

Philadelphale 31, Penna.
March 27, 1931

Joseph S. Merritt, son of the late Joseph and Ollie Merritt was born August 28, 1911 in the State of North Carolina. His parents were much concerned about their children being prepared to fill lifes duties, thus Joseph obtained a fair education, and because of his inquiring mind, he continued to advance, in that, he was able to obtain some creditable positions, looking forward to a bright future. On December 24, 1930 he was united in Holy wedlock to Dorothy Messick. This couple were blessed with three children. Joseph was a conscientious father and a good husband who loved his family and did all within his powers to provide and make them happy.

He was converted, and baptised and became a member of the New Hope Bapt. Church in North Carolina. On moving to Phila. Penna., He became a member of the Vine Memorial Bapt. Church and was faithful until sickness prevented his regular attendance.

His passing leaves our hearts sad, but he has escaped at last the cruel clutches of pain. His lips shall never taste the bitter cup again.

He leaves to follow on, his devoted wife, his loving mother, two sons, one daughter, two sister, five brothers and

a host of other dear relatives and friends.

Sleep on dear one, and take your rest. We loved you dearly
but Jesus, loves you best.

Sadly missed,

The Family