God dispatched the angels from glory on Sunday, November 12, 1995 and summoned him to glory. Now there is no more pain or suffering. Rev. Alvin Wilkes now says to us "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord".

He will always be cherished and remembered by his wife, Mildred Wilkes; daughter, Mrs. Alvis Marie Bond; sonia law, John Bond of Stanton, Tennessee; son, Willie L. Jones; daughter-in-law, Anne T. Jones of Cleveland, Ohio; two stepchildren, Anthony and Jeanette of Cleveland, Ohio; sister, Mrs. Emma Bowles; brother-in-law, Mr. Carey Bowles of Stanton, Tennessee; sister-in-law, Odessa Henderson (David); brother-in-law, Michael D. Williams of Saginaw, Michigan; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one step-great grandchild; a host of nieces and nephews who affectionately called him "Uncle Buddy"; other relatives and friends who called him "Buddy Brook"; and church family and friends who called him "Servant of God."

My Faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

Loving Submitted, The Family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family would like to express their warmest gratitude in every respect for all acts of kindness expressed during their time of bereavement. Your prayers, condolences, and deeds of love have been sincerely felt and appreciated. May God's peace and mercy abide with you always.

In Loving Memory of Rev. Alvin Wilkes

1916 ~ 1995



Saturday, November 18, 1995

Twelve Noon
Dancyville C.M.E. Church

BIGHEM AND DAUGHTER FUNERAL HOME
680 N McComb St.
Martin, Tennessee
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Order of Service

Hymn
Affirmation of Faith
Prayer Rev. Percy Lee
Old Testament Rev. E.L. Perry
New Testament Rev. R.T. Fouse
Solo Mrs. Wardean Cole
Obituary read silently
Acknowledgements Mrs. Helen O. Pirtle
Remarks Elder Walter Hurt
Others (3 Min.)
Solo Mrs. Girlean Bowles
Eulogy Rev. Oscar Bailey
Recessional Cortege

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

FLOWERBEARERS

Family and Friends

INTERMENT

Dancyville Cemetery Stanton, Tennessee

OBITUARY

Rev. Alvin Wilkes was born June 14, 1916 in Haywood County, Tennessee to the union of Mack Wilkes and Irene Pewett.

He attended school in Dancyville, Tennessee. As a young man, he met and married Orelia Archibald and to this union two children were born, Alvis Marie and Willie Lee.

At an early age he confessed Christ and joined Dancyville C.M.E. Church, where he was a faithful Sunday school teacher and served as superintendent.

He moved to Cleveland, Ohio in the late 50's where he joined Cory United Methodist Church and later answered the call into the ministry. Rev. Wilkes was serious about his work for the Master and labored diligently wherever and whenever he saw an opportunity.

He joined Second Mt. Olive Baptist Church and served in many capacities and organizations in the church.

Under the leadership of Rev. Levi Hickson, he joined Salvation Baptist Church where he sang in the choir and taught Sunday School. He loved the church and did all he could to enhance the work of the kingdom. He continued his faithfulness under the leadership of Rev. Frank Virgies and served as the Assistant Pastor.

He was known for his cooking talent and worked as a chef for Skyway Lodge and the Holiday Inn. He enjoyed cooking for his church, family and friends.

Sickness weakened his body but never his faith; he always assured his family when visiting that everything was alright with his soul and Saviour. He would often end the day by saying "see you tomorrow, unless the angels come and get me".