

Pallbearers

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(Solid Rock Lodge No. 899)

Honorary Pallbearers

Ministers of the Huntsville Presbytery

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters

Great-Granddaughters

Ushers

New Hope CPCA

Pleasant Grove CPCA

Interment

New Hope Cemetery

Acknowledgements

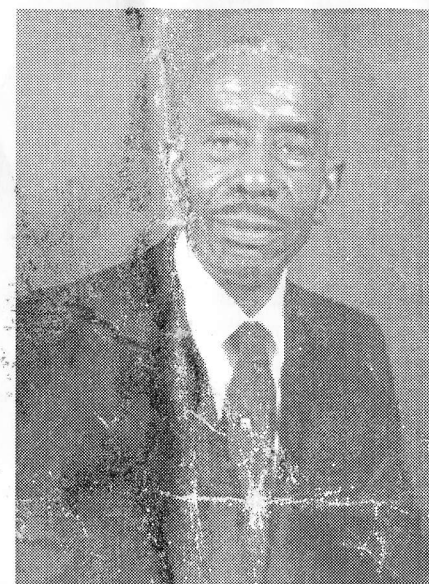
The family of Rev. Willis Fletcher Sr. wishes to express deep and sincere gratitude and appreciation for all acts of kindness expressed during the illness and passing of our loved one.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME, Directing

"When only memories remain, let them be beautiful."

Homegoing Celebration *for*

WILLIS FLETCHER, SR. (DADDY)



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Wednesday, April 10, 1996
One O'clock P.M.

**New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian
Church in America**

28520 Wall Street, S.W.
Madison, Alabama 35758

REVEREND TERRY RAGLAND, Officiating

Obituary

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

- Isaiah 40:31

A man of distinction, a man of uniqueness, a man of unusualness, and an exceptional man with a very special purpose: to teach; to preach; to give; to lend a helping hand; to meet and greet everyone with a smile; to speak kind words to someone who is in distress; to give words of encouragement to those who feel that they have reached their limit - exemplifies the life of **REV. WILLIS FLETCHER**.

Rev. Fletcher was born December 27, 1910 to the late Henderson Fletcher, Sr. and Mamie Clopton Fletcher in Limestone County, Alabama. He was united in holy matrimony to Eliza Dillard on December 6, 1934. They shared 61 loving years together. He departed this life and entered into eternal rest at 2:00 a.m. on Friday, April 5, 1996, at his residence.

Rev. Fletcher had his own philosophy for a good foundation of life: get an education (in his own words he would say, "*learn your books*"), be obedient -- "*mind your elders*", and most importantly "*know Jesus*" and have faith.

A multi-talented man -- he was a pastor, farmer, hunter, fisherman, and carpenter. As a carpenter, he built, painted and remodeled many homes in the surrounding communities. He constructed the New Hope School Cafeteria, and worked several building projects at Redstone Arsenal. His acquired skills came into play as he constructed his own home, assisted with the homes of three of his sons, and other homes in the Triana Community. He put cane bottoms in chairs, made rolling pins, two sizes of wash boards, and support horses used for quilting. As a shoe repairman, he repaired shoes for the community. As a blacksmith, he made mattress cover needles, and mattress cover buttons.

He declared his faith in Christ in 1931 at 2:30 p.m. at the Triana Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (then the Triana Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church), and was baptized by Rev. Matt Lewis.

As a leader in religious circles of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA), he served in the Huntsville Presbytery for over 36 years.

Church responsibilities were a vital part of his life. He was a deacon for several years prior to his call to the ministry in 1946. After the "call", he was a licentiate, both occurring at Triana CPCA. He was ordained in early 1958 and became the permanent pastor of Pleasant Grove CPCA on the 4th Sunday in April, 1958.

As a husband, a father, a neighbor, a Christian, a church leader, and a friend, Rev. Willis Fletcher will be irreplaceable. He has left the world a better place as he lifted, and loved us during his sojourn with us here.

Rev. Fletcher leaves to cherish his memories a wife: Mrs. Eliza Dillard Fletcher; a step-mother: Mrs. Florida Fletcher of Chicago, IL; one daughter: Mrs. Lillie Houston of Triana, AL; four sons: Mr. Charles E. Fletcher (Virginia) and Mr. Willis Fletcher, Jr. (Cora) of Limestone County, AL; Mr. Joel L. Fletcher, Sr. (Alberta) of Triana, AL; and Mr. Walter L. Dillard (Estelle) of Hartford, CT; 23 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and 9 great great-grandchildren; 3 nieces: Connie, Luverne and Sherry Fletcher of Chicago, IL; a "special friend" and grandson-in-law: Mr. A. J. Collier. (As a father figure for A.J., in return, A. J. was very faithful and supportive to him. A. J. made a great contribution to the fulfillment of him having a happy life and

enjoying some of the "fun" things life had to offer including making annual trips to the Harness Race in Fayetteville, TN, fishing, shopping, or just enjoying the scenery); and a host of other relatives and friends.

...And now death, can only mean that the battle is over! For him, we can assuredly say, life's race is well run; life's work is well done; life's victory is won, and now rest, sweet rest -- rest with the father, rest with the angels. ...

Excerpt from D. C. Washington
"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

REV. FLETCHER'S MOTTO: "LOVE YE ONE ANOTHER"

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL.....Participating Clergy & Family

SELECTION.....Pleasant Grove CPCA Choir

OPENING SONG & PRAYER.....Rev. McKinley Jones, Pastor
Union Hill and Blackburn Chapel CPCA Churches

SCRIPTURE READINGS.....Rev. John Jude, Pastor
Pleasant Grove CPCA Church • "Old Testament"

Rev. James Childress, Pastor
Triana CPCA Church • "New Testament"

SELECTION.....Pleasant Grove CPCA Choir

REFLECTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Rev. Endia Scruggs • Moderator, General Assembly
- Rev. James Robinson • Vice Moderator, Huntsville Presbytery
- Other Ministers

SELECTION.....Pleasant Grove CPCA Choir

OBITUARY (Read Silently).....Soft Music

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Elder Patricia Ward

SELECTION.....Pleasant Grove CPCA Choir

~ ~ TRIBUTE ~ ~

SOLO.....Mrs. Linda Raybon

EULOGY.....Rev. Terry Ragland
Moderator, Huntsville Presbytery
Pastor, New Hope CPCA Church

CLOSING SONG & PRAYER.....Rev. Endia Scruggs

RECESSIONAL