

WITH SYMPATHY
Because The Angels Came

No more grief or sorrow, no more suffering or pain, now there is everlasting peace; because the angels came.

Only God knows what is best and He gently holds my hand, guiding me to a better place; because the angels came.

When the sun rises tomorrow and I answer not my name, please don't cry... rejoice with me, because the angels came.

I now can rest in peace, as I never could before; I answered the gentle knock of the angels at my door.

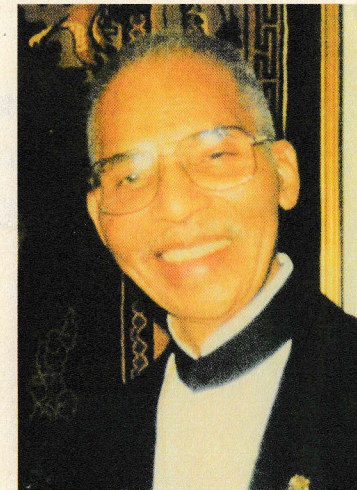
So please don't mourn for me, as new wings I now claim. I can take flight to heaven; because the angels came.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, The Gerson L. Stroud Sr. Family, acknowledge with grateful appreciation; the many generous acts of kindness and compassion extended to us. We thank you in advance for any contributions you have made or make, to The Gerson L. and Daisy Spears Stroud Foundation and on behalf of Gerson L. Stroud Sr; to provide annual scholarships for deserving and needy students who aspire to attend Johnson C. Smith University. Special thanks to the Johnson C. Smith University Administration, Staff and personnel who have opened the doors to the University along with their hearts to make this memorial a success. May God bless us all.

Please make contributions payable to:
The Gerson L. and Daisy Spears Stroud Foundation
8470 Highland Glen Drive
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269

“GERSON WAS SPECIAL”



STROUD, GERSON

A CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE

(March 1, 1919 to October 14, 2006)

The Jane Biddle Memorial Chapel
Johnson C. Smith University
100 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

Saturday, October 14, 2006
12:00 Noon

10:30 am: Fraternity Ritual Commemoration Services
Omega Psi Phi
Sigma Pi Phi

11:00 am: Doors Open For Celebration

The Reverend Dr. Gregory M. Busby, Presiding
Senior Pastor, First United Presbyterian Church, USA

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Call to Celebration	12:00 Noon
Opening Candle Ceremony	Daisy Spears Stroud (His Wife)
A Word From The Lord	Pastor Gregory M. Busby
Reflective Memories	
“I Remember Gerson”	
Early Years	
College Days	
Professional/Career	
Community	
Fraternities	
Clubs	
Pastoral	Pastor Gregory M. Busby
Family	Ahmed Clinton Evans (First Born Grandson) Julius Merrick Stroud (Younger Son)
Benediction	Khalid Abdul-Salaam (Gerson L. Stroud, Jr.)
Closing Candle Ceremony	Daisy Spears Stroud
Recessional (His Favorite Song)	“You’ll Never Walk Alone”

Note: Please consider the Family to exit first during the Recessional

“I Remember Gerson”

Gerson Lamar Stroud, Sr., 87, was the fourth born and last survivor of the late Julius Franklin and Jesse Bomar Stroud Sr.. He passed away peacefully from this life on October 4, 2006 at North Carolina State Veterans Home in Salisbury, North Carolina. His brothers and sister who also preceded him in death were: Julius, Jr., Jestine Kirkpatrick, Wirrion, Linwood and Matton. Surviving him are: Daisy Spears Stroud, his wife of 62 years; Khalid Abdul-Salaam, first born (Gerson L. Stroud Jr.) and Yvonne Abdul-Salaam (wife); Karita Ancrum Stroud Evans (daughter) and Clinton Evans (husband); Julius Merrick Stroud, son. Surviving grandchildren are: Ahmed Clinton Evans, Karima Evans, Raqeeb Abdul-Salaam, Ramadan Abdul-Salaam, Saad Abdul-Salaam, Shannon Rudisill. Surviving great-grandchildren are Chesney and Christian Rudisill. Surviving sisters-in law are: Sarah I. Stroud, Laura Spears Malone, and Bettye M. Stroud. There are numerous surviving nephews and nieces; some of which are the surviving sisters-in law offsprings and their immediate families. Surviving cousins are: Harriett Short, Dr. Lamar Bomar, Sarah Ann Shaw, Norris King and their offspring.

Gerson was a native Charlottean; born in Third Ward; attended Myers Street Elementary; graduated from Second Ward High in 1936; received a Bachelors Degree in Economics from Johnson C. Smith in 1942; served in World War II (1942-1946); received a Masters Degree in Marketing and Management from The University of Illinois in 1948; received an Advanced Degree in Education Administration from New York University and received an Honorary Doctorate Degree in the Humanities from Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi. He was baptized at Simpson Memorial Methodist Episcopal and later joined First United Presbyterian Church. He served in various capacities in the church including Elder. His Civic work was exemplary. As Education Administrator he served as the inaugural Principal of York Road Junior/Senior High School. He served as Principal for West Charlotte High School beginning with the first year of integration. He served as Desegregation Specialist and Administrator of the 5th Quarter for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools System before retiring in 1981. He Lived and Loved well. We will miss him.