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Homegoing Celebration for



October 11, 1927

September 29, 2000

Deacon James Samuel (Sam) Baldwin

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Pallbearers——Floral Attendants——Acknowledgments——Poem

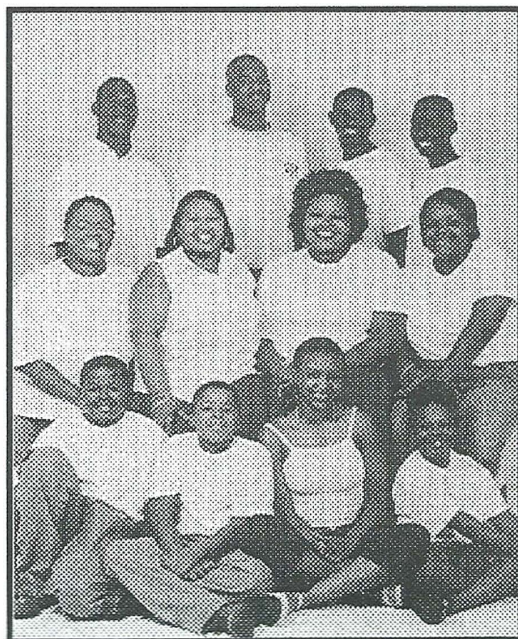
"Only God Knows Why"

*A banquet of beautiful memories
Sprinkled with millions of tears,
We wish God would have spared you,
At least a few more years.
You are not far away,
Since God is everywhere.*

*We feel your presence near,
In every thought and prayer.
You were full of life,
You wanted to live.
And yet you had to suddenly
Answer God's call,*

*You gave no one a last farewell,
Not even a said goodbye;
You were gone before we knew it;
And only God knows why.*

Your Grandchildren



**In Loving Memory
of
Deacon James Samuel (Sam) Baldwin**

Saturday, October 7, 2000 - 2:00 p.m.

Hodges Grove Baptist Church

841 Miller Street Extension

Statesboro, Georgia

Rev. Dr. John Harmon, Officiating

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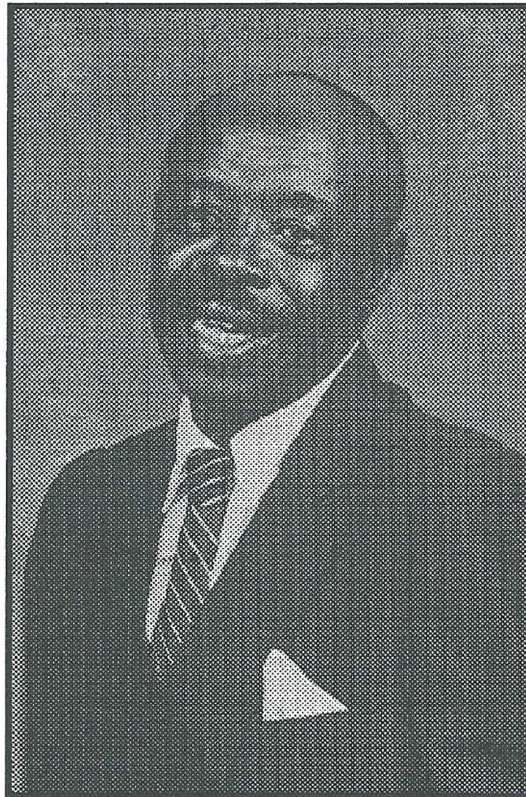
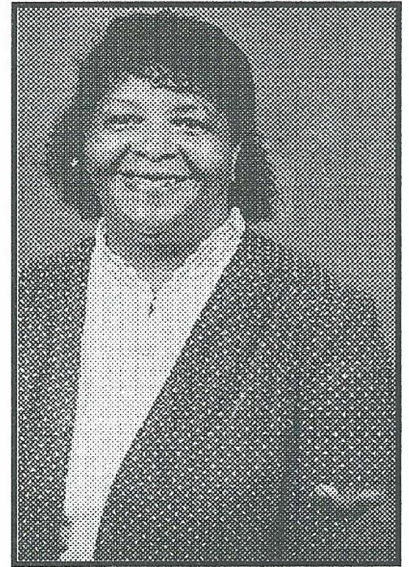
Pallbearers——Floral Attendants——Acknowledgments——Poem

*A light from our household is gone,
A voice I loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our house,
Which never can be filled.*

*I have to mourn the loss of one,
We did our best to save
Beloved on earth, regretted still,
Remembered in the grave.*

*It's hard to part with one so dear,
I never thought the time was near;
Farewell, dear one your life is past
My love for you till the end will last.*

