ultimately worked into his 70s on many historical restoration and renovation projects in and around Greenville.

Prue was a member of Berea First Baptist Church for many years.

Prue is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nancy Jane (Owens) Sheriff; children: Sandra Lynn Berg, Michael Johnson Sheriff (his wife Gerry), and Matthew

Dale Sheriff (his wife Tiffany); sister: Mattie S. Bolick; brothers: Edd Sheriff and John Sheriff (his wife Sue); 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Along with his parents, Prue was predeceased by 2 sisters and 7 brothers.

A memorial celebration will be held at a date to be determined at Berea First Baptist Church in Greenville. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries at <https://conniemaxwell.com/> .

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com.