

Home Going Celebration for Deacon Islah Pippen, Jr.

1912 1998



Saturday, November 21, 1998 10:00 AM

Officiating Reverend Walter Cherry, Jr.

Mayo's Chapel Baptist Church Tarboro, North Carolina

Obituary of Deacon Islah Pippen, Jr.

December 5, 1912

November 18, 1998

"Our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ looking down from an unclouded glory - - He saw my roots begin to fail, my stalk was getting dowdy, the limbs began to droop, the leaves began to wither, the bright rosebud had dropped its head. I've stood the test, kept the faith, run the race. "Go on in to meet the deed that you have done, over there where there will be no sadness and setting sun."

Deacon Isiah Pippen, Jr. was born to the late Isiah Pippen, Sr. and Cilann Carrie Jones Pippen on December 5, 1912. He was the second child of four. He departed this life November 18, 1998 at Heritage Hospital.

He met the late Mary Elizabeth Howard in 1926 on a blind date. He took her to revival at Riddick's Chapel where she was a member under the leadership of Reverend Taylor. He was supposed to get married in 1930; however, the Depression was so high, he got married in 1932. To this union, one child was born.

He joined the Mayo's Chapel Baptist Church in 1938. He made Deacon in 1939. He served from, 1939 until 1994 when his health failed. He joined the Usher Board in 1940. He remained active in the church and served in the capacity of Trustee, Program Committee Chairman and Treasurer. He served until 1994. He joined the Middle Ground Association and Union in 1950. He made Trustee, Finance Committee, Program Committee, Mission Board and Building Fund Treasurer.

His son, Jesse B. Pippen, preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two grandsons Gerald Thomas Pippen of Madison High, Virginia and Bryant O'Neal Clark of Tarboro, North Carolina; granddaughters Lanara "Peaches" Bryant of the home, Lannette "Dimples" Ward of Wilson, North Carolina and Lolita "Lita" Pippen of Ropel, North Carolina; he leaves five great grandchildren Natasha, LaShaunda, Cedric, Jocelyn and Gerald, Jr.; two grandsons-in-law Winston Bryant of the home and William Ward of Wilson, North Carolina; one sister-in-law Rebecca Mitchell of Belleuve, Nebraska; one daughter-in-law Loretta Pippen Darden of Tarboro, North Carolina, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and great nieces; three nephews; the big Minnie Lee Ruffin family who he nursed and raised as a big brother; dedicated and devoted friends Mrs. Bessie Best, Mrs. Shirley Mays and Mr. & Mrs. William Joyner.

"Through leaps and bounds, ups and downs, He brought me through the dark tunnels of life. He guided me safely to the other side. Now my work on earth is ended. I will sleep beneath the soil, my soul sings with the angels around the precious throne of God. Take my body to the grave. Family and friends standing all around, the last thing you can do for me - - - lower my body down."





"I'll Fly Away"

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation Rev. Walter Cherry, Jr.

Opening Hymn The Old Rugged Cross

Scripture 107th Psalm

Prayer Rev. Richard Joyner

Song I Had My Share Choir

Obituary Minister Alberta Pettaway

Solo Bernice Godwyn

Church Paper

Hymn He'll Understand and Say Well Done

Eulogy Rev. Walter Cherry, Jr.

Viewing Mortician In Charge

Recessional Take My Hand, Precious Lord

Interment

Conetoe Cemetery Conetoe, North Carolina

I Corinthians, Chapter 13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part,

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Pall Bearers

Friends of the Family

Floral Bearers

Friends of the Family

"Welcome Home"

To those I love and to those who love me When I am gone, release me, let me go I have so many things to see and do You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears. Be happy that we had so many years. I gave to you my love; you can only guess How much you gave to me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, But now it's time for me to travel alone. So grieve for a while, if grieve you must, Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part, So bless the memories within your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on. So if you need me, call, I'll be near - -And if you listen within your heart You'll hear all my love around you, soft and dear. And then when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome Home"

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to acknowledge all who have shown their love, respect and concern during this period of bereavement. Your supportive efforts are highly appreciated. All acts of kindness will be further acknowledged at a later time. May God bless each of you.

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