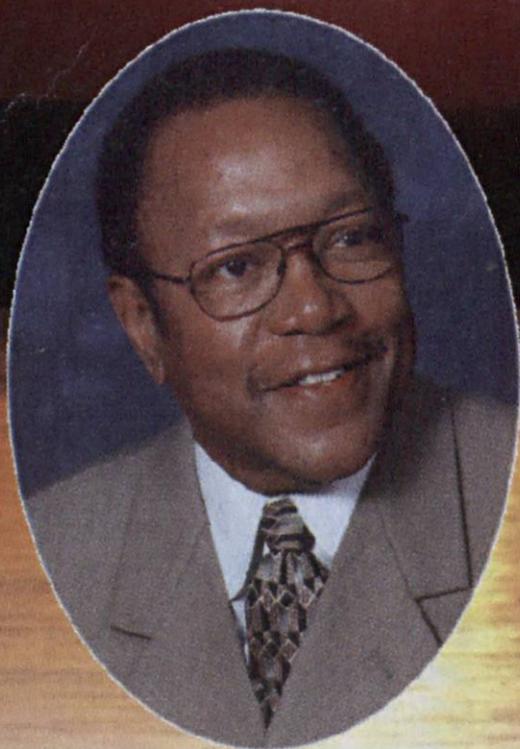


ENTERING INTO

E T E R N A L
L I F E

Mr. Billy Farrington



Service

Monday, August 23, 2010

2:00 P.M.

Terrell's Chapel AME
Zion Church

1241 Chicken Bridge Road
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

Rev. Sharon Martin-Mitchell, Pastor/Eulogist

March 2, 1947

August 16, 2010

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection..... Choir

Scripture Reading:

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Jerry Powell

SoloAthenia McCollum

Wind Beneath My Wings

Acknowledgements..... Cynthia Lambert

Obituary (read silently)

SoloAthenia McCollum

I Won't Complain

Eulogy.....Rev. Sharon Martin-Mitchell

Musical Selection..... Choir

Recessional

Interment

Church Cemetery



While walking down Life's Highway some time ago,
I saw a sign that read- "Heaven's Grocery Store."
As I got a little closer, the door came wide open,
And then I suddenly realized I was drawn right inside.

I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere,
One handed me a basket that said, "My child, shop with care."
Everything a Christian needed was in that Grocery Store,
And what you couldn't carry, you could come back tomorrow for.

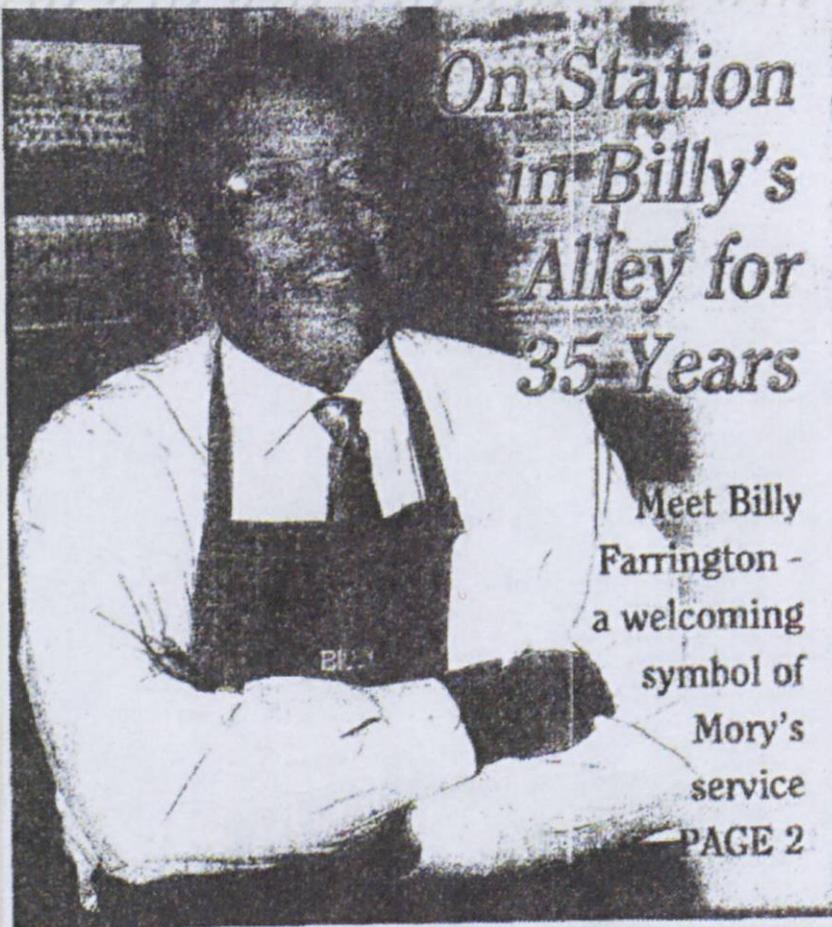
First I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row,
Further down was UNDERSTANDING, needed wherever you go.
I picked up a box of COURAGE to help me run this race,
My basket was getting full when I remembered I needed GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION, for SALVATION that was free,
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.
Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
For I thought I had everything to do the Master's Will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER and I threw some in,
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.
PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the top shelf,
SONG and PRAISES were hanging here so I just helped myself.

And then to the Angel at the door I asked, how much do I owe?
He smiles and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."
I smiled at him and said, "Now really, How much do I owe?"
My child, he said, "CHRIST PAID YOUR BILL A LONG TIME AGO."





