

You closed your eyes
 Breathed a sigh and slowly drifted away.
 On heaven high you descended the sky
 Into a better place
 Another angel that God has called home
 To sit with Him beside the Throne.
 You gave us love in so many more ways
 Than you could have ever known.
 You have given us serenity and wisdom
 And an understanding heart....
 So much wisdom beyond compare
 An awareness of life's beauty
 And a blessed assurance that God understands and
 cares.

You were our pillar of strength-
 Our loving grace-
 You taught us love in every way.
 Silver 50 cent pieces were your token of love
 Until we meet again
 We'll cherish those memories in our hearts
 Forever and a day.
 To pass along to the little ones
 To guide them along the way
 You've planted a strong harvest
 And done a good deed
 You've earned your white robe
 and your angel wings
 We Love you F.D.
 But God loved you best.

As you meet Mrs. Thelma at the Pearlie gates
 We say farewell, but not goodbye to the memories
 As we lay your soul to rest.

Love,
 The Grandchildren

Pallbearers

*George Hill
 Billy Maynor
 George Robinson*

*William Marlow
 Theodore Page
 Jerry Norfleet*

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgment

*The family wishes to express their sincere
 appreciation for all acts of kindness shown
 during the loss of their loved one.*

Special Acknowledgment And Thanks To

*Hospice of Chatham County
 Eastern Star Chapter, Goldston, NC
 Eastern Star Chapter, St. Thomas #644
 Roberts Chapel Baptist Church and members*

Interment

Roberts Chapel Church Cemetery

Professional Services Entrusted To

*Knotts Funeral Home
 50 Masonic Street
 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
 919-542-6180*

Homegoing Service For Mr. Fred Douglas Cotten, Jr.



Sunday, January 31, 1999

2:30 P.M.

Roberts Chapel Baptist Church
 Goldston, North Carolina

Rev. Sampson Buie, Jr.
 Pastor - Officiating

Obituary

Our Father, Our Friend was born June 22, 1913 to the late Fred and Gertrude Cotten. On Wednesday morning, January 27, 1999 an angel crept into his room and said, "Well done thy good and faithful servant, it is time to go home."

During his early years he attended Goldston Public Schools and was a member of Roberts Chapel Church.

He was married to Thelma Cotten, who preceded him in death. To this union seven children were born; Lula Cotten, Ernestine Maynor and Patricia Marlow of Spring Valley, NY. Gertrude Williams, Pittsboro, NC, Willard Cotten, Chapel Hill, NC, Linda Hill and Bernice Adams of Nanuet, NY; three sisters, Othelia Jones, Baltimore, MD, Floral Bynm and Lottie Palmer, Goldston, NC; twenty grandchildren, forty-six great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

A Very Special Thank You
To

Ms. Michaela Hooker
who provided love and care for our Father and
Mother



Forever Is Too Far To See

*Daddy, Forever is too far to see
From where we stand today,
But you who have reached a higher view
Have found a perfect home.
Where every sorrow goes away,
And there you wait to welcome the rest of us.
And though you've gone ahead of us
To that Eternal Land
We can be sure that you've found a happy place,
And someday in the future,
As our own life's journey's end,
We'll greet each other gladly
Face to face again.*

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Your Children

Order Of Service

Prelude

Processional

Hymn

Roberts Chapel Baptist Choir

Scripture

*Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - St. John 14:1-7*

Prayer Of Comfort

*Pastor C.M. Williams
Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church*

Selection

Roberts Chapel Baptist Choir

Acknowledgments

Mr. Gary Cox

Obituary

Read Silently

Solo

Mrs. Mildred Brooks

Reflections

Mrs. Carolyn Cox and Family

Solo

Mrs. Sylvia Watson Richardson

Eulogy

Rev. Sampson Buie, Jr.

Selection

Roberts Chapel Baptist Choir

Recessional