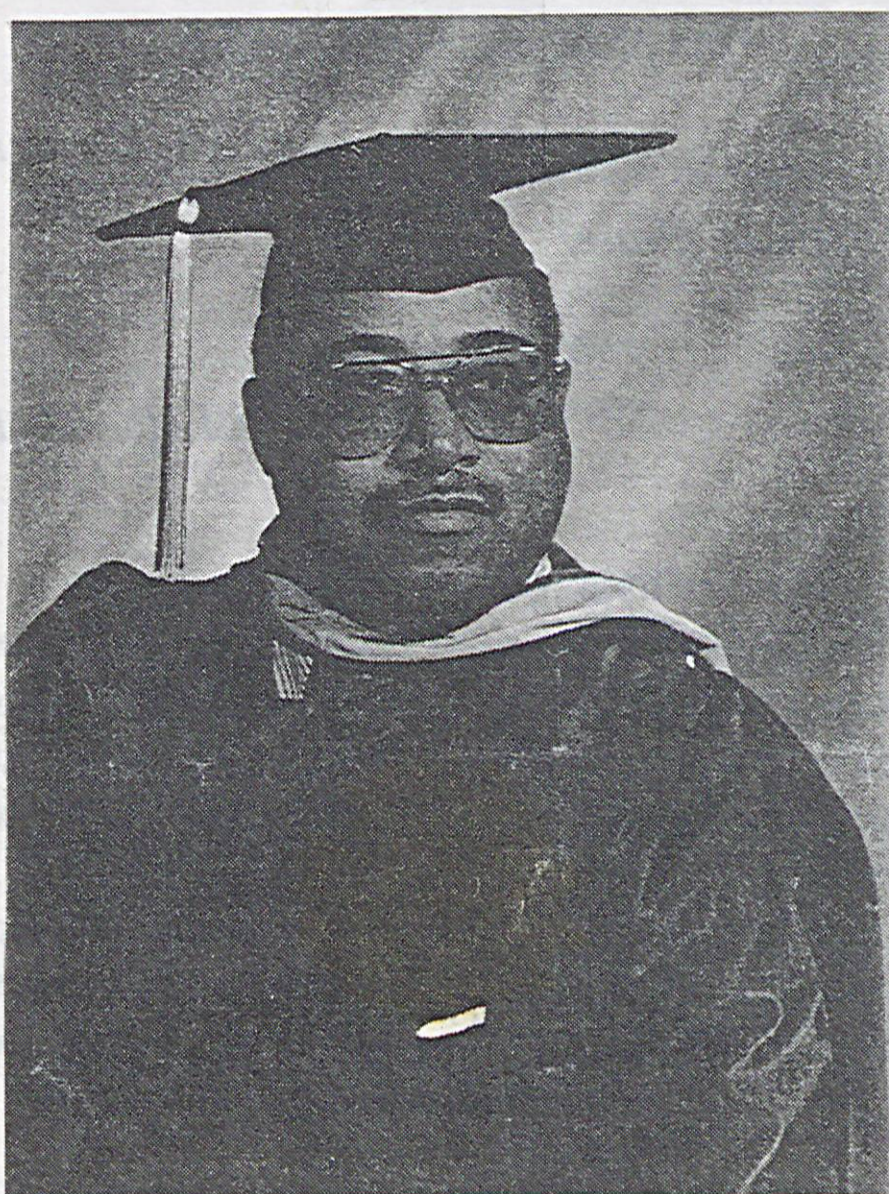


A Tribute
To
Mr. Roy Edward Cotton
(A People Person)



Roy's Philosophy - "God Is Good, All The Time"

Sunday, October 12, 1997 - 2:00 P.M.

Hamlet Chapel CME Church

Route 1

Pittsboro, North Carolina

Pastor - Jeremiah Isiah

Order Of Service

Processional

Selection

Prayer

Reverend James Cotton

Scripture

Elder Lee Brimmage

Old Testament - Psalm 27

New Testament - 1st Corinthians 13: 1-13

Selection

Reflections

Ms. Eunice Mann

Remarks (2 minutes, please)

Solo

Eulogy

Reverend Albert Williams

Selection

Parting Glimpse

Recessional

When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you
For a little while,
Please do not grieve
and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow
to you through the years,
But start out bravely
with a gallant smile;
And for my sake
and in my name
Live on and do
all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness
on empty days,
But fill each waking hour
in useful ways,
Reach out your hand
in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
and hold you near;
And never, never
be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

~ Floral Bearers ~

Class 1961 and 1962

~ Pallbearers ~

Class of 1961 and 1962

~ Honorary Pallbearers ~

NC Company HHC 167th MPBN

**~ Internment ~
Church Cemetery**

~ Acknowledgement ~

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all condolences, flowers, visits and any acts of kindness shown to us during the illness and loss of our devoted husband, father and ambassador of humanity. To the kind citizens of Hyde County and Roy's devoted co-workers, our sincere thanks to you for traveling to the second step of his destination. Keep us forever in your prayers and thoughts. May God grant each of you a safe trip back to your homes..

