

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
FOR
Pleas Elbert Strickland

Sunrise

November 16, 1922

Sunset

February 25, 2012



Thursday, March 1, 2012

12:00 p.m.

Payne's Chapel Baptist Church

264 Paynetown Road

Mount Airy, North Carolina

Dr. E. L. Clark, Officiant

Reverend Johnny Ruff, Eulogist



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Family Visitation

Family and Friends

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Selection

PCBC Gospel Choir

Prayer

Reverend Johnny Ruff

Pastor

Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Ch.
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Elder James R. Strickland

Pastor, Kings Mountain View Bap. Ch.
Westfield, NC

Words of Comfort

Selection

PCBC Gospel Choir

Acknowledgments

Sister Janice Simmons

Family Reflections

Sister Chris Cropps

Community Reflections

Reverend Charles W. Leak

Pastor Emeritus, Solid Rock Bap. Ch.
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Obituary (Read Silently)

Solo

Sister Lisa Banner

Eulogy

Reverend Johnny Ruff

Recessional

Interment

Mountain View Cemetery ~~~Mt. Airy, North Carolina

OBITUARY



*"...weeping may endure for a night,
but joy cometh in the morning." Psalm 30:5*

On the afternoon of Saturday, February 25, 2012, Pleas Strickland, 89, of Winston-Salem, NC, went home to be with the Lord. He was born in Mt. Airy, North Carolina on November 16, 1922 to the late Robert Lee Strickland and Emma Payne Strickland.

He graduated from J. J. Jones High School where he was an outstanding baseball player. He loved baseball and was a loyal fan of the New York Yankees.

He retired after 40 years of service from the Flat Rock Quarry in Mt. Airy, North Carolina. He moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina 45 years ago and resided there continuously until his passing. He attended Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Mary Ada Strickland, with whom he was together for over 50 years prior to her death. Also preceding him in death were two daughters, Elizabeth Pilson and Louise Bowman; two sisters, Gertrude Galloway and Mary Alice Strickland; and two brothers, Ralphelle and Billy Strickland.

He leaves to cherish his memories and carry on his legacy a devoted son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Cotton Conrad; four grandchildren as well as a number of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Martha Strickland Clyburn of Mount Airy, NC and Thelma Carter of Ararat, VA; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Josephine Strickland, of Mt. Airy, NC; a special friend, Minnie Kirby, of Winston-Salem, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:"

2 Timothy 4:7



I Am Always With You

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.
I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust
That it is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear
And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".

Author Unknown

Floral Bearers

Nieces



Casket Bearers

Nephews

Thanks

We thank **YOU** for the prayers, love and support that you expressed during the illness and passing of our beloved **Pleas**. Your kind expressions and prayers not only helped to sustain us but brought joy to the family and glory to God. For that we are most appreciative.

We also thank the medical teams and staffs at the **Sticht Center of N. C. Baptist Hospital and KBR Hospice Home** for the loving care, concern and compassion shown to **Pleas** and our family during his illness.

We thank God for **ALL OF YOU!** *From the Family of Pleas Strickland*

Arrangements entrusted to:
Spencer Funeral Home



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