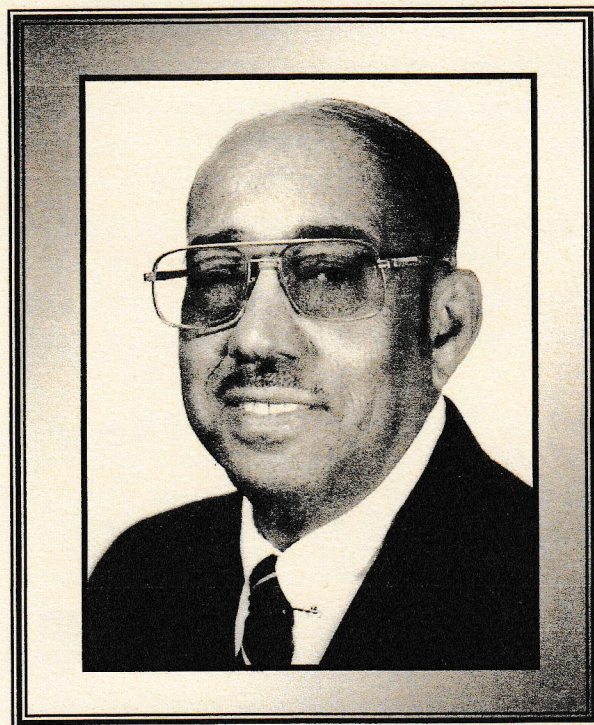


A Service of Worship
Celebrating the Life of
Reverend Ray A. Booton



Saturday, September 5, 2009
11:00 A.M.
Memorial Presbyterian Church
2600 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28216
Reverend Dr. Edward B. Newberry, Pastor, Officiating

THE OBITUARY

REVEREND RAY A. BOOTON

Reverend Ray A. Booton, 89, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, August 30, 2009. He died at Presbyterian Hospital following a brief illness. Ray was born on February 15, 1920 to the late Ray A. Booton, Sr. and Cora Tate Booton in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Ray attended Alexander Street Elementary School and graduated from Second Ward High School. Ray attended Johnson C. Smith University from 1936 to 1938 and completed his education at Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama, graduating in 1941. He began his professional career with the County Schools of Mobile, Alabama from 1941 to 1943. Ray was drafted into the United States Army in 1943 where he served in the Ordinance Division, Third Army in Great Britain and the European sector in France, Belgium and Germany. An Honorable Discharge was granted him in January 1945 at the rank of First Sergeant.

Ray returned to Charlotte in February of 1946. He married Miss Laura Mason on April 20, 1946 in Roanoke, Virginia. He was employed with the city of Charlotte Police Department as a Patrolman and Truant Officer from 1946 to 1949. Ray was the last surviving member of the first group of eight African American policemen employed in Charlotte. In 1950, Ray began work with the United States Postal Service. He worked in the capacities of Clerk, Carrier, Supervisor, and Regional Investigation and Hearing Officer until 1966. He went to work with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Atlanta, Georgia from 1966 to 1968. He next worked for the United States Department of Defense in the Atlanta Region as Operational Chief, where he served in Contracts Compliance for North and South Carolina out of the Charlotte Office from 1968 until retirement in 1976.

Ray enrolled in the Johnson C. Smith Seminary in 1960, receiving the Master of Divinity Degree in 1965. He completed a continuing education program in Old Testament Theology at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia in 1971. Ordained by Catawba Presbytery, Reverend Booton served the following churches: Black's Memorial in Monroe, North Carolina, Ebenezer in Morven, North Carolina, Covenant in Kannapolis, North Carolina and Ben-Salem in Charlotte, North Carolina. Catawba Presbytery granted Reverend Booton Honorable Retirement in December of 1984.

Reverend Booton was active in community affairs with membership in the following organizations: Dalebrook Corporation (Charter Member), the NAACP, the Lion's Club, the Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group, and a founding member of the Swank Club. He was inducted into the National Black Golfers Hall of Fame. Ray was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner. He was a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated and received the second highest award conferred by the Fraternity to a member, the "Elder Watson Diggs Award."

Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Laura M. Booton. He is survived by an adopted son, Carland S. Looper of the home; two cousins, Mrs. Maye Tyson Jackson of Greenville, North Carolina and Mrs. Jocelyn Tate Booker of Cleveland, Ohio, and many friends.

Acknowledgements

The family of Reverend Ray A. Booton acknowledges with sincere appreciation your understanding, your prayers, and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement. We shall always remember with much gratitude your thoughtful efforts to bring us comfort and peace during the passing of our loved one.

Contributions in memory of Reverend Booton can be made to the Ray A. Booton Scholarship Fund, payable to the Kappa Foundation of Charlotte, P.O. Box 16471, Charlotte, NC 28287.

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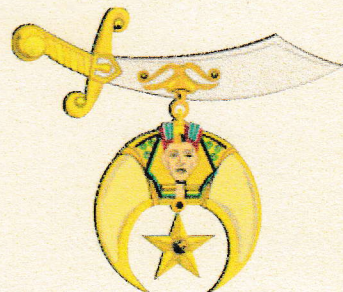
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The Last Request

*Please don't say I gave up, just say I gave in.
Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win.
Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best.
Just say I tried to do what is right, to give the most I could, not to do less.
Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do.
I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due.
Please don't give flowers or talk in harsh tones.
Don't be concerned about me now.
I'm well with God, I've made it home.
Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done.
Just see to all my family needs, the battle has been won.
When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint.
I've done some good, I've done some wrong,
So use all your paint; not just the bright and light tones;
Use some grays and darks.
In fact, don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart.
Don't just remember good times, but remember some bad.
For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad.
For if you must do something then I have one last request.
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done and with the love that's left
Thank God for my soul's resting. Thank God for I've been blessed.
Thank God for all who loved me.
Praise God who loved me best.*



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