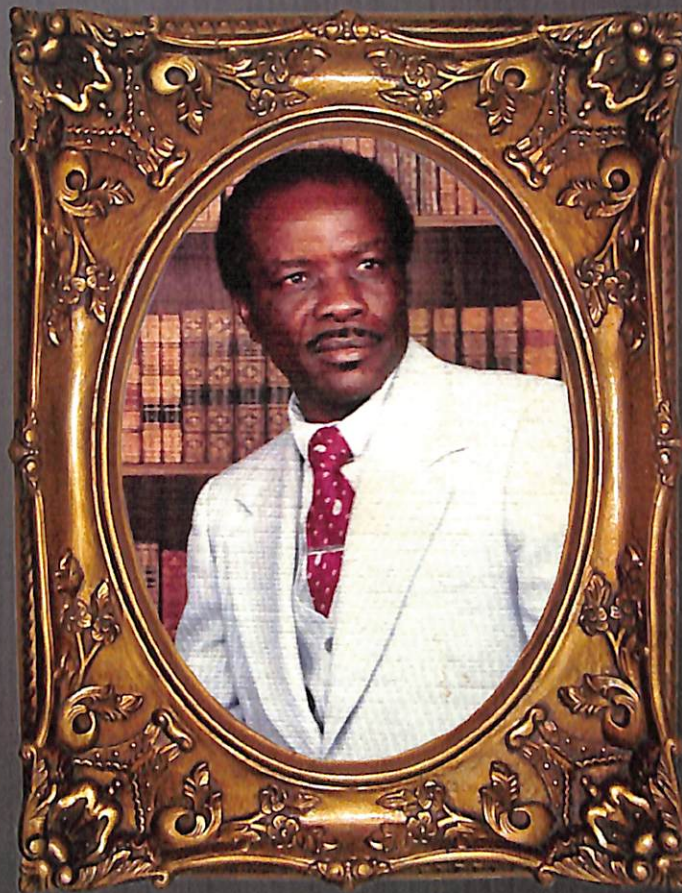


A Celebration of Life and Homegoing of
DEACON GEORGE M. WRIGHT, JR.

JANUARY 15, 1936 - OCTOBER 23, 2012

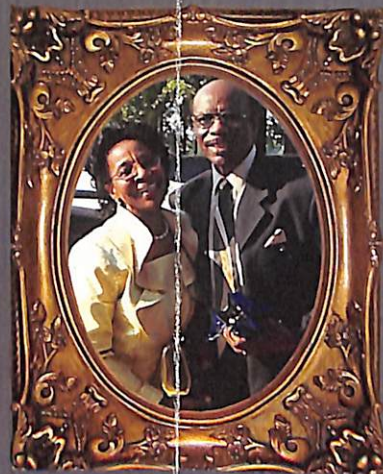


NEW BETHEL SOUNDS OF PRAISE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2012
1:00 PM

Deacon George M. Wright, Jr.

DEACON GEORGE MELVIN WRIGHT, JR., 76, ENTERED INTO HIS "BEULAH LAND" ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012 AT 5:15 PM. "MELVIN" AS HE WAS KNOWN WAS BORN ON JANUARY 15, 1936 TO THE LATE GEORGE AND ALETHIA WRIGHT OF SUMMERVILLE, SC. HE GRADUATED FROM ALSTON HIGH SCHOOL IN 1953 WHERE HE MET THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, ANNABELLE ELIZABETH SIMMONS. THEY ENTERED INTO HOLY MATRIMONY ON JUNE 10, 1956 AND TO THIS BLESSED UNION FIVE CHILDREN WERE BORN.

