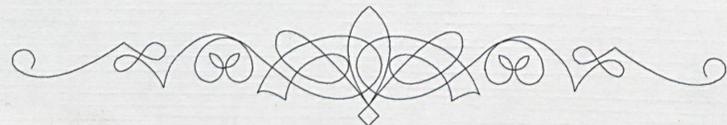


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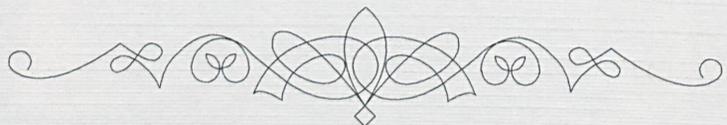
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~ Acknowledgment ~

The life our beloved W.H. Knotts, Sr. lived is evident in all that has been shown to us during this most difficult hour. Every prayer prayed, every condolence given, every kindness shown, every deed performed and every service rendered is of consolation to us. May the legacy of his life continue to live on.



Committal & Entombment Rites
*Lee Memory Gardens
Sanford, North Carolina*

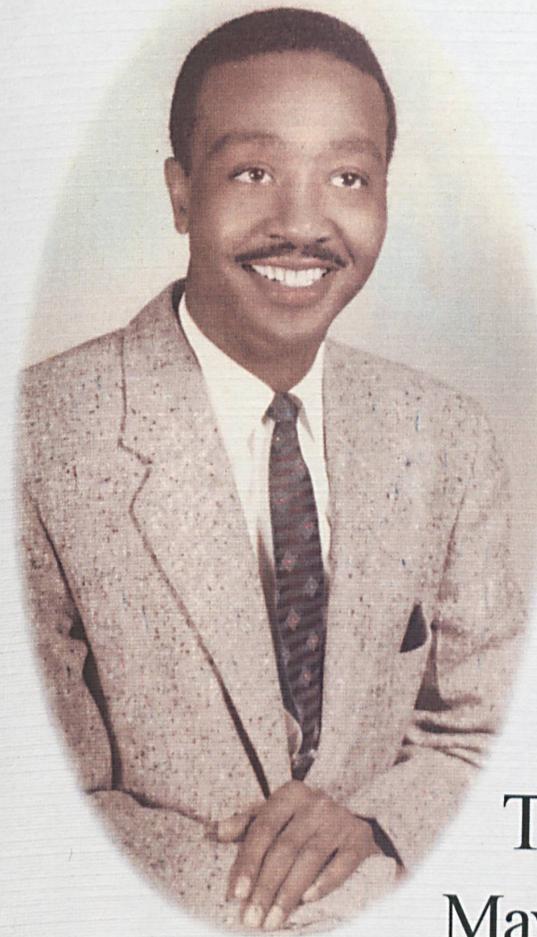


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*The Computer Dr., Inc. extends its deepest sympathy to the Knotts family.
Thank you for the opportunity to honor Mr. Knotts' life in print.*

Remembering and Honoring The Life of William Harvey Knotts, Sr.



Tuesday
May 17, 2005
2:00 p.m.

Works For Christ Christian Center
1395 Firetower Road
Sanford, North Carolina 27330
Drs. Lewis & Alice Hooker, Pastors
The Reverend Mamie Wilson, Officiating

Order of Divine Worship

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Organ Prelude W.L. Holmes

*Processional & Opening Song

*Hymn of Praise Choir

"My Hope Is Built"

*Prayer ~ Unison Prayer of Confession

Most Holy and most merciful God, in your presence we fade the sinfulness of our nature and the error of our ways. You alone know how often we have failed by wandering from your path, by wasting your gifts and underestimating your love. forgive us and humble us with your truth that we may be the people of God forever... ~Amen

*Assurance of Pardon ~ Minister

Here the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

*The Doxology

Solo Allen McLean

The Scripture Readings:

The Old Testament ~ Psalm 90

The New Testament ~ II Corinthians 5:1-10

Prayer

*The Gloria Patri

Memorial Tributes and Acknowledgements

Solo Andre' Stroud

The Eulogy The Reverend Mamie Wilson

The Affirmation of Faith

Hymn Choir

"He Touched Me"

The Charge and Benediction

The Farewell Anthem and Sevenfold Amen

Recessional

*Congregation Standing

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrow like sea billows roar,
Whatever my lot, Thou hath taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul".*

DRIVERS IN PROCESSION, PLEASE DRIVE WITH HEADLIGHTS ON FOR SAFETY



Celebrating A Good Man

A lot of guys out there think they're men because they act tough and talk rough.

