



I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work, or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I found peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joys. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much, Good friends, good times, and a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts, and share with me. God wanted me now, He set me free.



Floral Bearers

Nieces

Pall Bearers

Nephews

Honorary Pall Bearers

Leslie Cox Arthur Fulton Raymond Headen Lonnie Hooper John Howard, Sr. Johnny McKoy, Jr Karene McLean Rashon Robles Robert W. Shaw Mike Stone

Howard Judd, Jr.

In Appreciation

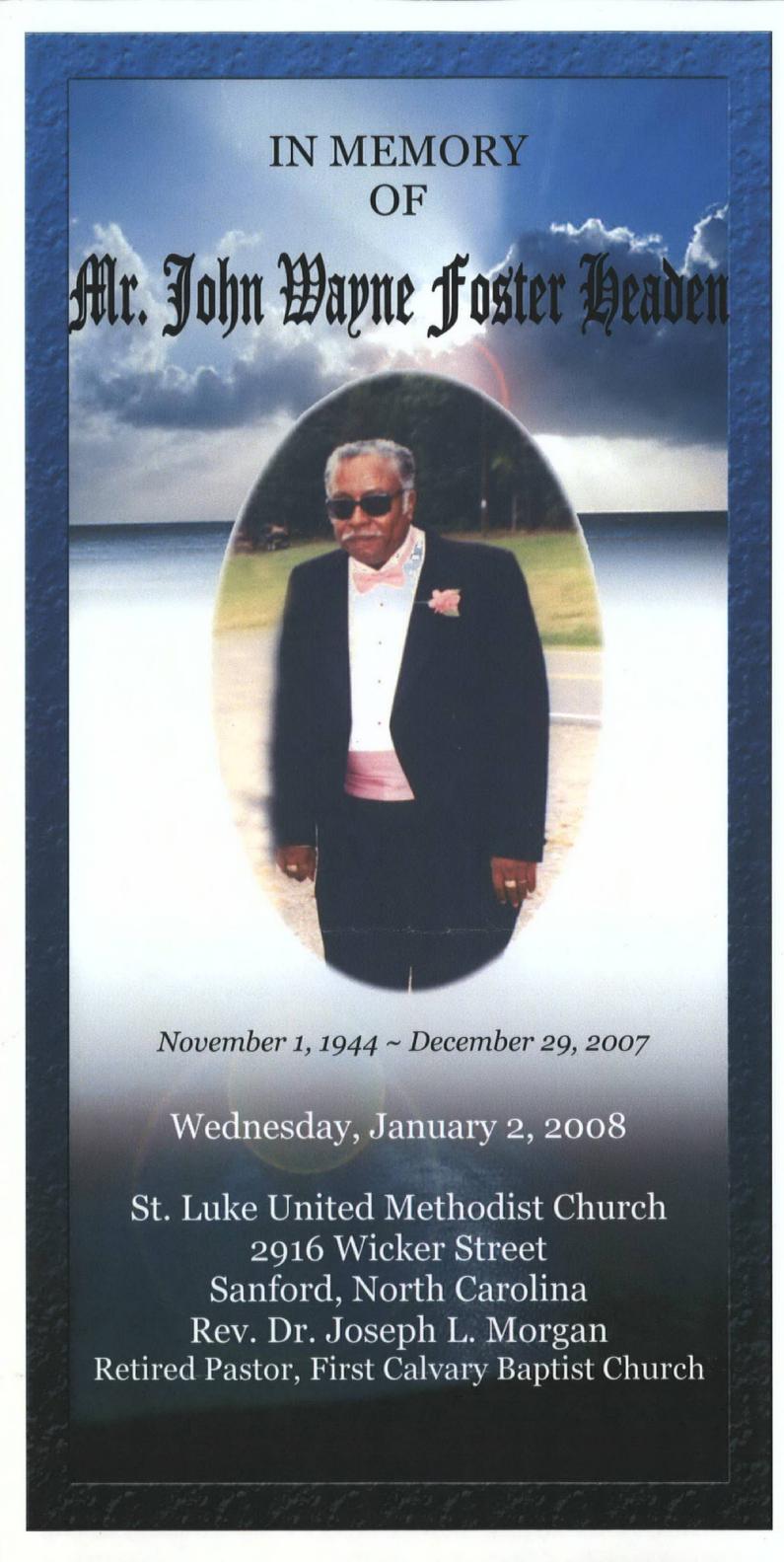
With sincerity and gratitude, we offer our thanks to all who helped share in our time of sorrow. Your prayers and your support, acts of kindness, and your words of love are all deeply appreciated. May God continue to bless you abundantly.