The Family



~ Services Entrusted To ~

**Knotts Funeral Home
113 N. Graham Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27314
919-968-7780 or 7781**

In Loving Memory Of Mr. Roy Cotton

He was my former teacher, boss, and friend
And for me his life has sadly come to an end.
But he could no longer with us stay
For God is now guiding him in the Homeward way
For we all must give an account before the Lord someday.

He will be missed by so many just not a few
And I, for one, appreciated all he tried to do.
His job was a big part of his life
As well as his children and his loving wife.
But even in death, God's timing is perfect and true
He knows at all times what to do.

My love for Mr. Cotton is caring when the world cries
My love for him is compassion with Christlike eyes
My love for him is being there for his family in need
Because that is where God's spirit leads.

I will miss his voice as he did sing
And the joy it did bring,
But for his family at this time
If you seek a friend, you will find,
One with a caring heart and listening ear
Who has a thoughtful word and have shed loving tears,
If I can help lift your heavy load
Or provide comfort down life's rocky road,
Feel free to call on me
And I will be there for thee.

Mr. Cotton always treated me nice
But now he is with Christ,
I loved and respected this man
But I take comfort in knowing he is in God's hand.
I will miss his sense of humor and smile
That I had enjoyed for quite a while,
I know to his family, he was their light
So hold on to his memory with all your might.

Time is short, life is precious while we are alive
But with God's help, we can survive,
Don't forget all Mr. Cotton strived to achieve
Before this earth, he did have to leave.
Keep his memory and love in your hearts
And I to will do my part.

Good men often go to soon
But the passing of time heals the wound,
God will be by your side
And His Love will forever abide.

With Christian Love and Sympathy, Katrina Harris Whitfield

The Obituary

"In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him, even into His ears....Psalm 18:6

Today we are here to pay our last respect to the home going of **Roy Edward Cotton**. He was born in Chatham County, on August 16, 1943. He was the son of the late Myrtle Cotton and Ervin Lee Cotton. He was reared and guided through this glorious life by his godmother, Mildred Council.

He was a very special, likeable, and devoted husband, son, father, and friend to everyone that chose to be a part of his life.

He attended Northside Elementary and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1962. He held a B.S. Degree in Physical Education from Elizabeth City State University, M.A. in Education from East Carolina University. He coached the following sports for many years: tennis, football, basketball, and baseball in the Hyde County School System. He completed 28 years of service in the Hyde County School System. He was presently employed at Mattamuskeett High School where he was devoted to his job as the Assistant Principal. Roy spent two years in the Army, thirteen years with the NC National Guard-Washington, NC Company HHC 167th MP BN, he was a member of Phi Beta Sigma, Commander American Legion Post 226; NCAE, NC Association of Sports Officials, National Federation Coaches Association, National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, NC High School Coaches Association, NC High School Athletics Director Association, NC Association of School Administrators, past and present Worshipful Master of New Branch Lodge, #785, and Hyde County All-Male Chorus.

He leaves to cherish his beautiful memories: his wife, Nancy Hines Cotton of Scranton, NC; two sons, Roy E. Cotton, II and wife, Alecia, Greensboro, NC and Jay Paul Cotton of the home; his godparents, Mildred and Joe Council, Chapel Hill, NC; his brothers, Geary and Bill Council, Charlotte, NC, Joe Council, Henry and Peter Campbell, Chapel Hill, NC; his sisters, Norma Bell, Sandra and Spring Council, Chapel Hill, NC, Julia Smith, Durham, NC, Annette Crandell, Cary, NC; he also leaves a mother-in-law, Mary C. Hines, father-in-law, Edward Hines; five brothers-in-law and three sisters-in-law. He also leaves to cherish his memory, his most devoted friend, Ms. Mildred Carey, Scranton, NC.