Real men know that wisdom is true strength, that gentleness is a virtue

A lot of guys brag. Real men don't have to. Their actions speak louder than words.

A lot of guys blame anyone and everything for what doesn't go their way. Real men accept life's challenges And use them to grow...

How do I know all this? Because I've watched you, and I see how a good man, A real man, leads a good life.

One Certain Man

One certain man, one special man, was always there for me, I still live in the wonder of the world he helped me see.

One certain man, one gentle man, was just the friend I needed, his smile was the reward I praised, his word, the word I heeded.

One certain man, one honest man, Taught me to work with pride, To try and face defeats with grace And take my wins in stride...

One certain man, one caring man, Gave me the best he had, a legacy of lasting love, the gift of one great dad!

Obituary



On May 11, 1926, a country boy from across the river in Pee Dee, North Carolina, William Harvey Knotts, Sr. was born. He was the son of a farmer, railroad man and housewife—the late Weaver and Willie Spencer Knotts and the beloved brother of Ida Mae Knotts. Pee Dee was a little country community filled with love, a community that doted over their children, instilling and inspiring greatness in them.

In a class of four, being the only male, he graduated from Henry Grove High School in Pee Dee. After high school, he joined the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict where he served as a medic. After two years of serving his country, he received an honorable discharge. Yearning to achieve his goal of owning a funeral home, he enrolled at the Atlanta College of Mortuary Science, Atlanta, Georgia, where he received his diploma in Mortuary Science. In 1948, he hitchhiked to Sanford, to work for Anders Funeral Home. He was given a ride into town by fellow mortician, W.T. Horton.

In 1953, he married his childhood sweetheart, Nettie Mae Ingram Knotts. Following their marriage, they moved to Burlington, New Jersey. While there, they worked diligently towards their dream of owning a funeral home. They lived in New Jersey for 4 years before returning to Sanford in 1957 to purchase Anders Funeral Home, thereby establishing Knotts Funeral Home as their place of business. They were together for over 50 years, parting only at her death in 2003. In 1976, they opened their second funeral home in Siler City, North Carolina. Later they added funeral homes in Morven, Pittsboro, Hamlet, Rockingham and Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Harvey inspired many young people to enter the funeral profession. He was supportive of their education and achievements in the field. Many served their apprenticeship under his watchful eye.

He was a long time member of Blandonia Presbyterian Church and involved in many community and civic organizations, including the American Legion. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason.

His love of people, his kindness, his sense of humor and his desire to be of service to people earned him the love and respect of many in Sanford and surrounding areas. He was a father, grandfather and brother not only to his biological family, but to many others in the community.

He was also preceded in death by his son, Eli Tillman and his beloved Sister Ida Mae Knotts Thomas.

On Thursday morning, May 12, 2005, he passed from labor to reward. Home again with his wife, his son, his parents and his sister, rejoicing over a job well done. Continuing his legacy of love and service: Lula Knotts Thomas (William) of Sanford, North Carolina; Valerie Rivers (fiance', David Templeton) of Houston, Texas; William Harvey Knotts II of Hamlet, North Carolina; Kimetha Knotts Moye (Donald) of Sanford, North Carolina; Allishia and Candace Knotts of Goldston, North Carolina; brother, Leroy Wade, of Charleston, South Carolina; 10 grandchildren: Juan Tillman (Joan), La-Shonda Denise Covington, Spencer Aaron Knotts, Amber Jean Knotts Thomas, Katrice Renee Elliott, Brittany Nicole Moye, Christina Lynnette Moye, Lauren Harvey Knotts, William Harvey Knotts III, Danielle Olanette Ingram Moye; 3 great-grandchildren: Nisjah Tillman, Hailey Tillman and Willissa Smith; a beloved nephew, Weaver Knotts Thomas (Barbara) of Pee Dee, North Carolina; an aunt, Geneva Weathers of Greensboro, North Carolina; great nephew, Brandon Thomas (Kristy); great-nieces, Ashley Thomas, Rashaunda Jones, and Elizabeth Jones; a host of other relatives; beloved friends John and Clara Bennett of Burlington, New Jersey; a special companion and care taker, Hattie Hannas; and long-time friend, Pauline Cameron; his extended family, the dedicated, loving and supportive members of his funeral service staffs; and numerous other colleagues in the funeral profession and friends whom he loved and that loved him.



