

Pallbearers

Jake Brower Nathaniel Hanner
Fletcher Harris Fredrick Murdock
William E. Hanner Roy Hanner

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgment

The family would like to thank everyone for all their "Acts of Love" during the time of illness and death of our loved one. We would like to give a special thanks to Evelyn's caretakers: Mrs. Linda Wilson, our prayers are with you, Mrs. Yvonne Hanner, you made her days brighter, Laura and Ella Johnson, and Catherine Marsh.

The Family



Professional Services Entrusted To

Knotts & Son Funeral Home
1501 Martin Luther King, Blvd
Siler City, North Carolina
919-742-4602



Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most. You would leave me" The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints. It was then that I carried you.

Homegoing Celebration Of Mrs. Evelyn Alston



Tuesday, July 1, 2003
3:00 p.m.
Centennial AME Zion Church
Bear Creek, NC
Rev. Oscar Rush, Pastor

Order of Service

Processional	Ministers and Family
Hymn	"Blessed Assurance"
Scripture	
Old Testament	Rev. Cecil Alston <i>9:15 a.m.</i>
New Testament	Rev. Charles Chalmers
Prayer	Minister Rodney Alston <i>1:15 p.m.</i>
Solo	Anissa Little
Tribute	Courtney Reives
Obituary	Read Silently
Acknowledgments	Mrs. Louvenia Kirby
Remarks	Rev. Charles Chalmers
Solo	Celatris Hanner
Eulogy	Rev. Oscar Rush
Recessional	

Ch
2 Luke 29 v
Interment
Church Cemetery



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see..
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, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too 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, 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 peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

Obituary

Mrs. Evelyn Hanner Alston, was born June 26, 1921 in Chatham County, NC. Her battle here on earth ended June 27, 2003 as she slipped quietly away in her sleep. She was the daughter of the late Earnest Thurman Hanner, Sr. and Evie Marsh Hanner.

Evelyn was educated in the Public School of Chatham County. She was a member of Centennial AME Zion Church in Bear Creek, NC, where she remained a faithful member as long as her health permitted. She was a member of the Missionary Society, the Stewardess Board, and a former member of the Bonlee-Bear Creek Community Savings Club. She was a patient and humble person....always had a smile.

Evelyn was united in holy matrimony to Brady Chester Alston who preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories: three children from a previous marriage, a loving and devoted daughter, Brenda Reives (Keith) of Siler City, NC, Raymond Alston (Ella) of Goldston, NC, who gave himself untiringly, Cecil Alston (Phyllis) of Siler City, NC; two sons, Iree (Cara) and McArthur Alston, who preceded her in death; a special granddaughter, Nakea Alston of Chapel Hill, NC and Cedric Alston of Siler City, NC whom she reared as her own; one step-daughter, Ella Mae Green (Tim) of Siler City, NC; a brother, E.T. Hanner (Alene); two sisters, Bonnie Reaves (Elgin), Lucille Johnson, all of Bear Creek, NC; 10 grandchildren, Courtney, Danual, LenPonda, Marcia, Keisha, Travis, Patrice, Kenneth, Rodney, Stevie (deceased); 12 great-grandchildren; 4 daughters-in-law; 2 sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, neighbors, and friends.