



Horace C. Hopper

Horace Charles Hopper born to Charlie and Carrie Hopper in Morrilton, Arkansas on September 15, 1915. Horace was the oldest son of nine children.

Separated from his mother and seven brothers and sisters in 1923, Horace moved with his father and youngest sister in Foreman, Arkansas. There his father found employment clearing land on a plantation.

In his early days, Horace was unable to acquire a formal education, although, self taught, he held successfully several jobs.

Horace's early religious convictions came by attending Sunday School and church in a small one room building where his father was a Sunday School Teacher. In 1944, he joined Center Star Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas where he served as an usher.

After his father's death in 1929, Horace, then departed from his youngest sister, moved to Texarkana, Texas where he found employment in a saw mill.

In 1939, Horace moved to Salt Lake City, Utah where he was employed by the Civil Defense Department.

In the Spring of 1940, Horace was reunited with his mother, youngest sister, and seven other brothers and sisters.

In 1946, Horace met and married Marie Gertude Jones of Clarksdale, Mississippi. Four years later in Little Rock, Arkansas, their first child, Grace, was born. The family decided to move to Seattle, Washington, the year 1950. Later, the couple would be blessed with 12 more children, six boys and six girls. Their children now sing as the Hopper Family Singers, a popular gospel and spiritual singing group.

Now retired from the Sellen Construction Company, Horace is a member of The Mount Zion Baptist Church, where he serves on the Senior Usher Board, and a member of the Harmony Lodge #2, where he holds the position of Senior Steward.