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Homegoing Celebration

Sunrise
February 27, 1913



Sunset
July 7, 1995

DEACON WILLIE WOODROW BOSTIC

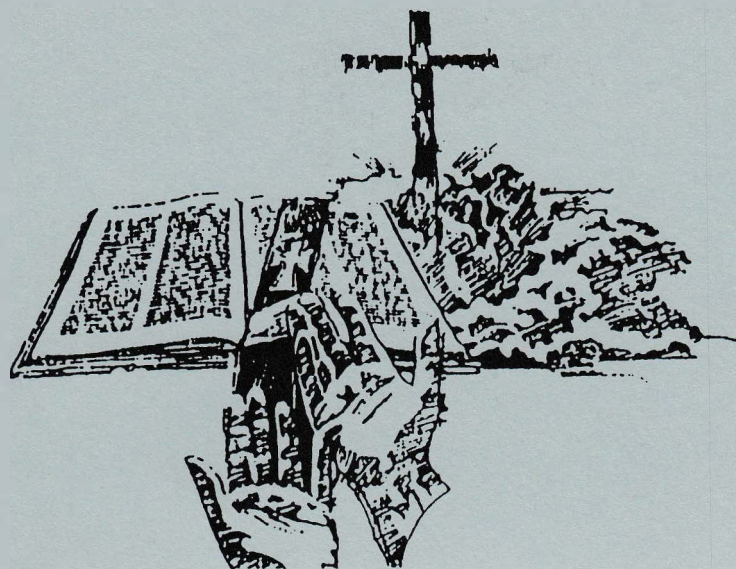
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IN LOVING MEMORY

of

DEACON WILLIE W. BOSTIC

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1995 - 1:00 P.M.

JOHNSON GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rte. 1, Portal, Georgia
Reverend Newkirk, Pastor

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Final Thoughts

I have finished now with this house of clay
Please kindly and carefully lay it away
And let me rest from this life of pain.
Toiling in sunshine, storm and rain,
Trying to help the sick and poor
And turning no needy from my door
I strove to do my master's work
Never a duty did I shirk
Many times I was misunderstood
When I had done the best I could
I am tired now, so let me rest,
Don't cry, Don't you know, God knows best?
Don't weep for me for I am not dead
I have another house you know,
Where only God's redeemed can go,
I do not need this house of clay
So, tenderly, carefully, lay it away.



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Processional (Payton Choir) Song of Praises

Hymn Rev. Larry Barton

Scripture

Invocation

Solo Rev. Larry Barton

Life's Reflections "Requested by deceased" Dea. Hinton Ward
Dea. Ivory Polk
Sis. Etherine Coakley,
Jacksonville, Fla.
Dea. Tommie Burroughs
Sis. Audrey Wallace
— — And Others

As A Grandfather Derick L. Owens

Solo Margaret Hall

Acknowledgements Sis. Susie Hawkins,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Commentary on the life of Dea. Bostic (Read silently to soft music)

Selection Choir

Words of Comfort Pastor Newkirk

Viewing and The Recessional

Good Bye Papa we love you. Entire Family and Friends.

Commentary on the life of
DEACON WILLIE W. BOSTIC

Deacon Willie W. Bostic was born in Rocky Ford, Georgia on February 27, 1913 to the parents of Dan and Maggie Bostic. He married the late Buleah M. Bailey Bostic who preceded him in death.

He was a farmer by trade. He joined the Johnson Grove Baptist Church at a very early age and served faithful in his church, Charity Good Will No. One and Two and The Masonic Lodge until his health began to fail.

God blessed Deacon and the late Sister Bostic with twelve children with three preceding them in death Kenny Bostic, U.S. Military, Annie B. Reddick and Dan Bostic, Jr. He leaves his memory to his children, five sons, Jimmie L. (Cynthia and Willie J. Bostic (Eula), Willie Leroy Mercer (Nita), Willie Baker, Statesboro, Georgia and Larry V. Bostic, (Johnnie) Atlanta, Georgia; seven daughters, Lillie B. Blunt (Dea. Robert J.), Lillie B. Barton (Arthur), Melrose B. James (Donald), Lee Nora Henry (Donald), Jacksonville, Florida, Catherine Chin (Relford), Leatha Clark (Raymond), Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and Linda D. Bostic, Metter, Georgia; two sisters, Patience Phillips, Homestead, Florida and Rosa Lee Burroughs (James) Garfield, Georgia; brother, Curtis Bostic, New York, N.Y.; two sisters-in-law, Mozelle Bostic, Portal, Georgia and Ella M. Hendrix, Boston, Mass.; brother-in-law, Ora Miller; forty-five grandchildren; sixty-two great grands; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; four godchildren, Craig Pollard, James A. Thomas, Charles Simon and Margaret Hall; a host of friends including Dea. Emmett and Ethel Coakley, Mrs. Gussie Gray, Mrs. Ellen Smith, Christine Moore, Annie Bell, Ida, a very dear and close friend, Dea. Tommie Burroughs and many others.

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.*

PALLBEARERS
Ushers and Friends of The Family

TO THE FAMILY
There's Sunshine in a Smile

Life is a mixture
of sunshine and rain,
Laughter and pleasure,
teardrops and pain,
All days can't be bright,
but it's certainly true,
There was never a cloud
the sun didn't shine through -
So just keep on smiling
whatever betide you,
Secure in the knowledge
God is always beside you,
And you'll find when you smile
your day will be brighter
And all of your burdens
will seem so much lighter -

For each time you smile
you will find it is true
Somebody, somewhere
will smile back at you,
And nothing on earth
can make life more worthwhile
Than the sunshine and warmth
of a beautiful smile.

From Willie B. Blunt, Daughter

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*There is no Greater Blessing
Than an understanding friend
who is there in times of trouble
and on whom we can depend.
A friend who knows our every mood
and brightens cloudy days.
One who's slow to criticize,
but quick to offer praise.
There is no greater blessing
than a friend who always cares;*

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