

Pall Bearers  
*Members of Mason Lodge #71*

Flower Bearers  
*Friends of Family*

Interment  
*Thatch  
and Mann Cemetery*

### Acknowledgement

*While we are saddened by the passing of our loved one, please don't let this sadness cloud the memories you have of him. He was loved by all. Look at John's life and gather strength and guidance. The wisdom he left us says, "No Cross, No Crown." The Family says "Thank you all" for your love and support during this time. May God bless you and keep you in His grace.*

**The Family of the late John Robert Collier, Sr.**



**Peoples Funeral Home**

*"Services within the means of every family"*

# Celebration of Life

for

**John Robert Collier, Sr.**



Friday, November 2, 2001  
*11:00 A.M.*

**Madkins Chapel Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church in America  
2403 Oakwood Road  
Huntsville, Alabama**

**Pastor Endia Scruggs, Officiating**

**Interment: Thatch-Mann Cemetery**

## Obituary

**J**ohn Robert Collier, Sr., the first of 13 children, was born to Luke and Nancy Collier on March 24, 1919, Athens, Alabama. He departed this life on Friday, October 26, 2001 at 10:10 A.M. at Athens Limestone Hospital. On behalf of the entire Collier Family, we would like to express our appreciation unto God, for granting John Robert Collier, Sr., 82 years of life; therefore, do not mourn, but celebrate!!! Jesus said "I have come that ye may have life and life more abundantly."

John was baptized into the body of Christ at an early age, he never departed from his faith in God. During his walk with the Lord, he served in various positions in the church, most notably as, Pastor of Moses Temple Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Because of his faith in Christ, his family and many others were led to Christ. Under his leadership, the church doors were always open to young ministers starting their gospel journey, and anyone lifting up the name of Jesus. His faith in Christ allowed him to break barriers and embrace all beliefs and love all people.

Mr. Collier, as he was called by the boy scouts, was Scout Master of Troop 154 for over 30 years, instilling positive values to the boys in his community.

He met and married the former Eunice Louise Benford on October 19, 1940. They celebrated 61 years of marriage of October 19, 2001. From this union, eleven children were born; nine daughters and two sons. Barbara A. Collier, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee; Sherrye Collier Kyles (Kendrick), Midland, Michigan; Julia Collier Griffith, Atlanta, Georgia; Connie Collier Shaw (Howard), Prospect, Tennessee; Gloria Collier Perry (Larry), Vallejo, California; John Robert Collier, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia; Jerauld Delano Collier, Athens, Alabama; Valerie Collier Battles (Wayne), Atlanta, Georgia; Sheila Collier Davis (John), Athens, Alabama; Carol Collier Jenkins (Rodney), Atlanta, Georgia; and Cora Collier Lafontant (Gerald) Prospect, Tennessee. There are eleven precious grandchildren. Tracey (Nickey), Karis, Jarnie, Tessa, Christopher, Jarrod, Justin, Kristen, Brandon, Eric and Lauren. Three darling great-grandchildren, Dion, Ivana and Landon. Seven brothers, Clinton, Ulyses, Thomas (Lucille), Wendell (Vivan), Luke (Bonnie), James (Lorene), Van (Demetria); five sister, two preceded him in death, Ailene (Rivers) and Lillie; Shirley, Vanzola (Bristol), and Ann; nieces, nephews cousins, other relatives and friends.

*Elder John Robert Collier, Sr. had a kind smile for everyone, and a heart of gold.  
To those who knew him, his memory will never grow old.  
A precious family and community leader has gone from us.  
A voice we love is still. A place is vacant in our hearts, that never can be filled.  
He fought a good fight, he kept the faith*

## Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE.....	Shirell Huggins
PROCESSIONAL.....	Ministers and Family
Musical Selection.....	"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms".....Choir
Prayer.....	Pastor Terry Ragland
Musical Selection.....	"Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross".....Shirell Huggins
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.....	Minister Terence Haley
EXPRESSIONS (2 minutes)	Pastor John Jude Pastor Hosea Garrett Pastor Lloyd Wilson Pastor O. Edmonds Pastor E. C. Ward Minister Marion and Caulyne Hayden Pastor Les White Elder E. O. Jones.
Resolutions	--Alabama Synod-- Elder Joe Ward --Huntsville Presbytery-- Pastor Theodis Acklin --General Assembly-- Elder Julia Hudson-Elliott
Musical Selection.....	"I'll Fly Away".....Choir
Obituary Reading.....	Ms. Barbara Clemons
Musical Selection.....	"The Last Mile Of The Way".... Pastor Theodis Acklin
EULOGY.....	Pastor Endia Scruggs
Musical Selection.....	Choir
Closing Prayer and Benediction.....	Pastor Henry Bradford, Jr.
RECESSIONAL	