

Homegoing Celebration
for
Mr. Carlen Gray Scales

SUNRISE

May 10, 1928
Mount Airy, NC

SUNSET

June 5, 2008
Winston-Salem, NC



Monday, June 9, 2008

Eleven o'clock

Stateline Primitive Baptist Church

Wards Gap Road

Mount Airy, North Carolina

Elder Carl Morgan, *Pastor/Officiating/Eulogist*

Interment

Stateline Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery

Mount Airy, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Earth's Final Glimpse		ten thirty until eleven o'clock
Prayer		Guest Minister
Words of Comfort		Guest Minister
Congregational Hymn	"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"	
Scripture	Old Testament	Guest Minister
	New Testament	Guest Minister
Congregational Hymn		
Obituary		Read Silently
Acknowledgements		Jean Tucker
Special Friend Reflection		Bill Hiatt
Family Reflections		
Selection	"Grace and Mercy"	Elder Carl Morgan
Eulogy		Elder Carl Morgan
Committal/Benediction		Elder Carl Morgan
Interment	Stateline Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery	
	Mount Airy, North Carolina	
The Final Flight		Spencer Funeral Home Staff

Repast will follow in the Fellowship Hall

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces

CASKET BEARERS

Nephews

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THE OBITUARY

... just as Christ was raised from the dead, through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life
Romans 6:4

Carlen Gray Scales was born on May 10, 1928 to Elder Joseph Scales and Emma Dobson Scales in Surry County, NC. He was one of thirteen children. He attended the J. J. Jones High School in Mount Airy, NC. In 1950, Gray was drafted to serve in the United States Army. His tour of duty took him to Munich, Germany where he spent the majority of the two-year tenure. He attended the school of engineering in southern Germany and completed the two years to receive his High School diploma. He achieved the rank of Master Sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1952. Upon returning to the United States, Gray enrolled in Barber College in Raleigh, NC. After completing the training course, in 1953, he went to work in a barbershop at Fort Bragg, NC. It was in Fayetteville, that he accepted Jesus Christ as is Lord and Savior and joined the First Baptist Church, Rev. Edwards, Pastor, to begin his Christian walk. He went on to work at Norton Barber Shop in Davidson, NC. The quality of his work spread and he was invited to teach at the Modern Barber College in Winston-Salem, NC. In the meantime an opportunity to own his own Barber Shop developed in Mount Airy, NC. He opened a shop on Virginia Street with William Green serving as barber/manager during the week; Gray joined him on weekends. When Urban Renewal came to Virginia Street/South Street communities in 1965, the buildings in that community were demolished. Gray moved his business to the Ararat Community on Wards Gap Road (now North Main Street). His Barber Shop was located on the lower level of Ed Davis' apartment building on the corner of Jones Lane and N. Main Streets. He worked there until his retirement in 1970. He remained in the home with aging parents.

Gray was an avid reader. His collection of books ranged from health and medical to history and music. He had a great love for baseball and had shared fond memories of the Mount Airy Senators and the great fun and brotherhood they had. Gray was a natural musician. He played the guitar by ear and enjoyed singing the old church hymns and country western songs. He enjoyed the game of golf and often played with friends and family members before his illness. When he was confined to the home, he walked to exercise his legs and to keep the Parker Road Community clean by picking up trash along the road.

When the AAGHS met and Gray was present, he enjoyed the discussion of history. He was amazingly helpful at filling in family and community facts about the past. His memory of the past was extra ordinary. He enjoyed reminiscing about the events and people of the yesterday.

This gentle, kind, compassionate, and generous man lived a quiet life while supporting family, and helping others when the opportunity arose. Mount Airy students who were enrolled at Fayetteville Teachers College when he worked at Fort Bragg can remember how he would bring them home on the weekend and return them at no charge. During his illness, nurses and CNAs often commented about his cooperative and gracious spirit. Gray did not want to be a bother to those caring for him in the medical facilities.

Gray joins grandparents, mother, father, four sisters and one brother in our eternal home of joy and peace. Those he leaves behind to comfort one another during their loss are: a son, Paul Rawley, three sisters: Joyce Hill of Harrisburg, PA, Maggie Rosser and Dr. Evelyn Thompson of Mount Airy, NC; four brothers: John Scales, Sr. of Harrisburg, PA, Worth Scales of Lakeland, FL, Bobby Scales (Delores) of East Orange, NJ and Roger Scales (Joann) of Buford, GA; a nephew, like a brother: James Hill (Joyce) of Middletown, DE; and five grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning, that God
was going to call your name.*

In life we loved you dearly,

In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,

You did not go alone:

*for part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

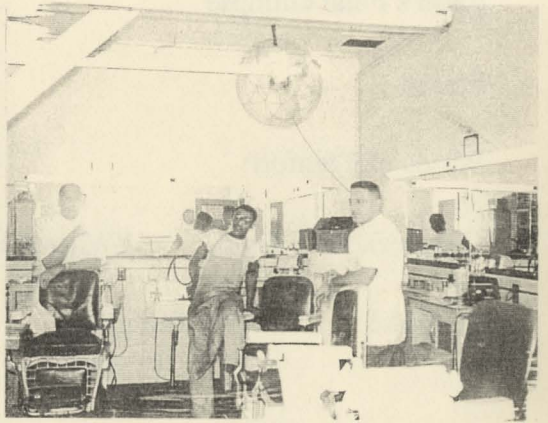
*You left us peaceful memories,
your love is still our guide;*

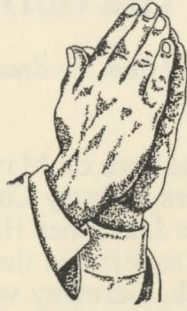
*and though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same;
but as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.*

Author Unknown







We Give Thanks

*To a faithful and merciful God who
Sent you to be a friend when sorrow struck.*

You brought food,

You sent cards,

You spoke words of comfort,

You helped with chores,

You offered your services,

You called with condolences

You sent flowers.

Most importantly, you prayed for us.

A Sincere Appreciation to The Medical Community

Doctors who gave their best

Nurses who administered medications carefully and faithfully

CNAs who gave gentle personal care

Staff who kept the living space clean

Volunteers who gave from the heart

To God be the Glory.

The Family of –

Mr. Carlen Gray Scales

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