

**ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**

Larry Earskin  
Adam Solomon  
Darrell Solomon  
Louis Ray Solomon

Melvin Solomon  
Monico Solomon  
Ozzie Lee Solomon  
Troy Lee Solomon

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Deacons of Fairfield Baptist Church

Flower Bearers  
Choir Members

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

*"Because You Cared"*

*Because you cared, you came to share  
Beautiful flowers and words of prayer.  
Because you cared, enough to do,  
Words of comfort on cards came too,  
Because you cared, we were not alone,  
Calls and visits reached our home.  
Because you cared, we're grateful indeed,  
You've been a comfort and friend in need.  
Because you cared, we're praying, too,  
For God's richest blessings for each of you.*

**INTERMENT**

Fairfield Cemetery



**ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:**

EMANUEL FUNERAL HOME  
1721 W. Oak Street  
Palestine, Texas  
(214) 729-3188 or 729-5430

EMANUEL FUNERAL HOME #2  
Third and Monroe  
Teague, Texas  
(817) 739-2686 or 739-3789

**This Heritage**

*They are not dead, who leave us this great heritage of  
remembered joy...  
They still live in our hearts, in the happiness we knew,  
in the dreams we shared -  
They still breathe in the lingering fragrance windblown  
from their favorite flowers -  
They still smile in moonlight's silver and laugh in sun-  
light's sparkling gold -  
They still speak in the echoes of words we've heard them  
say again and again -  
They still move in the rhythm of the waving grasses, in  
the dance of tossing branches.  
They are not dead; Their memory is warm in our hearts,  
comfort in our sorrow.  
They are not apart from us, but a part of us...  
For love is eternal; and those we love shall be with us  
throughout all eternity.*



*Celebration  
of the Life and Home-Going  
of*

*Willie J. Solomon*

*"But God will redeem my soul from the power of the  
grave for He shall receive me"*

*Psalms 49:15*



**SERVICE**

Wednesday, August 24, 1988  
11:00 a.m.

Fairfield Baptist Church  
Fairfield, Texas

Officiant  
Pastor W. M. Johnson

*"Death is putting out the candle, for the dawn has come."*

*"There is a day of rest for every dark and troubled night;  
grief may abide as an evening guest,  
but joy shall come with morning light."*



## OBITUARY

Willie Solomon, second oldest son of the late Rev. George W. and Lydie Ann Palmer Solomon, was born July 28, 1885 in Bethel Community, Freestone County, Texas.

His formal education was received at Bethel Elementary School.

At an early age, he united with Bethel Baptist Church under the pastorate of the Rev. Jessie Davis. He actively participated in church and community activities.

He was first united in matrimony to Miss Laura Pierson. To this union, three children were born. He later married Miss Elnora Cooper. Three children were born to this union. She preceded him in death. In November 1922 he married Mrs. Virginia Womack Marshall, who reared his six children. She preceded him in death in 1967. Three of his children also preceded him in death.

In 1922 he moved to Fairfield, Texas where he worked as a farmer, truck driver, and as a worker in the Athel Ivy Store until his retirement.

Brother Solomon united with Fairfield Baptist Church in 1922, where he served as chairman of the Deacon Board, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher, church treasurer, and member of the finance committee.

He served as trustee, caretaker, and 'Stand' manager of the Lebanon District Association for many years.

Brother Solomon was a member of Pride of East Masonic Lodge #1492.

He was recipient of many certificates of appreciation for many years of service. These awards came from his church, lodge, Texas Agriculture Extension Service, and the Texas Coon Hunters Association.

Brother Willie Solomon was graceful in his youth, dignified in his middle age, poignant in his final years, and he will be long remembered by those of us for whom, at some point in our lives, happiness was just a man called Willie.

He departed this life on August 19th at 2:00 p.m. Survivors include one son, Theodia Solomon and his wife, Mattie of Fairfield; two daughters, Callie Rischer and her husband, Hubbard of Fairfield, and Lucille Earskin of Dickerson, Texas; twelve grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; an attentive nephew, Dr. J. Don Jackson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



## A TRIBUTE

### *"You Taught Us"*

*You didn't give us riches,  
You didn't give us fame;  
But you did make us the heir  
Of our great family name.*

*You taught us when you were up;  
You taught us when you were down;  
You taught us when things go wrong  
To work until the turn around.*

*You taught us in good times;  
You taught us in the bad;  
You taught us that to succeed alone  
Is really very sad.*

*You taught us that life is full of work;  
You taught us that to give our best  
To everybody, everyday,  
Is the only way at night to rest.*

*When God picked you as our father  
He did it in a special way.  
He gave us more than just a father,  
But a teacher everyday.*

*When you get to heaven,  
And God hands out awards,  
We know that you will get some  
For being our daily teacher and father,  
And for a job that's been well done.*

The Family

## — ORDER OF SERVICE —

Prelude .....	Soft Music <i>"May the Work I've Done Speak for Me"</i>
Processional .....	Minister, Pallbearers, Family and Friends
Hymn.....	<i>"Take My Life and Let It Be"</i>
Scripture .....	Old Testament Rev. W. H. Gillispie  New Testament Rev. J. C. Nickerson
Prayer .....	Rev. E. Hemphill
Hymn .....	<i>"Abide With Me"</i>
Resolutions .....	Fairfield Baptist Church (Please Pass Others to Family)
Remarks .....	Limit two minutes, please
Music .....	<i>"Because He Lives"</i>
Eulogy .....	Rev. W. M. Johnson
Viewing of Remains .....	Funeral Directors
Recessional .....	<i>"Going Home"</i> Ministers, Pallbearers, Flower Bearers, Casket Family and Friends

