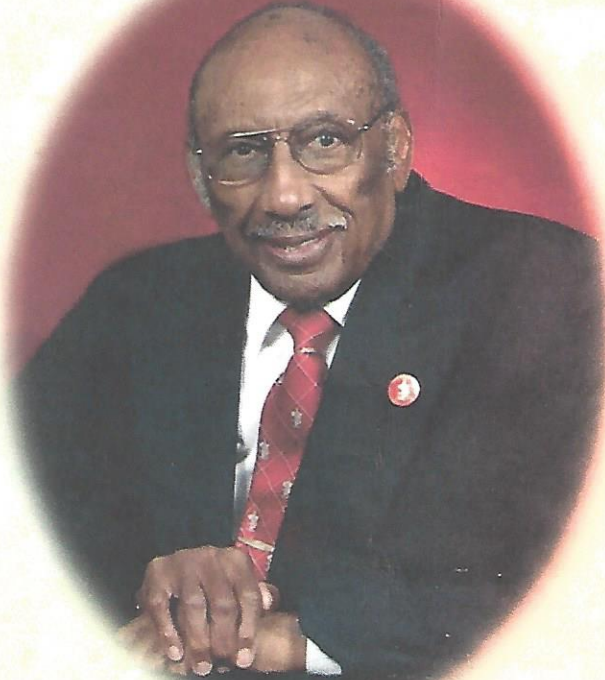


*Homegoing Celebration*

for

*Mr. Raymond Perry Rorie, Jr.*

June 18, 1920 ~ December 23, 2019



**Saturday, December 28, 2019**

**Visitation: 11:00 a.m. ~ Service: 12:00 p.m.**

**Memorial Presbyterian Church**

**2600 Beatties Ford Road**

**Charlotte, North Carolina 28216**

**Reverend Edward B. Newberry, Officiating Minister**

**Reverend Dorothy J. Killian, Interim Pastor**

## *The Obituary*

Raymond Perry Rorie, Jr., affectionately known as Ray, was born in Anson County, North Carolina on June 18, 1920 to the late Raymond and Susie Hoffman Rorie. He was preceded in death by his brother, Marvin B. Rorie.

Ray graduated in the eleventh grade from Winchester Avenue High School in Monroe, North Carolina. He continued his education at Elizabeth City State University. After a year, he transferred to Agricultural and Technical College (now North Carolina A&T State University) in Greensboro, North Carolina. His education was interrupted by military service in World War II. After basic training, he was sent to Springfield, Missouri to become a surgical technician. He served in combat in Italy in the 370th Infantry, 92nd Buffalo Division. After being honorably discharged in December 1945, Ray graduated from the Agricultural and Technical University. He continued his education at New York University and received a Master's Degree in Public Health Education.

Ray worked at the New York Post Graduate Hospital where he cared for John L. Lewis' coal miners who had become paraplegics or quadriplegics as a result of accidents in the coal mines.

His professional services in education began as a teacher of Science and Health at Second Ward High School. Ray was one of the first TV Science teachers in North Carolina. His career included working as a guidance counselor, Director of Teenage Parent Program, and as a principal in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System. He retired from the school system in 1982 after serving for 30 years touching the lives of countless children through his various positions. Upon retirement, he enjoyed teaching lessons from the Bible, playing bridge, golfing, gardening and traveling.

Ray was active in the Charlotte community where he belonged to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Retired Teachers Association, North Carolina Association of Educators, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity (Life Member), Metropolitan Board of YMCA, and the Charlotte Golfing Seniors Association. He was the first African-American to be appointed to the Mecklenburg County Board of Health. Ray was also recognized for his unselfish service to the Charlotte Urban League and received the Presbyterian Youth Summit Award.

One of the greatest joys in Ray's life was traveling with his wife and friends on a Mediterranean cruise to several European countries, including Italy where years earlier, he was in combat with the 92nd Buffalo Division.

Ray's greatest legacy was his love and devotion to his family. Those who will miss him most are his beloved wife of 64 years, Bernice; his daughter, Rita Dawkins; his son-in-law, James Dawkins; his three grandchildren, Jayson, Jarrett, and Jade Dawkins; his nephew, Marvin (Annette) Rorie; his great-nephews, Morgan and Madison Rorie; his sister-in-law, Jeanne Rorie Ross, and a host of devoted family and friends.

# Order of Service



**Prelude** ..... Mrs. Jocelyn P. Thompson

**Processional** ..... “Thanks Be To Thee”

**Call to Worship** ..... Reverend Edward B. Newberry

**Hymn** ..... “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” #341

**Prayer of Adoration** ..... Reverend Dorothy J. Killian

**Choral Response** ..... “Come Here Jesus”

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Guide us, O God by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Scriptures**

Old Testament: Psalm 90:1-12 ..... Reverend Lloyd B. Morris

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 ..... Reverend Herman E. Thomas

**Selection** ..... “Glorious Is The Name of Jesus”

**Eulogy** ..... Reverend Edward B. Newberry

**Hymn** ..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #276

## **Confession of Faith**

In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Hymn** ..... “How Great Thou Art” #476

## **Commendation**

## **Benediction**

**Recessional** ..... “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**Interment** ..... Oaklawn Cemetery

*Casket Bearers*  
Members of  
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

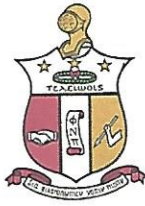


*Flower Bearers*  
Women of  
Memorial Presbyterian Church

### *In Loving Tribute*

"For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

II Timothy 4:6-8



### *Acknowledgements*

The family of the late Raymond Perry Rorie, Jr. acknowledges with sincere appreciation your understanding, your prayers and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement. May God bless you always.

Because of Ray's lifelong commitment to community and education, in lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to:

The Edward P. Newberry Scholarship Fund  
Memorial Presbyterian Church  
2600 Beatties Ford Road  
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