

A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE
TO CHRIST, THE CHURCH, & COMMUNITY

for

Elder Henry Louis Dobbins

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006

2:00 PM

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

20 Sixth Avenue, SW
Birmingham, Alabama

The Reverend Doctor Clyde Carter, Pastor, Officiating

For I am ready to be offered and my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me on that Day, and not to me only but unto all them that love His appearing.

2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8

The Obituary

"I may wear out, but I will never sit around long enough to rust out." Thus, Elder Henry Louis Dobbins lived his life in this manner until his death on May 17, 2006. He was born in Harris Station (Limestone County), Alabama on June 11, 1926 to the late James Dobbins and Carrie Dobbins Leslie. He attended school in Decatur, Alabama graduating from the Decatur Negro High School. Following graduation, he married his beloved high school sweetheart – Rosie Lee Edmond in 1947. After several years of marriage they moved to Birmingham, Alabama and for 56 years, they remained sweethearts until his "Rose" departed this world in January 2004.

Elder Dobbins served in the United States Army as a Sergeant in World War II. He was honorably discharged after almost two years of service as a military trainer in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Ribbon.

A strong value of education led to the completion of his Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics from Alabama State University and a Master of Arts Degree in Administration & Supervision from Alabama A&M University. His further studies included Solid State Physics at Ohio University, Molecular Physics at Michigan State University, Electronic Circuitry at American University, and Radioisotope Techniques at Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. His theological education included studies at Trinity Theological Seminary – San Antonio, Texas and Columbia Theological Seminary – Decatur, Georgia. Thousands of students' lives were touched during his tenure of more than thirty years of service in the Fairfield City School System as a science instructor at Fairfield Industrial High School and as Principal of Robinson Elementary School.

Elder Dobbins worked tirelessly in the community and received numerous commendations and awards for services in the fields of religion, education, and community service. He worked with organizations such as the Voters League, the NAACP, Boy Scouts of America, Greater Birmingham Ministries, and the YMCA. He was recognized by the Alabama House of Representatives for outstanding services in the field of education and featured in an edition of

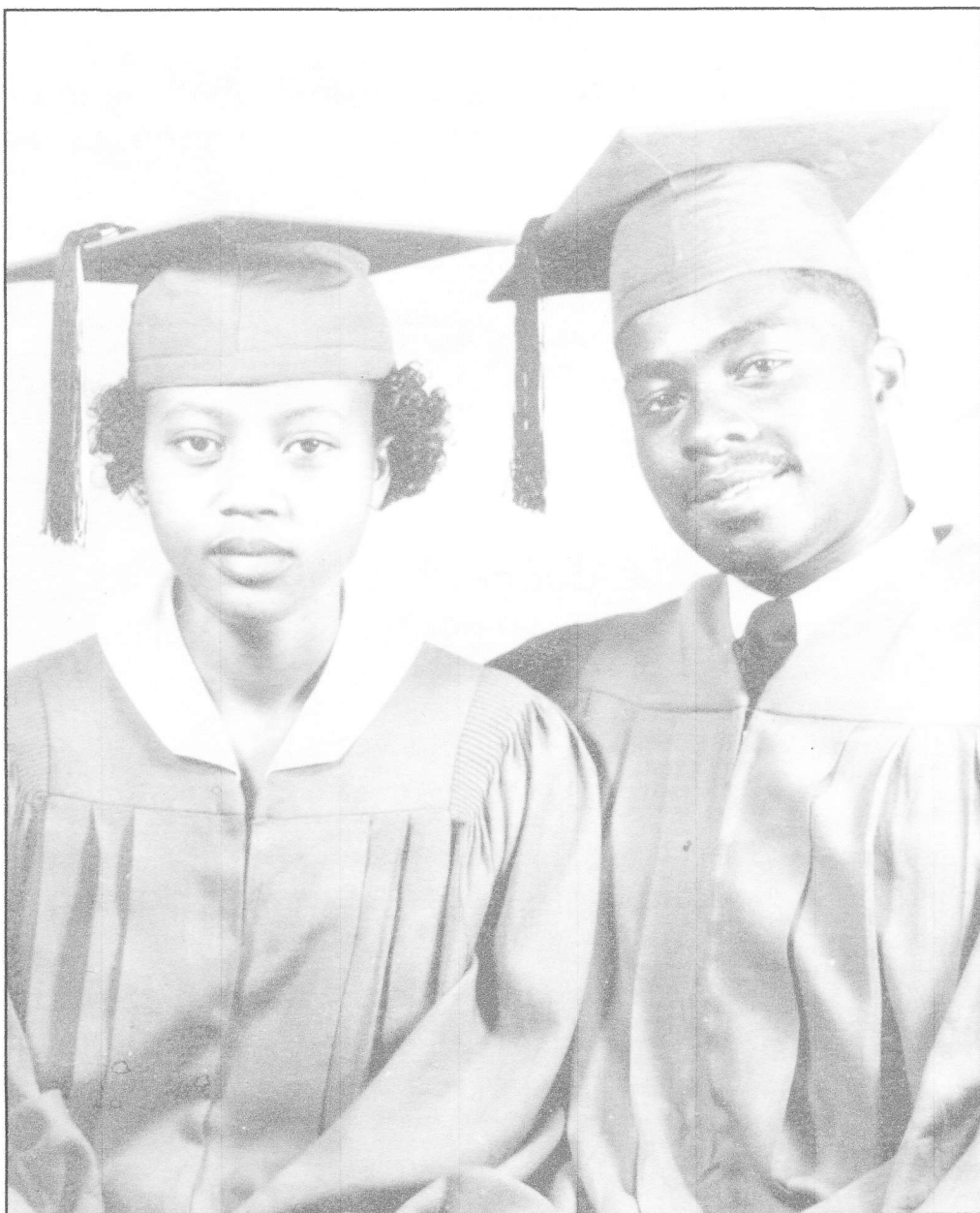
Outstanding Personalities of the South for outstanding services in the fields of education and religion. He was a member of the Phi Delta Kappa Professional Fraternity in Education, the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, the Beta Kappa Chi Honorary Scientific Society, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and many other organizations.

