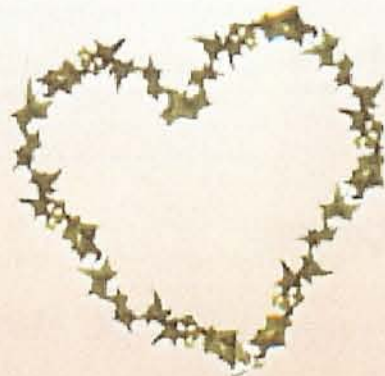


Pallbearers
Grandsons

Floral Bearers
Granddaughters and Nieces



The family gives honor and glory to God
for His Divine Order and Comforting Hand.

We are thankful for the Spirit of God
as manifested through the many cards, calls, and visits
from friends and family near and far.
Thank you for allowing the spirit to move through you.
We hope that you receive a blessing,
even as you have blessed us.

When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid:
yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

Proverbs 3:24

Arrangements by
Dunn Funeral Home
Burgaw, North Carolina

February 22, 1907



**Celebration
of
Victory**

**Willie
Henry
Jacobs**

**January 10, 2002
1:00 pm**



New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Rhynes Crossroads, North Carolina
Reverend Elbert Fowler, Pastor

January 4, 2002

Willie Henry Jacobs responded to God's call on Jan 4, 2002 at 11:30 PM. He was born in Pender County, NC on February 22, 1907 to Anguish Jacobs and Hattie Merritt Jacobs. He grew up in the Cypress Creek Community where his family had lived since the 1700s while America was still a colony of England.

He read the Bible regularly, becoming so familiar with God's word that his family and people in his community would consult with him for his guidance. He gave his heart to Jesus and joined New Hope Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for over 73 years. His untiring devotion to his church continued throughout his life. He gave his wisdom and guidance to the Deacon Board meeting held at his home as recently as December 7, 2001. He also served as Sunday School Superintendent for over 60 years. His devotion is also commemorated in one of the colorful, glass windows dedicated to him and bearing his name.

He married Mamie Herring in 1928 and their union was blessed with eight children. Willie was a hard worker and provided for his family by farming. They raised their children based on a strong work ethic and devout teaching and demonstration of God's love. God blessed Willie and Mamie by rewarding them with the fierce love, respect, protection and devotion of all their children and their spouses. They surrounded him in prayer, worship and love up to his last moment.

God used him to minister to others. He wanted to be remembered as a friend to man in the house by the side of the road. His eyes would especially gleam at the sight of a child. He has touched the lives of numerous people in many ways. He continued to amuse others with humorous stories of his childhood. Even at age 94+, he enjoyed repeating the 23rd Psalm and saying his alphabets backward as fast as most people could say them forward. His latter months clearly demonstrated that it is not your condition that matters but how you view it. His attitude was always positive and with a spirit of gratitude. Some of his favorite sayings were, "No use complaining", "The Lord knows best" and "Trying to make it". His response to his illness clearly demonstrated the power of God's love better than any other testimony. His team of caregivers (Dorothy Merritt, niece; Hattie Jacobs, niece; Junior Merritt, grand-nephew; Patricia Ann Jacobs, grand-niece; Odessa Green; Carolyn Spearman and Earlene Walker) gave lots of love and special attention to him over the past five years.

He leaves to celebrate his life all of his children, Lethia Towns (Hank), Daphine Goodwyn, Willie S. Jacobs (Annie), Oliver Jacobs (Ida), Hezekiah Jacobs (Gloria), Ronald Jacobs (Maroline), Annie G. Newell (Edward), and Shirley Jacobs, 21 grandchildren, 16 great grand-children, one sister, Lillie Coleman and a host of nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends. His wife Mamie and his son in-law, James Goodwyn, preceded him in death.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD.
Psalms 37:23

Service of Victory

Processional

Musical Selection.....*St. Mary's Holiness Church Choir*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalms 23.....*Rev. Edmond T. Costor*

New Testament - John 14:1-6.....*Rev. Samuel Stalling*

Prayer.....*Rev. Henry P. Jones*

Remarks and Acknowledgments

Musical Selection.....*St. Mary's Holiness Church Choir*

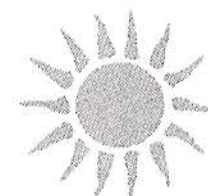
Obituary (read silently)

Solo

Eulogy.....*Reverend Elbert Fowler*

Mortician's Brief

Recessional



Interment

Herring Family Cemetery
Rhynes Crossroads, NC

*He will swallow up death in victory;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces;*
Isaiah 25:8



**God has re-joined two
whom he made
One.**

In Heaven:
Angels rejoice and clap their hands.
They strike a note in Heaven's band.
Another has come to claim the reward.
For a lifetime of service, serving the Lord.

On Earth:
A band of mourners huddle close,
Another hole torn in their world.
But through that hole, an opening
Where they can glimpse Eternity,

Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on Earth
as it is in Heaven.
Amen.

*Her husband is known in the gates,
when he sitteth among the elders of the land.*
Proverbs 31:23

