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HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Members, Board of Deacons
Portersville Baptist Church
Members, Prince Hall Lodge, Aurora 54

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

William E. Bessent, Jr.	Thomas Gresham
Thomas Burris	Theodore Gresham
Shawn Cotton	Jonathan Harding
Lattimore Jones	

FLOWER BEARERS

Members, New Aurora 60, order of Eastern star

CHOIR

Portersville, Fellowship, and McCullough's
Covenant Churches Choirs

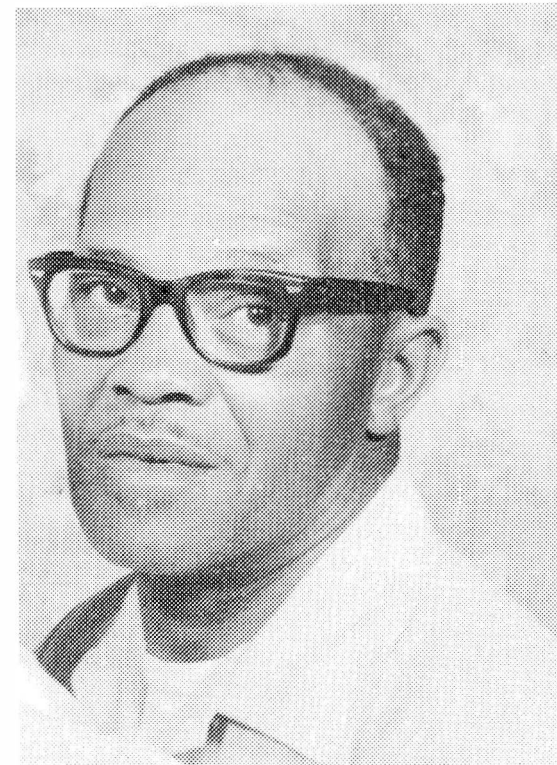
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**Celebration of the Life
Of**

Mr. Oscar Scott Bessent



Saturday, January 12, 1985
2:00 P.M.

Fellowship Baptist Church
Munnerlyn, Georgia

Rev. Robert L. Frazier
Rev. Frank Sharpe
Rev. Andrew W. Russell
Officiating

**Oscar Scott Bessent
1917-1985**

On Monday, January 7, 1985 at 12:20 a.m., Oscar Scott Bessent departed this mortal life and entered into eternal rest at University Hospital, Augusta, Ga.

Mr. Bessent, the son of the late William A. and Hattie Sills Bessent of Burke County near Waynesboro, was born on August 26, 1917. A lifelong resident of the area, he was educated in the local public schools.

At an early age, Mr. Bessent joined Portersville Baptist Church where he was an industrious worker. He served as a member of the choir, a wardman, deacon and secretary of the official deacon board. He assumed numerous other responsibilities over the years including representing the church in Walker Baptist Association activities.

In 1938 Mr. Bessent and Miss Josie Bell Cotton were joined in holy matrimony. To this union were born four children, one of whom did not survive infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Bessent also parented two additional children.

Mr. Bessent was a retired farmer. He also was a retired employee of the Augusta Youth Development Center.

Over the years, Mr. Bessent rendered valued services to the local community. He was a member and officer in the Davisville Community Development Organization; Davisville Benevolent Society; Aurora No. 54 Lodge, Prince Hall F&A Masons; New Aurora No.60 Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and Annual Program for the Blind of Burke County Committee. For his gifts to mankind, he received awards and recognition. Included among these was selection of his family as "Family of the Year" by the Lamar Carter Consistory No.321 in 1979.

Survivors include his loving wife, Josie Cotton Bessent; a daughter, Dr. Helen Bessent Byrd of Norfolk, Va.; two sons, LCDR William Moses Bessent (USN ret) of Fayetteville, NC, and SSG Oscar Winston Bessent of Fort Huachuca, Az.; a son-in-law, Shedrick Byrd of Norfolk, Va.; two daughters-in-law, Loretha Love Bessent of Fayetteville, NC, and Felicia Bryan Bessent of Sierra Vista, Az.; two proteges, Mary Cotton Freeman of St. Albans, N.Y. and OSSN Neil T. McCloud of FPO San Francisco, Ca.; five sisters, Leora Griffin and Theodosia Bessent of Waynesboro, Ga., Frances Burris of East Elmhurst, N.Y., Hattie Carpenter of Philadelphia, Pa., and Margaret Gresham of Keysville, Ga.; two brothers, William E. Bessent of Gough, Ga., and Thomas Bessent of Augusta, Ga.; an uncle, Rev. Prince Sills of Newark, N.J.; seven brothers-in-law, nine sisters-in-law, six grandchildren, and hosts of nieces, nephews, cousins.

**Lord, in the morning Thou shalt hear
My voice ascending high;
To Thee will I direct my prayer,
To Thee lift up mine eye.**

**But to Thy house will I resort
To taste Thy mercies there;
I will frequent Thy holy court,
And worship in Thy fear.**

ORDER OF SERVICE
Rev. Andrew W. Russell, Presiding

Processional

Hymn Congregation
"Lord in the Morning"

Prayer of Thanksgiving The Children

Scripture Rev. Frank Sharpe, Pastor
Fellowship Baptist Church

Selection Choir
"Rough Side of the Mountain"

Tributes Mrs. Lillie Drummer
Mr. James B. Lewis
Mr. K.C. Childers

Solo Mrs. Alma Simpson

Acknowledgements Ms. Ruby Saxon

Obituary Silently Read

Eulogy Rev. Robert L. Frazier, Pastor
Portersville Baptist Church

The Family of the late Mr. Oscar Scott Bessent expresses sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness. May God bless each of you.