Elder Dobbins' spiritual journey began early in his life. From early childhood to early adulthood, he was a member of King's Memorial United Methodist Church in Decatur, Alabama. From early adulthood to his death, he was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, USA – Birmingham, Alabama. He was deeply committed to his spiritual life and sharing his vast knowledge and wisdom in an effort to help others to grow in their spiritual lives. He was an ordained Elder and served for several years as pastor for Good Hope Presbyterian Church, USA – Bessemer, Alabama. As an Elder, he served as a member of session, shared vision for church growth, and chaired many committees. He was a teacher in church school, special groups, worship services and a representative to the Presbytery. His work with the Presbytery included service on committees such as New Church Development, Evangelism, Small Church Revitalization, and Permanent Judicial and Resolution. With the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley, he served as Alternate Commissioner to the General Assembly – Albuquerque, New Mexico and as a commissioner the following year in Syracuse, New York. His lifelong service has left a legacy that will continue to impact the lives of many, even though his physical presence is no longer here.

Surviving him are a devoted daughter, Janice Dobbins (Daniel) Andrews; a son, Vincent A. Dobbins; two cherished grandchildren, Andrea M. (Peterjon) Weatherhead and Reginald A. (Adrienne) McCauley, Jr. Three great-grandchildren brought joy to his life – Justin, Savannah, and Taylor McCauley. He will be forever missed by a host of other loving relatives and friends. In his words – “I got every drop out of life that I could, so there is no need for tears when I'm gone. I've had a ball!”

REPAST

**Glory's Family Dining
Fairfield Civic Center**



*.... and they shall dwell in
the house of the Lord, forever.*

Amen

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Elder Henry Louis Dobbins would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the love and support that you have shown us during this difficult time. The prayers, flowers, cards, telephone calls, and many other acts of kindness will always be remembered. Please continue to pray for us as we look to the hill from whence cometh our help, for truly, our help comes from the Lord.



PALLBEARERS

Decatur Negro High School Alumni Association
Fairfield Industrial High School Alumni Association

ACTIVE FLOWER BEARERS

Decatur Negro High School Alumni Association
Fairfield Industrial High School Alumni Association

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

Ladies of Westminster Presbyterian Church

INTERMENT

Elmwood Cemetery

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