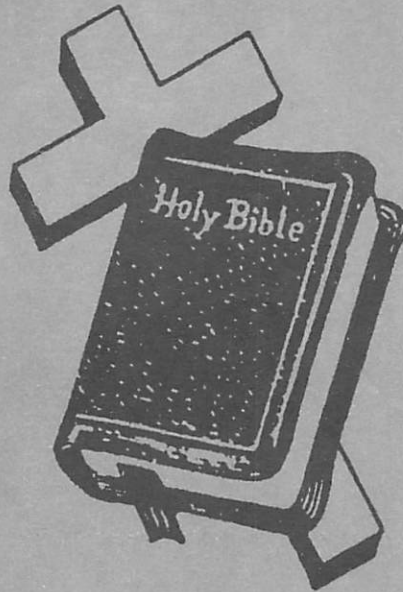


Celebration Service

of the Life of

Dudley L. Baskerville

December 3, 1913 - April 8, 2000



Saturday, April 15, 2000

12:00 Noon

*Belmont C.M.E. Church
Mason, Tennessee 38049*

Reverend Leroy Anderson, Pastor



"My Last Request"



Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in.

Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win.

Please don't say how good I was but that I did my best.

Just say I tried to do what's right - to give the most I could, not do less.

Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do.

I want no more than I deserve. No extras, just my due.

Please don't give me flowers, or talk in harsh tones.

Don't be concerned about me; now I'm well with God - I've made it home.

Don't talk about what could have been; it's over and it's done.

Just see to all my family's needs, the battle has been won.

When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a Saint.

I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paint.

Not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark.

In fact, don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember all the good times, but remember all the bad.

For life is full of many things, some happy, some sad.

But if you must do something, then I have one last request.

Forgive me for the wrongs I've done and with the love that's left:

Thank God for my soul's resting, thank God for all who loved me.



Praise God who loved me best.

Obituary

Brother Dudley L. Baskerville was the third born, December 3, 1913, to the union of the late Arthur Baskerville and Virginia Whitthorne Baskerville in Fayette County, Tennessee.

He accepted Christ at an early age and joined Belmont C.M.E. Church. A portion of his spiritual life was spent at Collins Chapel C.M.E. Church in Covington, Tennessee where he was Chairman of the Steward Board and Chairman of the Building Fund; where he was instrumental in the construction of the Church parsonage.

On returning to Belmont C.M.E. Church, Mr. Baskerville was a dedicated and faithful member. He served as Sunday School Teacher, member of the Steward and Trustee Boards and Chairman of the Building Fund for the Fellowship Building.

He received his early education in the Fayette and Tipton County school systems, and was graduated from Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Social Studies and later received a Masters in Administration and Supervision. He was highly respected as an educator where he worked in the Fayette and Tipton County school systems as a Principal, teacher and basketball coach for many years.

He served in the United States Army in World War II.

He was a devoted community volunteer, serving in numerous organizations such as T.R.T.A. Association, American Legion, Popular Spring Lodge of Mason, N.A.A.C.P. and Red Cross Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Mr. Baskerville was united in Holy marriage to Odessa Peete. To this union no children were born. Their home was a home to many nephews, nieces and students.

Though his wife preceded him in death in 1989, they spent many happy years together. Mr. Baskerville leaves to cherish his memories three sisters: Leathy Maclin, Stanton, Tennessee; Anna B. Bryson, Nashville, Tennessee; Lucy Anne Watkins, Humboldt, Tennessee; one brother, William Baskerville who preceded him in death; brother and sister-in-law, Rev. & Mrs. Robert E. Peete, Detroit Michigan; a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends; Special Friends Rev. & Mrs. William Bufford.

His family feels blessed to have been the beneficiaries of his love and of his Christian example and will strive to have their lives continue the legacy.

The Order of Service
Reverend Leroy Anderson, Officiant

The Prelude

Processional

Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Choir

Invocation Reverend Gregory Stewart

The Old Testament Scripture Reverend Walter Hurt, Jr.
Presiding Elder - Oakland District

Gloria Patri

The New Testament Scripture Reverend William Bufford

Solo Ms. Brenda Wright

Reflections:

Church Mr. Ricky Morris
Former Students Class of 1940
Friend Ms. Lola J. Bufford
Education Mr. Frank Harris
The American Legion Mr. Thomas Bethel
Family Member Mrs. Virginia McClain

Words of Comfort Reverend N. Mitchum

Church Resolution Ms. Ruby Middlebrooks

Solo Donald Baskerville

Silent Reading of Obituary

Eulogy Reverend R. T. Fouse, Pastor
House of Prayer, Memphis, Tennessee

Hymn Choir

Benediction

Recessional

In Appreciation

As we administered tender loving care to Dudley L. Baskerville during his illness, we knew we were being sustained by your prayers. Thank you!!!

When he entered into peaceful eternal sleep, we strongly felt your thoughtful prayers and concern. Thank you!!!

When you called us on the telephone, we were so grateful for your expressions of sorrow and offers of support. Thank you!!!

When you took the time to visit his home, we could feel your warmth, love, and true concern from your touch, your hug, and just your presence. Thank you!!!

When you sent a card or came bearing a myriad of gifts, we were nurtured physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Thank you!!!

When you sent lovely plants and sprays to the funeral home and Church, you provided a beautiful setting for Dudley L. Baskerville to lie in state. Thank you!!!

When you attended Mr. Baskerville's funeral services, you joined him in his home-going celebration. Thank you!!!

May God in His infinite wisdom bless you and keep you in His beautiful grace.
...AMEN.

Appreciatively yours,

The Family of Dudley L. Baskerville

Acknowledgments

The family of the late Dudley L. Baskerville gratefully acknowledges with sincere appreciation every act of kindness shown during the illness and passing of our loved one. We are especially appreciative to the staff, aides, and nurses of the Baptist Home Care and Hospice. May the blessings of our Heavenly Father abide with you always.

Honorary Pallbearers

The Charles Porter Smith, Post #237

Feaster Williamson

Frank Harris

Joseph King

Louis Williamson

Melvin Johnson

William Adams

Thomas Bethel

Active Pallbearers

Arthur Peete, Jr.

Frank Peete

Holloway Peete

Justin McClan

Ronnie Granberry

Lester McClan

Flower Bearers

Velma Morris, Debra Harville,
Flemistine Taylor, Loraine Richerson,
Maxine Harville, & Linda Harville

Interment

Belmont Cemetery

Arrangements

Baskerville Funeral Home
Humboldt, Tennessee



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