~ The Family



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Order of Service

Scripture Readings:

The Old Testament Reading Proverbs 2:1-15 - Rev. Mamie L. Wilson Pastor, Blandonia Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

The New Testament Reading Romans 8:28-39 - Pastor Eli Anderson
The Lillington Field

Memorial Tributes/ Resolutions......The Honorable Cornelia Olive
Mayor City of Sanford

Acknowledgments......Mrs. Edith Cox

Obituary......Read Silently

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

The EulogyRev. Dr. Joseph L. Morgan
Retired Pastor, First Calvary Baptist Church

The Closing Selection....."It Is Well" Pg.377

Recessional



Entombment

Lee Memory Gardens



Obituary

John Wayne Foster Headen was born on November 1, 1944, as the fifth child, to the late Myrtle Brewer Headen and Julius Ridie Headen. On December 29, 2007, John peacefully transitioned from an earthly life to an eternal life at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

John was educated in the Lee County Public School System. In his earlier years, he attended Osgood School and Lee Elementary. He completed his education at W.B. Wicker School in 1963. Upon completion, he attended Harris Barber College in Raleigh, North Carolina where he became licensed by the North Carolina State Board.

John united in holy matrimony with Fannie Gillis on July 3, 1976. In this union both were blessed with a special daughter, Janelle Marie.

John worked diligently to become the owner and operator of Headen's Barber Shop, The Perm Shop, and John Wayne Headen's Real Estate. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his steadfast dedication and support of the Democratic Party. He was involved in numerous other community and civic organizations, including Khalif Temple #144, Greensboro Consistory #106, Sanford Masonic Lodge #101, Lee County Chamber of Commerce, North Carolina State Barbers Association, Lee County Barbers Association, and The Young Men's Boosters Club. John also traveled extensively, both domestically and abroad, with long-time friend John Howard, Sr.

John was a long time member of Blandonia Presbyterian Church in Sanford, North Carolina and in recent years he attended College Heights Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina

John was a cherished and respected man. He was a role model, mentor, and a good friend to many in his community. John's dynamic personality and lively spirit touched those near and far.

John was preceded in death by two brothers: Raeford Headen and Baby Headen.

He leaves to cherish his memories and continue his legacy: his loving and devoted wife, Fannie Gillis Headen of the home; one daughter, Janelle Marie Headen of the home; three brothers, Deacon Waldo Headen (Minnie Pearl) of Sanford, North Carolina, Reverend Ridie Headen (Reverend Laura) of Sanford, North Carolina, and Reverend Theordore Headen (Cheryl) of New Bern, North Carolina; two sisters, Pattie Watson of Sanford, North Carolina and Syrella Carter of Sanford, North Carolina; three aunts, Ernestine Mangum (Billy) of Rutherfordton, New Jersey, Coletta Goins of Sanford, North Carolina, and Alene Brooks of Pittsboro, North Carolina; one uncle, Fulton Headen of Pittsboro, North Carolina; five sisters-in-law, Odessa Williams (Fred) of Sanford, North Carolina; Sallie Hailey of Sanford, North Carolina, Nettie Street of Cameron, North Carolina, Viola Trogden (John) of Harvey, Illinois, and Ruth Partridge of Durham, North Carolina; and three brothers-in-law, Charles Bryant (Rebie) of Gainesville, Florida, John Bryant, Jr. of Sanford, North Carolina, and Harold Pearson (Gladys) of Broadway, North Carolina. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.