MELVIN WAS A STRONG, HARDWORKING AND DEPENDABLE PROVIDER FOR HIS FAMILY. HE FOUND JOY AS AN ADVENTUROUS FISHERMAN AND A HUNTER. HE WAS REVERED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS AN HONEST, EXTREMELY SMART AND COURAGEOUS MAN. HE WAS LOVED BY HIS CHILDREN AS A STERN PARENT WHO KEPT IT REAL. HE WAS ADORED BY HIS LOVING WIFE AS A NOBLE, COURAGEOUS AND UNCHANGING PARTNER. HE WAS GIFTED AS A TEACHER, A BUILDER AND A DESIGNER. HIS STUDENTS FOUND HIM ENLIGHTENING, HUMOROUS, EXTRAORDINARY, EXCEPTIONAL AND INSPIRATIONAL. MELVIN WAS A MAN OF WISDOM AND INSIGHT. HE WAS A MAN THAT SPOKE SOFTLY AND CARRIED A BIG STICK. HE WAS LIKE E.F. HUTTON, WHEN HE SPOKE EVERYONE LISTENED.



THIS QUIET STRENGTH, LOVING AND COMPASSIONATE NATURE FLOURISHED IN THE CHURCH AND IN HIS CAREER. THIS JOURNEY INCLUDED HIS FORMATIVE YEARS AT BAUMS TEMPLE AME ZION CHURCH IN SUMMERVILLE, SC, AND CONTINUED WHEN HE JOINED NEW BETHEL F.B.H. CHURCH IN 1960 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE LATE REV. MOSE SIMMONS. REV. SIMMONS RECOGNIZED HIS LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND HIS CONCERNS FOR THE CHURCH. HE WAS ORDAINED. HE ALSO SERVED AS CLASS LEADER, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND THEN CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD. DEA. WRIGHT SERVED WELL UNDER SEVERAL PASTORS AND CONTINUED TO SERVE DILIGENTLY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF APOSTLE ALLEN H. SIMMONS UNTIL HIS ILLNESS.

DEACON WRIGHT SUCCESSFULLY WORKED FOR 25 YEARS AS A VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR AT BONDS WILSON HIGH SCHOOL/ CREOC. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BRICK LAYERS ASSOCIATION. HE LOVED TO LAY BRICK AND ACTUALLY CONSIDERED IT TO BE A HOBBY JUST LIKE FISHING, GARDENING, HUNTING AND WATCHING GOLF.

LEFT TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY ARE HIS LOVING AND DEVOTED WIFE, MRS. ANNABELLE SIMMONS WRIGHT; HIS CHILDREN, MRS. DWAIN (JIMMY) THOMAS, MS. MYRA WRIGHT, MRS. SYLVIA (HENRY) SIMMONS, DR. CANDACE (REV. SOLOMON) RICE AND DR. TONY (DR. MONICA) WRIGHT; GRANDCHILDREN, MARCUS (ALEXIA); REGINALD; MATTHEW; ERIC; DANIELLE; CHELSEA; JASMINE; ISAAC; ARIANA; JOSHUA; AARON; SALINA; TREVA; SOLOMON, JR. AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, JAYDEN; JORDAN; JAHIEEM; JANIAH AND SOLOMON, III; ADOPTED CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, VERONICA (STEVE JOHNSON); TORRETTA DANTZLER; NIKKI; GENESIS; MIYA; BEN AND KIALEN; SIBLINGS, MS. THOMASENA WRIGHT (TRUSTED AND LOVING CARE-GIVER); MR. ALPHONSO (FLORETTE) WRIGHT; MR. RANDOLPH WRIGHT; MR. BERNARD WRIGHT; MS. HELEN JEFFERSON AND MS. ELAINE BRATCHER; BROTHERS-IN-LAW OF APOSTLE ALLEN H. (JUDGE JANICE) SIMMONS, MR. MOSE (GERLEAN) SIMMONS, MR. SAMMIE (ERNESTINE), REV. JOSEPH SIMMONS, AND MR. DANNY (HANNA) SIMMONS; SISTERS-IN-LAW; MRS. MARY EASON, MRS. EVA (FRANK) FELDER, MRS. MARGARET (HERMAN) WASHINGTON, MRS. INEZ (DAVID) SHULER, BISHOP GERALDINE (BISHOP GILBERT) ROUSE AND REV. RUBY SIMMONS (WIFE OF THE LATE BISHOP NATHANIEL) SIMMONS; AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, AND OTHER RELATIVE AND FRIENDS.

