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Honorary Pallbearers

The Ministerial Alliance and Deacons of Gay's Hill, Mt. Olive,
Bessinger Tabernacle and Mt. Zion Baptist Churches

Active Pallbearers

Military

Floral Attendants

The Ministers' Wives and Deaconesses and Ushers of Gay's Hill,
Mt. Olive, Bessinger Tabernacle and Mt. Zion Baptist Churches

Safely Home

*I am in heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
in this everlasting light
All the pain and grief is over
Every restless tossing passed,
I am now at peace forever
Safely home in Heaven at last.
Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade
Oh! But Jesus love illuminated
Every dark and fearful glade.
And He came Himself to meet me
in that way so hard to tread
And with Jesus arm to lean on could
I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely
for I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows
Pray to trust our Father's will
There is work still waiting for you.
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remainth
You shall rest in Jesus land.
When that work is all completed
He will gently call you home;
Oh the capture of that meeting;
Oh, the joy to see you come.*

Obsequies

for



REVEREND HARVEY BURNS

Wednesday, January 20, 1993 - 1:00 p.m.

Brannen Chapel United Methodist Church

Elm Street

Statesboro, Georgia

Rev. Lee Hunter, Eulogist

Rev. Wayne Rogers, Pastor

Interment - Bulloch Memorial Gardens



A Final Tribute - A Service By Payton's Mortuary, Statesboro, Ga.

Obituary

And he gave some, apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Ephesians 4:11-12

Harvey Burns was born on August 9, 1930 in Screven County, Georgia, to the late James and Ada Wright Burns. He departed this life on Friday, January 15, 1993, at the Memorial Medical Center, Savannah, Georgia.

He became a Christian at an early age joining the Charlestown United Methodist Church. After serving in the Korean Conflict he returned home on an honorable military discharge. He later joined the Newton Grove Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Lee Hunter. Rev. Burns was called into the ministry in 1980, and served as pastor of Gay's Hill Baptist Church in Millen, Georgia, Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Tyson, Georgia, Bessinger Tabernacle Baptist Church at Register, Georgia, and Mount Olive Baptist Church at Clito, Georgia. He was a most efficient and effective pastor, working diligently for the Lord. A cheerful, compassionate leader who touched many lives.

He worked in many capacities serving as president of the Pembroke District of the Tattnall Association, Secretary of Bryant Theological Seminary and the Bulloch County Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. Rev. Burns will be sorely missed.

He was united in holy matrimony to Effie Rebecca Williams on October 26, 1952; to this union two daughters were born.

Rev. Burns leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Effie R. Burns of Statesboro, Ga.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Mrs. Marilyn A. and Jimmy Greene of Savannah, Ga., Mrs. Barbara A. and Quincy Nunnally, Jr. of Marlboro, Mass., Mrs. Debra C. and Martin W. White of Kaiserlautern, Germany; a son, Elrico Rackard of Statesboro, Ga.; three sisters, Mrs. Ada B. Williams, Mrs. Mildred Spellman and Mrs. Henrietta Taylor, all of Savannah, Ga.; two brothers, Thomas J. Burns of New Orleans, La. and David Burns of Miami, Fla.; three aunts, Mrs. Lottie Wright of Sylvania, Ga., Mrs. Mattie Roberts of Statesboro, Ga. and Mrs. Pearlie Harden of Savannah, Ga.; nine loving grandchildren, Derek, Quincy III, Danielle, Rebecca, Chiquita, Willie, Latonya, Brittney and Koury; seven great-grandchildren, five sisters-in-law, four brothers-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and sorrowing friends.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

PRESIDING Rev. Joe Herrington

SONG The Combined Choirs

INVOCATION Rev. Thomas J. Simmons

SCRIPTURES — OLD TESTAMENT Rev. Dehard Dekle

NEW TESTAMENT Rev. Wayne Rogers

SONG The Combined Choirs

REFLECTIONS—

Tattnall and Mt. Calvary Associations Rev. L. Perry McNeil
Vice Moderator of Tattnall Association and
Moderator of Mt. Calvary Association

Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Association Rev. Frank Roberts,
Moderator

Bulloch County Interdenominational

Ministerial Alliance Rev. Early Humphries

Bryant Theological Seminary Rev. Alex Grant

HYMN "A Charge To Keep" Rev. Patrick Jones

TRIBUTE:

AS A FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR Mrs. Bertha Jackson

AS A PASTOR (Deacons) Gay's Hill Baptist Church
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Bessinger Tabernacle
Mt. Zion Baptist Church

SOLO Mrs. Cynthia Canty

RESOLUTIONS Mrs. Catherine Armstrong

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Mrs. Laura Bell Martin

SONG The Combined Choirs

EULOGY Rev. Lee Hunter

RECESSIONAL

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Reverend Harvey Burns acknowledges with deep appreciation the many comforting prayers and kindness shown during their time of bereavement. May God bestow His richest blessings upon you.