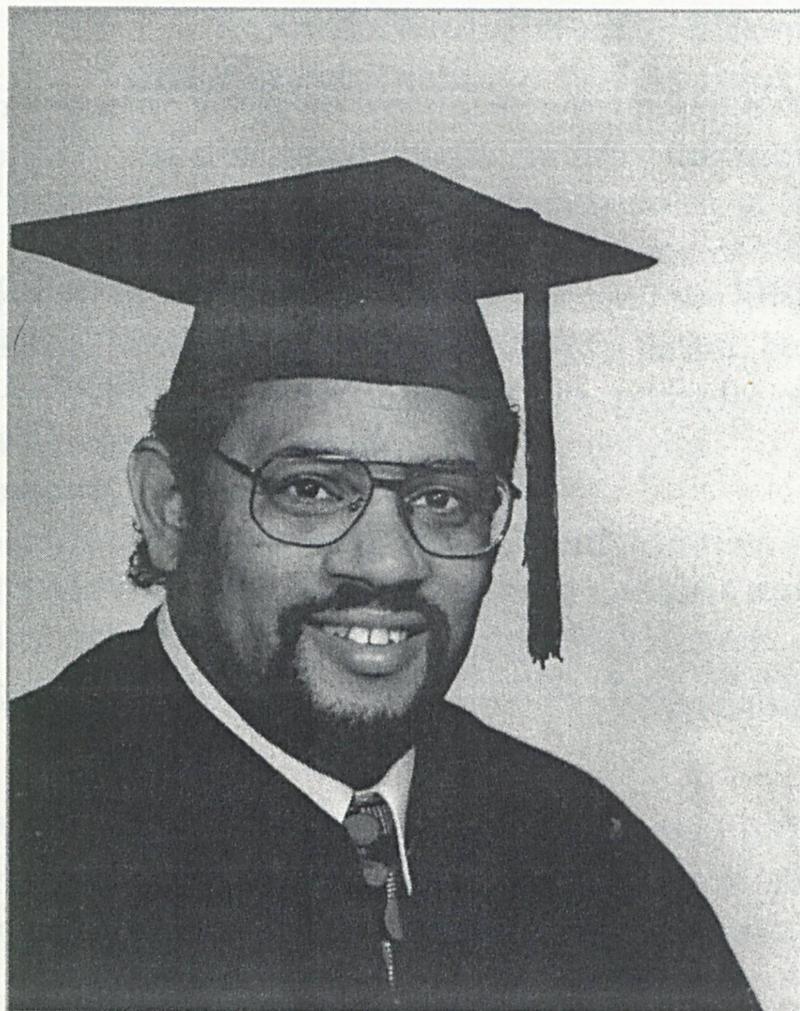


A Celebration of the Life and Homegoing
Of
Rev. Dr. Robert Andrew Siler

Sunrise
July 14, 1950

Sunset
March 12, 2003



Saturday, March 15, 2003
Two O'clock p.m.
Jordan Matthews High School
910 E. Cardinal Street
Siler City, North Carolina 27344

Bishop Elroy Lewis, Officiating
Bishop Elijah Williams, Eulogist

~~Order of Service~~

Processional

Clergy and Family

Hymn

White Rock Convocation Choir

Prayer of Comfort

Elder Charlotte Bryant

Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalms 23 - Elder John McKinnon

New Testament - St. John 14:1-14 - Elder Edward Clark

Selection

White Rock Convocation Choir

Remarks (*2 minutes each please*)

Mr. Charles Turner, Mayor - Siler City, North Carolina
Mr. Joel Brower, Town Manger-Siler City, North Carolina
Elder Samuel Obie, Pastor-Holy Trinity U.H. Church
Elder Fred Jones, Western North Carolina District
Representative, Interdenominational Bible Institute

Selection

White Rock Convocation Choir

Acknowledgments and Condolences

Deaconess Rhonda Kelly

Obituary (*read silently*)

Soft Music

Solo

Rev. Brenda Fox

Eulogy

Bishop Elijah Williams, President
Western North Carolina District

Selection

White Rock Convocation Choir

Recessional



Interment
Holy Trinity Church Cemetery
309 Trinity Street
Siler City, North Carolina 27344

Drivers in procession, please turn on headlights for safety

~~The Obituary~~

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.

Reverend Dr. Robert Andrew Siler was born July 14, 1950 in Siler City, North Carolina. He was the second of ten children born to Rev. David and Mrs. Vatie Siler. He received his basic education through the Chatham County School System and was a 1968 graduate of Chatham High School, Siler City, North Carolina.

In August, 1968, he joined in holy matrimony to Miss Emma Jane Tyson and this union was blessed with four children.

Dr. Siler was reared in a Christian home, so it was no wonder he was chosen by God and ordained into the ministry. He was saved in the year of 1974 and was called into the ministry that same year. He has been preaching for 29 years and pasturing for 26 years. He began his pastoral responsibility at Margaret's Chapel United Holy Church, Staley, North Carolina. He was called and appointed to the pastor of White Rock United Holy Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina in the year of 1981 and remained there until the time of his appointed homegoing. While in service at White Rock, where he emerged as more than just a pastor, he was a counselor, a friend, a brother and father to many in the ministry, and an extraordinary role model for our youth. There was no mistake about the big "boom" in his voice, from anyplace it was always recognized.

