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Active Pallbearers

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Mr. Gardner Brown
Mr. Stanley Fisher
Mr. Russell Harris
Mr. Alfred McMillan
Mr. Oren McCullough
Mr. Earl Russell
Mr. Roderick Taylor

Honorary Pallbearers

Members, Church Session
Memorial Presbyterian Church
Members, Beta Nu Lambda Chapter
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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AN ODE TO BAXTER

O Lord, he loved your church — For he was always there
To worship God in every way — To serve and show he cared
Oh Lord, he loved to sing — His voice so soft and clear
Sang hymns of thanks and praise — For all the world to hear

Oh Lord, he loved to pray — Down on bended knee
It gave him faith, it gave him hope — It gave him strong belief

O Lord, he loved your son — Who died upon the cross
Your heavenly gain and our earthly loss.

Magnolia Pickens



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CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA — PH. 704/332-7109



A Service In Loving Memory of Mr. Baxter Cheshire Smoot



Friday, December 16, 1988
3:00 P. M.

Memorial Presbyterian Church
2600 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Edward B. Newberry, Pastor — Officiating

Order of Service

MUSICAL MEDITATION..... Mrs. Jacqueline P. Robinson

PROCESSIONAL..... "Largo" — Handel

PRAYER OF COMFORT..... Rev. Dr. Calvin A. Hood, Retired Chaplain
Johnson C. Smith University

HYMN..... "O Come, O Come" — Emmanuel..... No. 108

PRAYER OF COMFORT..... Rev. Dr. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Pastor/Ryburn Memorial Presbyterian Church
Shelby, North Carolina

KNOWLEDGEMENTS

CONTRIBUTE..... Mr. Julius A. Fulmore
Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
Greensboro Public Schools
Greensboro, North Carolina

THEM..... "Seek The Lord" — Roberts
Memorial Presbyterian Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE:

Testament..... Psalm 23

Testament..... Romans 8:28-39

PRAYER OF COMFORT..... Rev. Dr. Edward B. Newberry
Pastor/Memorial Presbyterian Church

HYMN..... "God of Our Life"..... No. 88

PROCESSIONAL..... "For All The Saints" — Williams

INTERMENT..... Oaklawn Cemetery
Charlotte, North Carolina

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

My wishes to express its sincere appreciation for all the prayers and kind

Obituary

Death is just another step
Along life's changing way
No more than just a gateway
To a new and better day.

So we shall let our grief be softened
And yield not to despair,
We have only placed our loved one
In our loving Father's care.

BAXTER CHESHIRE SMOOT, youngest son of the late John A. and Estella Smoot, was born in Mocksville, North Carolina January 12, 1927. He departed this earthly life for eternal life Monday evening, December 12, 1988, at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

As a teenager and young adult, Baxter was an active member of the Mocksville Second Presbyterian Church, where he served in various capacities. When he established residence in Charlotte, he joined Memorial Presbyterian Church. At Memorial, he was an ordained Deacon, Elder, member of the Men's Council, the Stewardship Committee, the Peoples Choir, the Chancel Choir and the Usher Board. He was also a member of the North Carolina Association of Educators (Retired Teachers Division), Beta Nu Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the NAACP.

Baxter attended the public schools of Davie County. Upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army. He was honorably discharged from the Army on August 30, 1947. In 1949, he enrolled in Johnson C. Smith University, and graduated in 1953 with a B.S. degree in Education. He further studied at Columbia University. His first teaching assignment was with the Alexander Street School of Charlotte. He later taught at Thomasboro, Oaklawn and Enderly Park Schools of Charlotte prior to his disability retirement.

On August 3, 1958, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Mrs. Mary Smoot. To this union one daughter, Sabra Renee was born.

He was a kind, loving and understanding husband, father and brother. He not only poured out his love and compassion on his immediate family, but for other relatives, colleagues, neighbors, friends and persons needing his assistance.

Surviving are: his wife, Mary Steele Smoot of the home; one daughter, Ms. Sabra Renee Smoot of the home; one sister, Mrs. Sarah Alice Thrower of Salisbury; one brother, Robert Smoot of Washington, D.C.; one loving and devoted sister-in-law, Mrs. Edith Smoot of Mocksville; a number of nieces, nephews; other relatives and many, many friends.

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Our beloved Baxter was sunshine of our lives,
To know him was to love him — He was our guiding light
When all else appeared dim — Our dear Baxter has answered
The great call to his heavenly flight.

The fairest lillies are the first to fall — The sweetest roses, the first to fade
The fondest, dearest and best of all at peaceful rest is laid.
Our beloved Baxter, we loved you so — One as dear as you, God loved even more
Our heart ache for you still — Your cherished memories shall forever live.

—THE FAMILY