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Acknowledgements

At times, life's path seems filled with things that make the going rough, and we wish there was a smother road, for we feel we've had enough, but if we pause a moment and remember who's in charge. Thanks to all! who through a call, a prayer, a visit, a gift, or just your presence helped us in the celebration of the life of Bro. Melvin Dotson. Thanks, and God bless.

The Family

Interment

St. John Cemetery

Arrangements

*Rawls Funeral Home
36 South Jackson Avenue
Brownsville, Tennessee 38012-3199
(901) 772-1472
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Home Going Celebration

For

Bro. Melvin Dotson



Saturday, February 27, 1999

1:00 P. M.

St. John M. B. Church

*11055 Highway 76 South
Stanton, Tennessee*

Rev. J. W. Shaw, Pastor, Officiating

Obituary

On a warm, sunny July 4th, 1909, a baby boy was born to Will Dotson and Fannie Sweet Dotson. He was given the name Melvin Dotson. He grew up in the St. John Church and Dancyville Communities. He accepted Christ at an early age and joined St. John M. B. Church where he remained until death. He was a deacon for 60 years. He was a retired farmer and he was also a member of the Winfield Lodge, #52. He always loved to help people.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Lou Birda Fouse Dotson of 68 years; one loving and devoted daughter, Luevenia Dotson Boyd; 3 grandsons (1 preceded him in death); 7 great grandchildren (1 preceded him in death); two brothers-in-law, David Lee (Gertie) Fouse of Massillion, Ohio and R. T. (Mary Lena) Fouse of Memphis, Tennessee; three sisters-in-law, Elnora (Cleve) Evans of Chicago, Illinois, Lucy B. Perry of St. Louis, Missouri and Mamie Dotson of Stanton, Tennessee and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Even though you think I'm gone, I will forever live in your heart and soul. So don't cry for me for I have gone to a much better place. I don't have no more troubles of the world. Rejoice and be happy. Just think of me as gone for a while until we all meet again. I know you loved me in life and love me in death. I have only paid the price we all have to do in life. So as I lay my head down to rest, I will remember the 23rd Psalms.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Order of Services

Processional.....	
Song.....	Choir
Old Testament Scripture.....	
New Testament Scripture.....	Rev. R. T. Fouse
Prayer.....	
Solo.....	Reginald Turner
Acknowledgements.....	
Resolutions.....	
Remarks.....	3 Minutes Please
Obituary.....	(Silently Read).....Soft Music
Solo.....	Sis. Opal Shaw
Eulogy.....	Pastor J. W. Shaw
Recessional.....	

Tribute

Delightful and loving, loved and admired, Dad, you're my hero. My life you've inspired. And when all my blessings are counted each day, I thank God in Heaven for Dad when I pray. Dad, thanks for your presence throughout thick and thin; you're more than a parent, you're my wonderful friend.

Your daughter,
Luevenia

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. II Timothy 4:6-8.