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Obsequies

— For The Late —



Reverend Doctor John B. Bates

(Pastor, Zion Hill Baptist Church of Savannah,
St. Mark Baptist Church of Clio)

Saturday Morning, August 29, 1981

Ten A.M. O'clock

Connor's Temple Baptist Church

Rev. Bennie R. Mitchell, Pastor

Interment: Monetta, South Carolina

Michael & Brown Funeral Home is in charge

— The Obituary —

John B. Bates was born in Batesburg, South Carolina to the late Mr. and Mrs. George Bates. He joined the Chinquepin Baptist Church of Monetta, South Carolina at a very early age, this christian movement was under the leadership of Rev. Tate.

Rev. Bates received his early education at Benedict College. He validated his education at Georgia State College in Savannah, Georgia. He later moved to Columbia, South Carolina where he was ordained as a Deacon of First Baptist Church. He was called to the Ministry in the year of 1926 and was ordained by the late Rev. E. D. McDuffie of Tampa, Florida.

Rev. Bates attended Lakeland Theological Seminary and received his Doctor of Divinity from the Union Baptist Seminary of Birmingham, Alabama. He also received his Doctor of Human Society degree from Faith College, Birmingham, Alabama. He married Florene Lowery in 1946 and for more than 34 years they remained until death.

Because of Rev. Bates' able leadership he was an influential voice in the city and the state. He held many positions, religious, governmental, and civic, some of which were: Moderator, Second Union Association; President, Georgia Baptist Convention; Vice President, Georgia Baptist Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress; Moderator, Pilgrim Missionary Association of the First District; President, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; Dean, American Baptist College of ABT Seminary of Swainsboro, Georgia; Assistant Instructor in Statesboro, and Instructor of Jenkins County; Treasurer and teacher, American Baptist College at Richard Arnold High and Community School; President, Happy Home Society; Member, Ezra Consistory No. 27, Mt. Moriah Free and Accepted Mason No. 15 where he received many fraternal awards; he was a 33rd Degree Mason and a member of Stone Lodge No. 4; Vice President of the B.T.U. Convention of the Pilgrim Association; President of the Chatham Builders Union; Member Community Prayer Band; President, Union Church Building Association and Founder and Moderator of the Chatham County Christian Association of Georgia.

During his pastorate he led many churches - College Park of Savannah; Dickey Grove of Millen, Georgia; Parrish Grove of Twin City, Georgia; New Hope of Register, Georgia; Gordon Grove of Millen, Georgia; Southover Baptist of Savannah; St. Mary's and St. John's Baptist Church of Sandford, Florida; Green Tabernacle of Macon, Georgia; Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Savannah, and St. Mark Baptist Church, Clio, Georgia.

He leaves to mourn to his passing: a devoted wife, Mrs. Florene Bates; one sister, Mrs. Isceland Davis; Mrs. Willie Grace Garvin, Mrs. Josie Brooks, Mr. Elex Lowery, Attorney Roy Allen Jr., Edward Berry, Mrs. Cynthia Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. John Lawton of Atlanta, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

— The Order of Service —

The Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell Jr., Presiding

Organ Prelude

Processional

Hymn..... Rev. Ezekiel Jordan

“A Charge To Keep I Have”

Scriptures:

Old Testament: Joshua 4..... Rev. W. M. Daniels

New Testament: Rev. George Faison

Prayer..... Rev. W. M. Robinson

Selection

Organizational Representatives (2 minutes each)

Pilgrim Association Moderator - Rev. R. L. Lee

Baptist Ministerial Alliance - Rev. G. P. Quarterman

New Era State Baptist Congress - Rev. L. S. Stell

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance - Rev. Charlie Fogle

Chatham County Christian Association - Rev. C. Singleton

Stone Lodge No. 4 - Charlie Stone

Ministers' Fellowship Union - Rev. L. B. Free

Fraternal Organizations - Dea. Leroy Bolden

The Church Sons - Rev. Franklin Taylor

Solo..... Rev. Samuel E. Kenty

Remarks..... Chairmen Deacon Board

Dea. Joseph Jordan - Zion Hill Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia

Dea. B. F. Eason - St. Mark Baptist Church, Clio, Georgia

As I Knew Him..... Rev. Franklin Stokes II

As an Educator..... Rev. Sam Williams

Rev. J. R. Dixon

Dr. L. Perry McNeal

As a Neighbor..... Rev. Charles Hall

As a Godfather..... Attorney Roy Allen

As a Friend..... Rev. B. M. Corley

Rev. Samuel Gordon

Rev. R. F. Thomson

Acknowledgements..... Rev. Matthew S. Brown

Obituary..... Silent

(Poem: Curtis Warner)

Solo..... Mrs. Ann Lawton

Eulogy..... Dr. Charles Hamilton

Assisted by Rev. N. T. Young - Augusta, Georgia

No Viewing of Remains after eulogy

Selection

Masonic Rites..... Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 15

Benediction

Recessional

Interment - Monetta, South Carolina

"The Life Everlasting"

L'ENVOI

When earth's last picture is painted,
and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colors have faded,
and the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and — faith, we shall need it,
— lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of all Good Workmen shall set us to work anew!

And those that were good shall be happy:
they shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas
with brushes of comet's hair;
They shall find real saints to draw from —
Magdalen, Peter, and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting,
and never be tired at all!

And only the Master shall praise us,
and only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money,
and no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of the working,
and each in his separate star
Shall draw the Thing as he sees It
for the God of the Things as They are!

—RUDYARD KIPLING

— Pallbearers —

(Deacons)

Isreal Garvin

James Reynolds

Leon Bedford

Sylvester Bostic

Arthur Fields

George Mitchell

— Honorary Pallbearers —

Rev. Franklin Taylor

Rev. John Wesley

Rev. Walter Field

Rev. David Capers

Rev. J. L. Frazier

Rev. Abraham Johnson

Rev. Ezekiel Jordan

Rev. L. S. Aiken

— Flower Bearers —

~~Members and Friends~~

Order of the Golden Circle

Order of Eastern Star

Ministers' Wives

In Charge: Michael & Brown Funeral Home

— Acknowledgement —

The Family of the late Rev. Doctor J. B. Bates wishes to thank their many friends for all expressions of kindness and sympathy shown them during his illness and their hour of bereavement.

May God bless and keep you.