

Homegoing Celebration
For
Deacon Albert Maples



*Tuesday, April 23, 1996
1:00 P.M.*

*Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church
Lester, Alabama*

Elder Willie J. Manguen, Officiating

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Peoples Funeral Home
"Services within the means of every family"

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Enterprises

Obituary

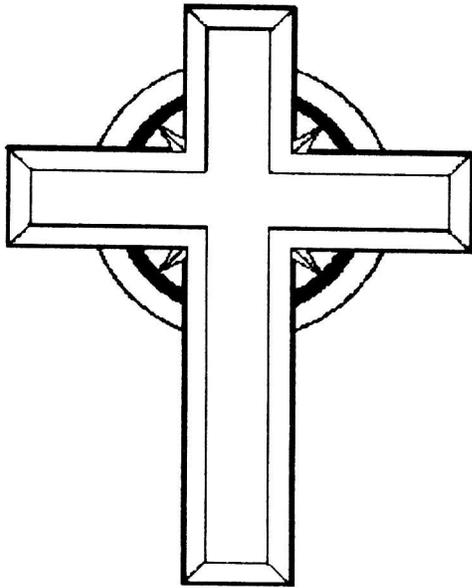
Albert Maples, was born September 8, 1918, in Limestone County, Alabama to the late Raymond and Lillie Mae Maples. He was the second of eight children born to this union. Albert departed this life on April 18, 1996 at the Athens, Limestone Hospital.

He committed his life to Christ at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a Deacon and faithful member until his death.

Albert was educated at Red Hill School, in Lester, Alabama. He was employed by the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Aerophysics Laboratory.

In 1943, he was united in holy matrimony to Annie W. Horton Maples enjoying fifty- three years of marriage. To this union eight children were born.

He leaves to cherish his memories a devoted wife, Annie W. Maples; two sons, Steve Maples (Joyce) of Elkmont, Alabama and Dwight Maples of Lester, Alabama; four daughters, Annie M. Clemons, Alma J. McWilliams (Ollie) and Vandora Anderson (Donnie) all of Athens, Alabama and Jacqueline Davis (Kenneth) of Elkmont, Alabama; one brother, Hosea Maples (Mary) of Lester, Alabama; five sisters, Ida Bee Gilbert, Cora Lee Dement and Annalizzer Coleman all of Indianapolis, Indiana, Mealie Hunter (Erskine) and Birdah Mae Murray (Fred) both of Athens, Alabama; two sisters-in-law, Della Maples of Lester, Alabama and Ella W. Cane of Nashville, Tennessee; one uncle, Joe Coleman of Athens, Alabama. Albert is preceded in death by two daughters, Mamie Lou and Mary Francis Maples; one brother, Edwash Maples; one uncle, George Coleman (Bessie Lee) and a son-in-law, David. He also leaves to mourn 18 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.



Order Of Service



Life Is Eternal

" Life Is eternal " the good Lord said,
 So do not think of your loved one as dead
 for death is only a stepping - stone
 to a beautiful life we have never known,
 A place where God promised man he would be
 eternally happy and safe and free,
 A wonderful land where we live a new
 when our journey on earth is over and through
 So trust God and doubt Him never,
 for all who love Him live forever,
 And while we cannot understand
 just let the Savior take your hand,
 for when death's angel comes to call
 God is so great and we're so small...
 And there is nothing you need fear
 for faith is God makes everything clear.

Life is eternal and love is immortal, and
 death is a gateway - an entrance and portal -
 into a life that is no man can envision, for
 God has a greater perspective and vision.



PROCESSIONAL.....*Participating Clergy & Family*

SELECTION.....*Choir*

OPENING SONG & PRAYER.....*Pastor Elijah Gray III.*
(New Beria M.B. Church)

SCRIPTURE READING.....*Sister Johnella Gray*
(Old Testament)
Elder Willie J. Manguen
(New Testament)

SELECTION.....*Choir*

REFLECTIONS
 As a Church Member.....*Hollis Pryor*
 As A Friend.....*Richard Hayam*

SELECTION.....*Choir*

OBITUARY (READ SILENTLY).....*Soft Music*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....*Sister Barbara Clemons*

SELECTION.....*Choir*

EULOGY.....*Elder Willie J. Manguen*
(Pastor of Mt. Nebo M.B. Church)

SOLO.....*Mother Mary D. Crutcher*

CLOSING PRAYER.....*Elder Larry Lockett*

RECESSIONAL

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Words Of Appreciation

*Dinner will be served
 in the Fellowship Hall*