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# Obsequies

FOR

*Mr. William McKinley Burks J*



**Sunday, March 29, 1981**

**2:00 P.M.**

**Hills Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
Decatur, Alabama**

**The Reverend Endia Scruggs, Officiating**



# Program

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN ..... Choir

PRAYER ..... Elder Wilson Lesile

SCRIPTURE ..... Rev. Hosea Garrett, Moderator of the General Assembly

HYMN ..... Choir

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS CHURCH COURTS (3 minutes each)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ..... Mrs. Missie Scott

OBITUARY (read silently)

HYMN ..... Choir

WORDS OF CONSOLATION ..... Rev. Endia Scruggs

SOLO ..... Mrs. Lela Douglass

RECESSIONAL

MORTICIAN IN CHARGE ..... Memorial Funeral Home

# Obituary

*"Servant of God, Well Done!  
Rest from thy love employ;  
The battle has been fought,  
The Victory won; Enter thy Master's Joy."*

William McKinley Burks was born May 18, 1898 to the deceased Mr. and Mrs. Matthew A. Burks in Limestone County. He accepted Christ at an early age and joined Mt. Zion C. P. Church. After moving to Morgan County, he joined Hills Chapel C. P. Church. He was united in holy matrimony to Lousiana Sandifer. To this union 14 children were born.

Mr. Burks memories are cherished by three sons: Mr. James Burks of Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Cecil Burks and Mr. Edward Burks, both of Cleveland, Ohio; ten daughters: Mrs. Susie Jones, Mrs. Doris Curry, Mrs. Evelyn Robinson all of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Lucy Outlaw of Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Margaret Ruffin of New Orleans, Louisiana; Miss Samella Burks of Huntsville, Alabama; Mrs. Nettie Wynn, Mrs. Effie McDaniel, Mrs. Mattie Strain and Mrs. Ann Edmonds all of Decatur, Alabama. Forty-one grandchildren, forty-one great-grandchildren. One sister, Miss Easter Burks; one brother, Mr. James E. Burks; one niece; five nephews and other relatives and friends.

Elder Burks was the oldest Elder of the church and served as the church clerk. He served as the youth Sunday School teacher, the treasurer of the Sunday School and various other capacities of the church.

Elder Burks loved the challenges that went along with being a Cumberland Presbyterian. He also believed that first one should seek the kingdom of heaven; this was shown by his participation in the Huntsville Presbytery where he served as the assistant clerk and stated clerk for more than thirty years. Elder Burks served as Parliamentarian and served on various standing committees.

Mr. Burks was also concerned about the younger generation. He encouraged them by participating with the Sunday School Convention and Camp Henry Pratt where he was an instructor.

Elder Burks was not only faithful in the local area but he was an astute member of the Alabama Synod where he served as treasurer a number of years; and he instructed classes on various occasion.

Elder Burks talents not only lingered in Alabama but they were distributed throughout the national level. He was a Commissioner to the General Assembly for a number of years and even though he was not a Commissioner he remained faithful thereof.

Elder Burks also was a leader in the community and he served as a teacher in the community Sunday School.

Elder Burks stressed to his children and his offsprings how imperative it is to keep God and his/her church as the center of their lives.

*God saw the rugged highway  
Getting mighty hard to climb,  
So He closed the weary eyelids,  
And whispered peace divine.*

*The pains of death are past  
Labor and sorrow cease  
And life's long warfare closed at last  
His soul is found in peace.*

## **Flower Bearers**

Order of Easter Star Omega Chapter No. 124



## **Pall Bearers**

Eld. E. W. Teague  
Eld. Vernon Baugh  
Eld. Wilson Lesile  
Eld. O. Z. Hundley

## **AND**

Queen of Sheba



## **Interment**

Rather Cemetery  
Decatur, Alabama



## **Acknowledgement**

The family of Mr. William M. Burks I acknowledges all expressions of condolences.

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