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### William Eason

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*If I Walk in the Pathway of Duty*  
by: *Johnson Oatman, Jr.*

If I walk in the pathway of duty,  
If I work till the close of the day;  
I shall see the great King in His beauty,  
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

If for Christ I proclaim the glad story,  
If I seek for His sheep gone astray,  
I am sure He will show me His glory,  
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

Here the dearest of ties we must sever,  
Tears of sorrow are seen ev'ry day;  
But no sickness, no sighing forever,  
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

And if here I have earnestly striven,  
And have tried all His will to obey,  
'Twill enhance all the rapture of Heaven,  
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

*When I've gone the last mile of the way,  
I will rest at the close of the day,  
And I know there are joys that await me,  
When I've gone the last mile of the way.*



**In Celebration of the life of  
The Reverend William Eason**

**1931 - 2007**



**Saturday, March 31, 2007  
11:00 A.M.**

**Wilcox Auditorium  
210 South College Street  
Metter, Georgia**

**Words of Comfort Provided by  
Bishop William Phillips DeVeaux, Sr., Presiding Prelate,  
Sixth Episcopal District**

**Interment - Eden Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery**

**Whitaker Funeral Home in Charge of Arrangements  
Metter, Georgia**





*Order of Service*

Presiding Elder Richard Quinn Ward, Sr.  
Wrens-Vidalia District, Augusta, GA Conference

*Presiding*

**Processional**

Opening Hymn.....**“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** Hymn #1  
Rev. Samuel Thompkins, Pastor  
Wrens Chapel A.M.E. Church, Wrens, GA

Invocation..... Rev. Joseph B. Tyson, Pastor  
St. John Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, FL

**Scriptures**

Old Testament..... Rev. Brenda Nobles-Brown, Pastor  
23 Psalm Fountain Grove A.M.E. Church, Irwinton, GA  
Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Garfield, GA

Epistle.....Rev. Dr. Marvin Howard, Pastor  
II Timothy 4:1-8 St. John A.M.E. Church, Ailey, GA

Gospel .....Rev. Delmus G. Mosley, Pastor  
John 14:1-6 Henderson Grove Circuit, Grange, GA

Selection .....St. Luke Male Chorus, Lyons, Georgia

**Moments of Reflection**

As an Educator -- Sis. Thelma Trice  
Retired Educator  
Emanuel County School System

As a Fraternity Member -- Presiding Elder James E. Taylor  
Waycross District  
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

As a Friend -- Rev. Julius Abraham  
Retired Educator and Retired A.M.E. Pastor

Rev. James Days  
Pastor, St. Matthew A.M.E. Church  
Louisville, Georgia

Solo -- Sis. Maude Anderson  
St. Luke A.M.E. Church, Lyons, Georgia

*Order of Service*

Presiding Elder Richard Quinn Ward, Sr.  
Wrens-Vidalia District, Augusta, GA Conference

*Presiding*

As a Pastor -- Bro. (Judge) Michael Dennard  
Steward Pro-Tem, St. Luke A.M.E. Church  
Lyons, Georgia

Bro. Willis Colston  
Steward Pro-Tem, Bethel AME Church  
Collins, Georgia

As a Community Leader -- Rev. John L. Leggett, President  
Candler County Community Ministerial Association  
Pastor, St. John Baptist Church, Claxton, Georgia

As a Father -- Rev. Gregory V. Eason, Sr. and Siblings

Acknowledgments .....Sis. Dorothy W. Days  
Minister Spouses/Widows/Widowers plus PK's

Obituary.....Soft Music  
(Read Silently)

Selection .....Combined Choirs  
Bethel A.M.E. Church; Collins, Georgia  
St. Luke A.M.E. Church, Lyons, Georgia

Episcopal Remarks.....Bishop John Hurst Adams  
87<sup>th</sup> Bishop of A.M.E. Church

Selection.....St. Luke Male Chorus  
“God is Able”

Words of Comfort.....Bishop William Phillips DeVeaux, Sr.  
Presiding Prelate, Sixth Episcopal District,  
African Methodist Episcopal Church

