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"I'VE DONE MY BEST"

*I've done my best
I've sung my song
I've done some good
I've done some wrong
Now I shall go, and take my stand,
To be with Him in that unknown land.
He knows my heart and every thought,
He knows what pain and joy I've brought,
And by His love, I have been taught,
That one day I must go.
He knows my soul is weak and blind,
So full of fear with a troubled mind,
And so goodnight — I've stood the test,
I'll go with Him, I need some rest.*

Funeral Services

for



MR. GABRIEL BLOYS HEARD

Saturday, April 25, 1987 - 2:30 p.m.

Johnson Grove Baptist Church

R.F.D., Portal, Georgia

Rev. J. W. H. Thomas, Jr., Officiating

Interment — Church Cemetery



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

Obituary

Gabriel Bloys Heard, son of the late Silas W. and Matilda Jones Heard, was born on February 15, 1912 in Portal, Bulloch County, Georgia. He slept into eternal rest Tuesday morning, April 21, 1987, at the Bulloch Memorial Hospital, Statesboro, Georgia.

At an early age, he joined the Johnson Grove Baptist Church where he served faithful until moving to New Jersey. After moving to New Jersey, he joined the Calvary Baptist Church in Plainsfield, New Jersey, and worked for the Central Railroad in New Jersey. After retiring from the Central Railroad in 1971, he moved back to Georgia and was reunited with the Johnson Grove Baptist Church in May 1971. His most enjoyable thing was working and talking. He loved all mankind. He was a member of Charity and Goodwill Lodge No. 2 and 3. He was owner of the Contract Cleaning Company.

On September 18, 1932, he was united in holy matrimony to Thelma Jones.

He leaves to cherish his memories, a loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Thelma Jones Heard of Portal, Ga.; five sisters, Mrs. Annie Mae Brawley Parris of Garfield, Ga., Mrs. Alice Johnson of Portal, Ga., Mrs. Mollie G. Parrish of Statesboro, Ga., Ms. Ruvenest Heard of Atco, N.J., and Ms. Mary J. Heard of Metter, Ga.; six brothers, Loys Heard of Sicklesville, N.J., Silas C. Heard of Claxton, Ga., James M. Heard of Middlesex, N.J., Randall W. Heard of Millen, Ga., John E. Heard of Middlesex, N.J., and Leo Heard of Metter, Ga.; four aunts, Mrs. Mamie Weaver of Middlesex, N.J., Mrs. Helen Jollie of Ermo, S.C., Mrs. Charles Jollie of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Willie Jollie of San Antonio, Tx., and Mrs. Lidia Heard of Summerset, N.J.; two uncles, Corrie M. Heard of Summerset, N.J., and Charles Jollie of Kansas City, Mo.; seven sisters-in-law, six brothers-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Perhaps you sent food or a spray
Or sat quietly in a chair
Perhaps you sent a card or gram
If so, it is here
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
As any friend could say
Perhaps you were not there at all
Just thought of us today
Whatever you did to console our hearts
We thank you so much whatever your part.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

PRESIDING Rev. F. L. Roberts

SELECTION Payton's Chorus

SCRIPTURE Rev. Buford Lee

INVOCATION Rev. W. D. Kent

SELECTION Payton's Chorus

TRIBUTES:

AS A NEIGHBOR Rev. Purvis Royal

AS A CHURCH MEMBER Dea. Willie Bostic

PRESENTATION

LODGE No. 2 and No. 3 Dea. Tommy Burrough

SELECTION Payton's Chorus
May The Work I've Done Speak For Me

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Mrs. Maxine Royal

SELECTION Payton's Chorus

EULOGY Rev. J. W. H. Thomas, Jr.

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RECESSIONAL

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons of Johnson Grove Baptist Church and
Scarboro Grove Baptist Church

Active Pallbearers

Nephews

Douglas Jones
Donald Johnson
Silas J. Heard

John E. Heard, Jr.
Carl Jones
James Dekle

Floral Attendants

Irene Releford
Pauline Johnson
Janet P. Heard
Kathryn Woods

Lois Hanberry
Vanessa Mincey
Hannah Jones
Gwendolyn Sparrow