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A Gateway to Life

is a Gateway we all must pass through
that Fair Land where the soul's born anew,
man's born to die and his sojourn on earth
short span of years beginning with birth. . .
Grimms we wander until death takes our hand
part on our journey to God's Promised Land,
where we'll find no suffering nor tears,
time is not counted by days, months or years. . .
In this Fair City that God has prepared
unending joys to be happily shared
all of our loved ones who patiently wait
death's Other Side to open "The Gate"!

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Homegoing Celebration
for
Mr. Ernest L. James, Sr.



Thursday, December 16, 1999
12 Noon
Memorial Presbyterian Church
Rev. Edward B. Newberry, Officiating

Order of Service

..... Ms. Frances Harris
 Rev. Edward B. Newberry
 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" 464

..... everlasting; you alone can turn the shadow of death into the
 Help us to turn to you with reverent and believing hearts.
 Ask to us of eternal things and bring to us the peace of your
 name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

..... Psalm 23
 Revelation 22:12-14

.... "God Of Our Life" 275
 Rev. Edward B. Newberry

o God; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love
 the Holy Spirit. With believers in every time and place, we
 death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus,

"Our God Our Help In Ages Past" 210

..... "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"
 York Memorial Cemetery



Acknowledgment

..... appreciates the many expressions of prayers, sympathy and
 during the illness and loss of our loved one. May God bless

Obituary

MR. ERNEST L. JAMES, SR. of Charlotte, North Carolina, formerly of Concord, North Carolina, died on December 12, 1999 at Huntersville Oaks Nursing Home. He was the son of the late Rev. John Calvin James and Amanda Cook James and was born in Liberty Hill, South Carolina on July 13, 1903. Mrs. James, a loving wife and mother, preceded her husband in death in 1983.

Mr. James attended high school at Biddle University in Charlotte. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Johnson C. Smith University and a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University in New York. It was this training that led Mr. James to pursue a career in Education.

This avid educator and enthusiastic leader taught in the school systems of South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. After two years of being on the teaching staff at Logan High School in Concord, North Carolina, he became the Principal of the school and maintained this position for twenty-two years. Under his administration, there was tremendous progress. The entire city of Concord recognized the outstanding service Mr. James was rendering to the Logan School and paid tribute to him by naming the newest addition to the school at that time "James Auditorium."

After retirement from Logan High School, Mr. James continued to utilize his expertise in the field of Math and Geometry while being employed in Lawrenceville, Virginia.

At a very early age, Mr. James was united with God and attended the Messiah Presbyterian Church in Liberty Hill, South Carolina. He enjoyed a rich and active religious life. Later, he joined the Westminister Presbyterian Church in Concord, North Carolina, where he served as an Elder, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Secretary of the Planning Conference, Clerk of the Session and Young Men's Sunday School Class. When Ernest became affiliated with the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, he continued to serve and to become involved in the work of the church. Wherever Mr. James resided, he found a church that would provide religious satisfaction. After he moved to Wilmington, North Carolina, he became an Elder at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church. His untiring efforts were highly appreciated and recognized in spite of his inability to navigate without the use of a wheelchair.

In the Concord community, Ernest James served as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Library Commission, Chairman of the Tournament Street Community Center Project, member of the United Fund Committee and was a member of the Cabarrus County Boy Scout Commission. He enjoyed a long enriching experience as a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He leaves to cherish his memory one son, Ernest Leroy James, Jr. (Ernestine) of Charlotte, North Carolina and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.