

*A Service of Celebration
For
Mr. Walter Whitman Twitty, Sr.*



Thursday, August 24, 2006
12:00 Noon
Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church
3545 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Reverend Walter Pegues, Pastor

Rev. Dr. James Graves
Eulogist

Obituary

Walter Whitman Twitty, Sr, age 91, the son of the late Jack C. and Dovie B. Twitty, was born August 9, 1915 in Rutherford County, NC. He departed this life August 19, 2006 at Little Flowers Assisted Living Center after an extended illness.

He was educated in the local public schools and later attended Johnson C. Smith University. He began his career as a combination agent in September 1939 with the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was drafted into the Army August 1942. He married the former Samella Brown on December 26th of the same year. After faithfully serving his country for 4 years, he was honorably discharged in 1946. Upon his return to North Carolina Mutual he quickly advanced in his career. During this time he was appointed Assistant Manager of the Wilmington District, Special Ordinary Agent of the Charlotte District, Pioneer Staff Manager of the New Los Angeles District, and Field Training Supervisor, until he reached the apex of his career as the Charlotte District Manager. In 1980 he retired after 41 years of service.

Active in both civic and community affairs, Twitty served on the Board of Directors of the McCrory Branch YMCA for 25 years and the Board of Visitors at Johnson C Smith University. He also served on the Board of Park and Recreation of North Carolina for 4 years, was a member of the Swanks Social Club, the Metrolina Duplicate Bridge Club. and the Bridgeteers Bridge Club. He was avid bridge player winning many trophies and awards.

Twitty was a faithful member of Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church for over 50 years where he served as chairman of the Finance Committee.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, his wife, Samella Brown Twitty; daughter, Marilyn Twitty Marable of Richmond, VA; son, Walter W. Twitty Jr, of Charlotte, NC; brother, Wishum H. Twitty, of Durham, NC; two grandsons, Robert Marable of Dallas, TX and Joel Marable of Richmond, VA; one granddaughter, LaKasha Ervin of Charlotte, NC; one great grandson Jahleek Marable of Portsmouth, VA; one sister-in-law, Burnas Brown Wright of Lancaster, SC; one brother-in-law, Percy "Joe" Jackson of Rutherfordton, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by two sisters and seven brothers.