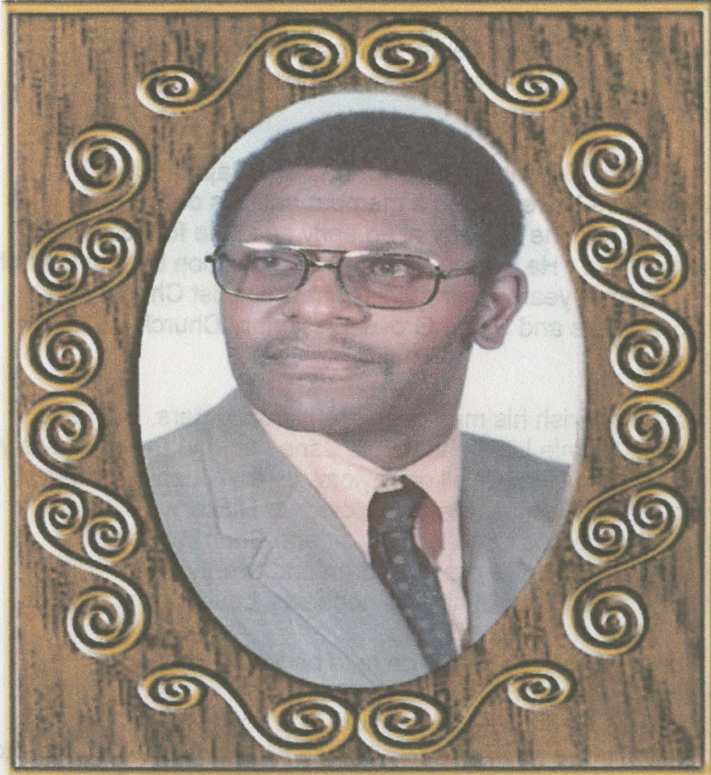


Homegoing Service
For
Rev. Thomas Leon Howell



March 5, 1928- January 8, 2010

St. John Baptist Church
Taylorsville, NC 28681
2:00 P.M.- January 12, 2010
Rev. Tyra E. Martin, Pastor
Rev. John Rowe, Officiating
Rev. James Millsaps
Rev. Montreal Howell

Obituary

Rev. Thomas Leon Howell, age 81, of Taylorsville entered into eternal rest on Friday, January 8, 2010.

He was born March 5, 1928, in Alexander County to the late James "Gruff" and Emma Howell. Rev. Howell was educated in the Alexander County Schools. Upon graduation from Happy Plains School, he entered A & T University in Greensboro for 1 year.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Margaret Parsons Howell, 4 sisters, 2 brothers, 3 grandsons and 1 great-grandson.

He was a life long member of St. John Baptist Church in Taylorsville where he remained a member until his death. Rev. Howell entered into the ministry at an early age. He found great joy in serving the Lord. He served as pastor of New Zion Baptist Church in Taylorsville for 7 years, Aarratt Missionary Baptist Church in Mt. Airy, for 26 ½ years and Union Grove Missionary Church in Dobson for 2 ½ years.

Left to cherish his memories are his daughters, Diane (Leavy) Smith, Mamie Littlejohn, Laura Jane (Jimmy) Parsons, Mary Ann Howell, Patricia Howell all of Taylorsville and Juanita Howell of Hickory; four sons, James (Melony) Howell of Hickory, Gregory "Greg" Howell, Thomas Leon Howell, Jr. and Brian Howell all of Taylorsville. Twenty-three grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family visitation will be held on Monday, January 11, 2010 from 7-8 p.m. at Adams Funeral Home in Taylorsville. The body will lie in state on Tuesday January 12, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at St. John Baptist Church in Taylorsville and with the funeral service to began at 2:00. Rev. Gene Martin, Rev. James Millsaps, Rev. Montreal Howell and Rev. John Rowe officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.adamsfunerals.com. Services are entrusted to Adams Funeral Home and Cremation service.

Order of Service

2:00 P.M.



Prelude

Song

(I Shall See His Face)

Choir

Old Testament

Rev. James Millsaps

New Testament

Rev. John Rowe

Prayer of Consolation

Rev. Montreal Howell

Solo

Bro. Lindsay Parsons

Acknowledgments

Sis. Lena Barnes

Obituary

To Be Read Silently

Solo

Sis. Brenda McCurdy

Remarks

**** (Please limit to 2 minutes)**

Song

Sis. Karen & Sherika Howell

Eulogy

Rev. Tyra E. Martin

Song

(When the Battle is Over, We shall Wear A Crown)

Choir

Final Resting Place

**St. John Cemetery
Taylorsville, NC**

The Howell Family's Prayer

"Dear Lord as we now gather near
To mourn the one we love
Bestow Your understanding here
Your peace from up above.
Please heal our hearts, it hurts so much
That we must say goodbye
Support us through these dark, sad hours
As we remember, grieve and cry.

Although we cannot understand
We pray we'll someday know
Why you took Dad from us
Back to your heavenly home.
Give us Your strength
And help us through
The days and years to come
May sweet mem'ries warm our hearts and minds.
Like golden rays of sun

Please let Dad stay close nearby
To watch over us we plead
A Guardian Angel's support from Heaven
Whenever we have need.

Flower Carriers

Stacy Howell
Tina Haynes
Sherika Howell

Missy Parsons
Yvonne Parsons
Cierra Howell

Becky Littlejohn
Shaunia Parsons
Melinda Jackson

Pall Bearers

Grandsons

The family of Rev. Thomas Leon Howell would like to express their sincere gratitude to each of you for your many acts of kindness during the loss of our love one. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we face these most difficult days ahead. May God bless each of you!

The Family

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