**Recessional**

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Jimmy Watson  
Ministers of the Augusta Georgia Conference  
Retired Educators  
American Legion Post Number 313

### *Active Pallbearers*

Deloan Dixon	Tom Medlock
Ben Mitchell	Tracy Johnson
Larry Gibson	Mike Kennedy

### *Floral Attendants*

Minister's Wives  
Women's Missionary Society

### *Ushers*

Sixth Episcopal District, A.M.E. Church, Sons of Allen  
Bethel A.M.E. Church, Collins, Georgia  
St. Luke A.M.E. Church, Lyons, Georgia

### *Musicians*

Bro. Van Johnson, Keyboard, Savannah, Georgia  
Bro. Alton West, Piano, Metter, Georgia

*Interment- Eden Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery*

### *Acknowledgments*

With grateful hearts, we offer our deepest and sincerest thanks for your words of comfort and unselfish acts of kindness shown throughout the illness and passing of our loved one. May God richly bless you all for your expressions of friendship and concern.

*The Family of Reverend William Eason*

### *Repast*

The members of Bethel and St. Luke A.M.E. Churches invite you to fellowship with the family immediately after interment at the St. Luke A.M.E. Church Fellowship Hall, Lyons, Georgia.

### *Final Reflections*

For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is. So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:5-7 (NIV)

## *Obituary*

After the death of his first wife, Geneva, the Lord saw fit to send him another helpmate. In a touching ceremony performed by his sons (William and Gregory), he was joined in holy matrimony to Doretha Bobbitt on July 15, 2001. Sister Doretha's kindness and caring support for Reverend Eason was a blessing to his life and pastoral ministry. At the time of his death, Reverend Eason was actively and faithfully serving as Pastor of the Lyons Circuit.

Participation in community activities was an important part of his life. He was a member of the following organizations: Vice President, Candler County Community Ministerial Association, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; Life Member, Georgia Retired Teachers Association; East Collins Community Center, Past President; NAACP; and the American Legion Post Number 313.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Doretha Eason of Cobbtown, Georgia; three sons, Rev. William Lonnie Eason, Sr. (Roselyn) of Savannah, Georgia, Rev. Gregory Vaughn Eason, Sr. (Linda) of Atlanta, Georgia, Nolan Keith Eason of Cobbtown, Georgia; two daughters Pamela Regina Eason-Hobbs (Booker T) of Cobbtown, Georgia and Dr. Felicia Bonzola Eason-Forbes (Donald) of Gaithersburg, Maryland; two step-children, Annette Bobbitt of Lyons, Georgia and Joseph Bobbitt (Felicia) of Boston, Massachusetts; seven grandchildren, Ericka Yolanda Eason-Perry (Richard) of Durham, North Carolina, Robert Charles Sikes of Statesboro, Georgia, Carmen Jovonne Eason and Gregory Vaughn Eason, Jr. both of Atlanta, Georgia, William Lonnie Eason, Jr. of Savannah, Georgia, Nia Geneva Forbes and Alicia Noelle Forbes both of Gaithersburg, Maryland; Four step-grandchildren, Shawn Hobbs of Stone Mountain, Georgia, Krystal Coney of Florida, Angelo Brown, Jr. of Lyons, Georgia, and Jordan Bobbitt of Boston, Massachusetts; Two step-great-grandchildren, Deleah Hobbs of Stone Mountain, Georgia and Kiana Brown of Lyons, Georgia; Seven sisters-in-law, Johnnie Eloise Byrd of Brunswick, Georgia, Rose Mitchell (Ben) of Lyons, Georgia, Christine Corbett, Nena Corbett, Jeannett Corbett, Darlene Poke, and Elizabeth Wyatt (James) all of Boston, Massachusetts; Six brothers-in-law, William Washington (Lillian) of Savannah, Georgia, Willie Corbett, Hughston Corbett, Eugene Corbett, and Cornelius Corbett all of Boston, Massachusetts, and Donnell Corbett of Maryland and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