Your Loving Wife



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Processional

Presiding.....Rev. David Reddick

Selection.....Payton's Chorus

Invocation.....Rev. Lee Hunter

Scriptures

Old Testament.....Rev. Joe Herrington

New Testament.....Rev. Michael Moore

Solo.....Dea. Willie Herrington

Tributes

As a Church Worker.....Dea. Tommy Williams

As a Neighbor.....Rev. Julius Abraham

Special Tribute as a Father.....Sis. Christine Humphries
Rev. Harry Baldwin

Special Tribute – Solo.....Sis. Evelyn Williams

Resolution.....Sis. Petronia Dixon

Acknowledgments.....Sis. Constance Jones

Selection.....Payton's Chorus

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. John Harmon

Solo.....Rev. David Reddick

Viewing

Recessional

Obituary

James Samuel (Sam) Baldwin was born on October 11, 1927 to the late Wiley Baldwin and Eliza Thomas Baldwin. On this day a tree was planted in a garden a dry unyielding garden in Bulloch County, Georgia.

He joined Hodges Grove Baptist Church at an early age and a spiritually green tree was planted. A tree filled with the spirit of Christ, a tree sent by God to replenish this garden. He toiled and labored long, flourishing this garden in the green grass of love, flowers of patience, plants of joy, vines of faith and trees of goodness. He worked actively and faithfully until his health failed.

He was Chairman of the Deacon Board, President of the Hodges Grove Prayer Band, Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent, former President of the Senior Choir and member of the Mt. Tabor Association Executive Board. He worked for many years for Stringer Chevron Station and also for Bulloch County Board of Education.

While working in this garden, he did his best, he sung his songs, he did some good and he did some wrong. Now the time has come that he must go to take his stand, with his Savior in that unknown land. God knew his heart and every thought, he knew what pain and joy he brought, he knew his soul was tired and weak from laboring in this garden, he stood the test now he must go and take his rest.

He departed this life on September 29, 2000 and leaves to cherish his memory; his loving and devoted wife, Mattie Pearl Washington Baldwin of Statesboro, GA; five daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Ernest Harris, Mattie and Bernard Humphries, Gloria and Tony Wallace, Christine and Joseph Humphries and Geraldine and Harry Tremble, Jr., all of Statesboro, GA; six sons and daughters-in-law, Rev. George Bush Baldwin of Savannah, GA, Paul Baldwin of Ft. Myers, FL, Willie James Baldwin of Seattle, WA, Rev. Wylie Bush and Patricia Baldwin, Rev. Harry and Evelina Baldwin and Charles and Deloris Baldwin, all of Statesboro, GA; a sister, Mrs. Hattie Mae Shipman of Statesboro, GA; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Lewis Baldwin of Orlando, FL, Steve Baldwin of Savannah, GA, Bobby and Vera Baldwin and Willie and Maggie Mae Baldwin, all of Statesboro, GA; an aunt, Mrs. Edna Baldwin of Washington, DC; a god-son, Geoffrey Williams of Statesboro, GA; a god-daughter and god-son, Verline and Preston Harris of Statesboro, GA; twenty grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, eight sisters-in-law, five brothers-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Farewell

*Farewell, my dear ones, don't weep
For I am at peace now, just asleep.
Farewell my children, I'm not alone
The Mighty Maker has led me safely home.
Just think back over the many years
How sometimes we seem so strong,
holding back tears.
Yet somehow God always made a way
And I thanked him every night for another day.
Be strong my loved ones, strong in heart
The blood ties no one can ever part
And if somewhere I made a mistake
As you live many you will make.
Farewell, everyone, I've been called away,*



Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons of Hodges Grove Baptist Church
and

Dea. Harry Tremble, Sr.
Dea. Bloys Boyd

Dea. Hosea Williams
Dea. Danny Tremble

Active Pallbearers

Bro. Mike Shipman
Bro. Gregory Cone
Bro. Phillip Cone

Bro. Eddie Williams
Bro. Benjamin Jackson
Bro. Thomas Jackson

Floral Attendants

Sis. Betty Clark
Sis. Berline Pinkney
Sis. Curlencer M. Hunter
Sis. Mary Rozier
Sis. Lillie Humphries

Sis. Lucille Smith
Sis. Mickey Pryor
Sis. Peggy Herrington
Sis. Josephine Cone
Sis. Geraldine Washington

Acknowledgments

Words cannot express the depths of our gratitude to each and everyone for the many acts of love, kindness and sympathy shown during this most difficult time. May God continue to shower you with blessings.

The Family

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembering joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God Wanted Me Now
He Set Me Free.*

Love, Daddy



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