Order of Service

PRESIDING

EXECUTIVE PASTOR CHRISTIAN SIMMONS
NEW BETHEL SOUNDS OF PRAISE

THE PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

CLERGY & FAMILY
GOING UP YONDER

HYMN OF CELEBRATION

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL
SANCUTARY CHOIR

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT - PSALM 111

BISHOP AURELIO D. GIVENS
S.C. STATE PRESIDING PRELATE, SOP
PASTOR, ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

NEW TESTAMENT - I CORINTHIANS 15:51-58

BISHOP ALFRED WILLIAMS
PRESIDING PRELATE
3RD ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION, SOP

PRAYER OF CONSOLATION

PASTOR GARY BELLINGER
CITY OF GOD MINISTRIES, CHARLOTTE, NC

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"
MINISTER DARREN SHULER

WITNESSES OF A LIFE-WELL LIVED FROM THE CHURCH

DEACON L. DIXON
DEACON E. MORRISON
DEACON D. SHULER
DR. DOLORIS SIMPSON

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

TOTAL PRAISE
NEW BETHEL SANCTUARY CHOIR

WITNESSES OF A LIFE WELL-LIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY

CHARLIE WILSON, FRIEND
LYNN SINGLETON, HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

SOLO

"JESUS IS THE BEST THING"
MRS. ERNESTINE SIMMONS

REFLECTIONS OF A LIFE WELL-LIVED FROM THE FAMILY

SIBLINGS/IN-LAWS
GRANDCHILDREN & CHILDREN

RESOLUTIONS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SIS. RUTH BOWMAN
PASTOR YVONNE WIGFALL

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"UNCLOUDED DAY"
THE MOSE SIMMONS MEMORIAL CHOIR

THE EULOGISTIC MESSAGE

APOSTLE ALLEN H. SIMMONS

FAMILY SONG

"SOMEDAY"
THE MOSE SIMMONS MEMORIAL CHOIR

Beulah Land

I'M KINDA HOMESICK FOR A COUNTRY -
TO WHICH I HAVE NEVER BEEN BEFORE
NO SAD GOODBYES WILL THERE BE SPOKEN
FOR TIME WON'T MATTER ANYMORE

BEULAH LAND, I AM LONGING FOR YOU
AND SOME DAY, ON THEE I'LL STAND
THERE MY HOME SHALL BE ETERNAL
BEULAH LAND, SWEET BEULAH LAND

I'M LOOKING NOW ACROSS THE RIVER
WHERE MY FAITH WILL END IN SIGHT
THERE'S JUST A FEW MORE DAYS TO LABOR.
THEN I WILL TAKE HEAVENLY FLIGHT

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Words of Gratitude

WE THE FAMILY OF THE LATE DEACON GEORGE MELVIN WRIGHT, JR. WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR THE LOVE, KINDNESS AND TENDER CARE PROVIDED TO OUR BELOVED. YOU HAVE TRANSFORMED OUR LIVES BY YOUR PRESENCE AND CONSTANT SUPPORT. YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. AND SPECIAL THANKS TO, DR. AMY BLACK AND HER STAFF, EMS AND TRIDENT MEDICAL ICU, FOR THE MEDICAL CARE YOU PROVIDED; TO APOSTLE SIMMONS AND THE NEW BETHEL CHURCH FAMILY, FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS AND SUPPORT; TO ALBERT GLOVER FUNERAL SERVICES AND ADG CONSULTING FOR YOUR DIRECTION AND SUPPORT. MAY GOD FOREVER GRANT YOU MERCIES AND BLESSINGS.

MOTHER ANNABELLE WRIGHT AND FAMILY

PALL BEARERS
DEACONS

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
GRANDCHILDREN

FLORAL BEARERS
USHERS