On Station in Billy's Alley for 35 Years

Meet Billy
Farrington -
a welcoming
symbol of
Mory's
service

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Still on station in 'Billy's Alley'

BILLY FARRINGTON - 35 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE MORY'S TRADITION

Billy Farrington remembers the day in 1969 when he walked across town to Mory's from his apartment on Chapel Street. The native of Pinetown, a small North Carolina town outside Chapel Hill, was just past his 21st birthday and looking for a job.

"I saw an ad in the paper that said, 'Waiter wanted, 306 York Street,' so I figured I'd check it out," Billy said. "But when I opened the door to Mory's for the first time, I thought I must be in the wrong place. It wasn't like any restaurant I'd ever seen before."

Billy knows now, 35 years later, that his first impression was not far off the mark. Mory's is not an ordinary restaurant. But then, Billy is not an ordinary waiter, which makes him a perfect fit with this establishment, which is as much a repository of Yale memories and memorabilia as it is a place to eat, drink, sing and be merry.

After attending to the needs of Mory's diners for parts of five different decades, Billy's welcoming presence and quiet professionalism have made him a recognizable part of the clubhouse ambience. He has become such a fixture at Mory's that his exclusive station in the back corner of the dining room has become known to the staff - and some regulars - as "Billy's Alley."

"In the membership survey, a surprising number of people mentioned Billy as someone who makes their Mory's experience special," said General Manager Jim Shawway.

That's not surprising given Billy's relaxed and friendly approach to his craft. He describes his table-side manner by saying, "I just serve them and be quiet." Well, that's partly true, he is both diligent and unobtrusive, but it doesn't begin to tell the story of a man who has waited on and befriended two generations of Yalies. Sure, his unassuming manner helps him blend into the background when appropriate, but his gentle humor and personal charm blossom at the slightest encouragement.

Billy, who's 57, figures he recognizes about half of the customers head waiter Wayne Neftci sends to his section. Many of them, he considers his friends and is on a first-name basis with a few of them. He has even visited the

home of customers and been their guest for lunch.

Billy's college degree in business, which he earned in 1987 at the age of 40, says a lot about his character. He had wanted to go to college after high school, but as one in a family of five children, there was no money for that. His father did custodial work at the University of North Carolina and his mother worked as a home health care provider. But some 25 years later, at the urging of his pastor, Rev. Dr. Curtis Coffield, he went back to school.

"It was something I wanted to do," he says. "Everyone I wait on here is a college graduate. Now I'm one, too."

Both Billy's parents have passed away, but before she died, his mother attended the SCSU commencement to see the first of her children graduate from college.

Billy has put his degree to good use. He only works the dinner shift at Mory's now and has a full-time job in the Pre-Press department of SBC Yellow Pages. He lives in nearby

Hausden, not far from his son and two grandchildren, whom he says he adores.

"Working here is a lot of fun," Billy says. "If it wasn't, I wouldn't still be here. The tradition is great. I really like that. And you meet so many different people. I've served past presidents of the United States, senators and movie stars as well as ordinary people. Some of them I've formed close relationships with."

There have been one or two occasions, in fact, when a customer couldn't find a parking spot, that Billy would move his car to provide a space for them.

Billy is a member of that special breed at Mory's for whom waiting tables is more than just a job. It's a profession.

"The secret, I think, is to try and be attentive," Billy says. "A waiter should always be listening. You pick up a lot by listening. You always try to stay one step ahead of the customer. Over the years, you just know."

"This is not an ordinary restaurant. The people who work here are unique, too. I have to say that after 35 years, I'm still glad I answered that newspaper ad."

-Alex Orsberry



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Obituary

Billy Farrington, son of the late Orzie and Mildred Bailey Farrington, was born March 2, 1947 in Orange County. On August 16, 2010, the Lord decided he needed another servant in glory and Billy was one of the chosen.

He was a 1965 graduate of Horton High School. He participated in activities such as the Band as Drum Major and basketball. After graduation he moved to New York for approximately 6 months and then he made his home in Connecticut.

He was employed with AT&T as a telemarketing associate for over 40 years. Also, he was a restaurant worker with Mory's, a private members club on Yales campus where he had the opportunity to serve President George Bush, Sr. and first lady Barbara Bush, President Clinton, and other well known Senators and government officials. In further tribute to his education he graduated from Southern College in Connecticut with a degree in business. He attended Alston Chapel, Terrell's Chapel and later Emmanuel Baptist in New Haven, CT.

Cherishing his memory are his adopted son, DiYancy Seabrook, Sr. of Hamden, CT; three sisters, Ada Thomas of Brooklyn, NY, Erma Farrington (Dennis) of Pittsboro, NC and Carol Farrington (Joseph) of Durham, NC; one brother Arthur Farrington (Nellie) of Pittsboro, NC; two grandchildren, Ayanah Seabrook of Rocky Mount, NC; and DiYancy Seabrook, Jr. of Raleigh, NC; two nieces, Maris Mike of Brooklyn, NY and Renee Boone (Keith) of Pittsboro, NC; two nephews, Stephen Thomas (Norma) of McLeansville, NC and Fredrick (Bo) Farrington of Pittsboro, NC; two godsons, Gregory Harris of Winston Salem, NC and Joey Ford of New Haven, CT and Aunt Mozelle White of Brooklyn, NY and a host of other great nieces, great nephews, relatives and friends.



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Class of 1965 and Friends

Pallbearers

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May God Bless and Keep You!

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