Dr. Siler attended the United Bible Christian Institute, Durham, North Carolina from which he received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on May 26, 2002. He also attended Central Carolina Technical College, Sanford, North Carolina, The United Christian Institute of the United Holy Church, in Durham and Greensboro, North Carolina, and Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina, from which he received a degree in Theology.

Dr. Siler prayerfully served the Western North Carolina District as a District Elder, member of the Board of Presbytery, and was currently serving as 2nd Vice President of the Western North Carolina District, working particularly in the area of Finance and Program. He excelled as an administrator in these capacities.

He also served as President of the Chatham County United Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Vice President of the Central District Union A-Division and was founder and President of the Interdenominational Bible Institute, Siler City, North Carolina.

Dr. Siler not only lived in Siler City but was a positive force in community affairs. He was currently serving his community as a Town Commissioner for the past 13 years and has served on the Board of Directors for the Family Resource Center and the Teenworks Teen Center, on the Board of Directors of JOCCA, Inc, and Hispanic Task Force.

The Lord blessed Dr. Siler to take a ten-day trip to the Holy Land in Jerusalem. It was a trip that he talked about often as having a definite impact in his life.

He was a member of Holy Trinity United Holy Church in Siler City, where Elder Samuel B. Obie is pastor.

Remembering his life and legacy in addition to his wife and parents are a son, Robert Fitzgerald (Rachel), Greensboro, NC; three daughters, Jana Wiley (Rodney), Babette Nicole and friend, Mark Canady, Siler City, NC and Arkisha Dowdy (Quincy), Greensboro, NC; nine grandchildren, Jarvis, Jalen, Dionisia, Bryson, Naysha,

Brent, Tyrese, Seniah and Sabriy; five sisters, Annie Ruth Christopher, Siler City, NC, Anne Jones (Andre'), Gwen Horton (Dale), Staley, NC, Reba Kennedy (Levon), both of Greensboro, NC and Lisa Williams (Craig), High Point, NC; four brothers, Steve (Joyce), Siler City, NC, Jerry (Elmira), Atlanta, GA, Tony (Sharon) and Kenny (Amy), Siler City, NC; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends; and his beloved church family at White Rock United Holy Church, Chapel Hill, NC.



The Gift of Love

*Love is the most important gift we'll give during our lifetime.
It is an ever flowing assurance we express through our words and actions.
Forgiveness, trust friendship, kindness and sacrifice are all roots of love.*

*By giving unconditional love to others, we begin to understand how deeply God loves us.
We should give love so generously that it becomes a part of who we are,
and a reflection of who we serve.*

*Above all, we need to love the people God brings into our lives.
Love is a gift God gives to us to infinite measure.
So that our hearts can enjoy an endless supply.
Let's tap into it, let's lavish it on others, lets fill our words and define our actions with it-
And as we do, our hearts will reap God's abundance,
We loved you, but God loved you best.*

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him
Shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16 (New International Version)*

The Family

To My Husband

I Miss you already.

*When people say that we're unique,
I guess it must be true, you're my best friend too.
Our marriage was happy and you made it so,
You brighten my world even more than you know.
You lovingly helped me with all that I planned
You showed understanding, as no one else can.
No matter what happened you were there at my side
You trusted me, believed in me and filled me with Pride!
You gave me sweet memories to fondly recall,
And you gave me your love, the best thing of all.
You're home at last, your labor is done...
Safe, blessed, the victory won...
Jordan passed from pain set free,
Angels there will welcome thee,
I'll meet you there.*

*Your wife,
Emma*



Heavenly Home

It happened all so sudden
And so very quick,
The final piece of life's puzzle
Has now come to fit.

Don't be discouraged
Or sad that I'm gone,
Know in your heart
I'm in my new heavenly home.

God makes no mistakes
In the decisions that he makes,
My life on earth
He had to take.

He called my name
As my breaths grew shorter,
I didn't think twice,
I knew my life was in order.

I reached for his hand,
He reached for mine, then and there
I knew it was time

The time had come
For me to go,
God told me why
He loved me so.

He opened his arms
And held me tight,
No other feeling
Could feel so right

Congratulations,
Job well done,
Welcome to Heaven
My precious son.

That's what he said
After my wings had grown,
Please don't worry,
I'm in my new heavenly home.

Christopher Paschal

Dear Daddy,

I never got a chance to tell you how much you meant to me. I loved you so much but God loved you more and there was work for you to do in heaven. You were always there for me, no matter what, and I will miss you with all my heart. I Love You!

*Love,
Kisha Siler-Dowdy*





Honorary Pallbearers

Class of 1968

Active Pallbearers

Deacons and Trustees, White Rock United Holy Church

Floral Bearers

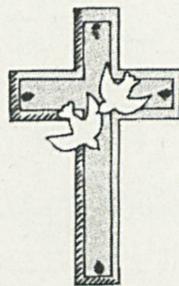
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Western North Carolina District

Acknowledgment

Our family expresses its' gratitude and appreciation for all acts of kindness shown us during the illness and passing of our loved one. God's blessings upon each of you.



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