

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

When it seemed that our loss was too great to bear,
We looked up and our friends were there.
With flowers and words, written and spoken,
With faces smiling and hearts open
You comforted us and shared our grief.

God will bless and keep you, granting all relief
Our gratitude cannot be adequately expressed,
With mere words, but they are the best
That we have to offer in saying "Thank You"
For lifting the cloud and letting the sun shine through.
The Bass Family

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Sons

Roosevelt Bass
Odis Bass

Arthell Bass
John Bass

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Deacons

INTERMENT

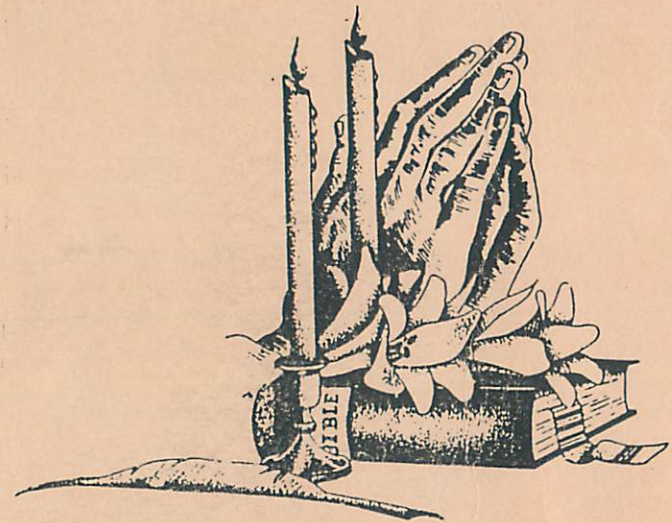
Smith Chapel Cemetery
Somerville, Tennessee

PROFESSIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Rawls Funeral Home
Brownsville, Tennessee

Home Going Celebration of John Thurman Bass

June 23, 1905 - November 28, 1996



*Wednesday, December 4, 1996
12:00 Noon*

Smith Chapel Baptist Church

*Rev. W. H. Bass
Officiating*

"Only God Knows Why"

*God saw you were getting weary;
so He did what He thought was best.*

*He came and stood beside you
and whispered, "Come and Rest".*

*You, bade no one a last farewell,
no, not even a good-bye,
You were gone before we knew it,
and only "God Knows Why".*

Father

*When we remember Father, we think of loyalty,
dedication, honesty, hard working, determination
and the greatest of all is the one who familiarized
us with the path that led to the House of God.*

*As we reflect on memories of Father today, we
can see a "Man" of Grace. Father was gracious in
who he was and in everything he did.*

*His quietness spoke so clearly, God blessed him
with a "Quiet Strength". According to the Apostle
Paul a crown of righteousness is laid up for him.*

*He loved the Lord and held fast to the Word of
God. He fought a good fight, he kept the faith and
he finished his course.*

*Love, your Sons & Daughter
W. H. Bass*



John Thurman Bass

*Come unto me, all ye that labour
and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest.
Matthew 11:28*

Obituary

John Thurman Bass was born June 23, 1905, to the late Joe and Lilly Bass, in Whiteville, Tennessee.

He professed a hope in Christ at an early age at Clover Garden C.M.E. Church. He later joined Smith Chapel Baptist Church, where he served faithfully until his illness. He was a member of the choir and sung in a quartet most of his life. His favorite song was "The Old Rugged Cross".

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Fannie Ella Hall (who preceded him in death) and later to Easter Hayes.

He leaves to cherish his memories a devoted wife, Mrs. Easter Hayes Bass, five loving sons, Roosevelt Bass of St. Louis, MO, Arthell (Margaret) Bass of Brownsville, TN, Rev. William H. (Betty) Bass and Odis (Lue Tommie) Bass Jr. of Memphis, John A. Bass of Detroit, MI; one loving daughter, Elizabeth Bass Morton of Somerville, TN; one sister-in-law, Ruth Hill of Memphis; Thirty-four grandchildren, fifty-eight great-grandchildren, and many devoted nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional	
Selection	Choir
Scripture	
Old Testament	Minister
New Testament	Minister
Prayer	Minister
Expressions (<i>3 minutes, please!</i>)	
Chairmen of Deacon Boards	
Smith Chapel - Alexander - Magnolia	
Solo	Sis. Dorothy Greene
	<i>"Old Rugged Cross"</i>
Words of Comfort (<i>3 minutes, please!</i>)	
Pastors of Bass Family Members	
Solo	Sis. Jessie Mae Pirtle
Obituary	<i>Read Silently</i>
Acknowledgements	Sis. Dorothy Robertson
Selection	Choir
Eulogy	Pastor W. H. Bass
Reviewal	
Recessional	

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