

A Celebration of the Life

Of



Mr. Rufus Goldston Bynum, Sr.

"R.G."

Thursday, October 18, 2001

2:00 PM

Roberts Chapel Baptist Church

Goldston, North Carolina

Dr. Sampson Buie, Jr. Pastor

Rev. Harvey Alston, Associate Pastor

Order Of Service

Obituary

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Prelude.....Pianist

Processional.....Minister and Family

Selection..... *"Blessed Assurance"*

Scripture

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 - Rev. Sylvester Lambert
New Testament - I Corinthians 13 - Rev. Theodore Tyson, Jr.

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. C.L. McDougald

Solo.....Evangelist Elizabeth Palmer, *Niece*

Acknowledgments /Resolutions.....Mrs. Louvenia Kirby

Obituary (*read silently*)

Solo.....Mrs. Kelly Evans

Family Tribute..... Rev. Jace L. Cox, *grandson*

Solo.....Mrs. Mildred Brooks

Eulogy..... Rev. Dr. Sampson Buie, Jr.

Recessional.....Ministers and Family

Interment
Church Cemetery

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*I waited patiently for the Lord;
And He inclined unto me, and heard my cry*

A Time To Be Born.....

And so it was on September 18, 1914 in Chatham County, Goldston, North Carolina that Rufus Goldston Bynum, Sr. was born to the late Emma Lane and Hazy Bynum, Sr. He was the third oldest son of thirteen children

A Time to plant and a time to pluck up that which was planted.....

And so it was that he was united in holy matrimony to Ms. Flora Jane Cotton, on the fourth Saturday in August 1935, in Siler City, NC. From this union they became the proud parents of three children, Elmira, Carolyn and Rufus, Jr.

Labor, as it is a gift of God...

And so it was at an early age R.G. as he was known to his family and friends received Christ and joined Roberts Chapel Baptist Church where he served faithfully as the groundskeeper. He was one who believed in supporting the church and community. He was known as the man with the community garden to share with everybody. He always welcomed friends and family into his home and to activities the family was having. He provided well for his family, friends and community. He was a retiree of Townsends Inc. of Siler City, NC. He was a member of Goldston Star Lodge #688 where he served as Junior and Senior Warden, member of the Fundraising Committee and Grounds Committee. R.G. was always willing to help.

We will miss him, but in talking with Mr. Bynum he informed the family that he was at peace and was ready to go home and be with the Lord. He always reminded his family, "None of us came here

Stay." We have lost a good husband, father, brother and friend..

A Time To Die....

And so it was on Sunday afternoon, October 14, 2001 he departed this life at his home at 915 St. Luke Church Road, Goldston, NC where he shared his life for 66 years with his darling and devoted wife Flora Jane Cotton Bynum, after a brief illness. He was 87 years of age.

A Time To Mourn.....

Seeking comfort and strength are his loving and dedicated wife of 66 years, Mrs. Flora Jane Cotten Bynum, two daughters, Mrs. Elmira Wicker and Evangelist Carolyn Cox (Gary) and one son, Rufus Bynum, Jr. (Carolyn), all of Goldston, NC, and adopted daughter, Mrs. Annette Cotten Jones (Billy) of Sanford, NC. Grandchildren include Jackulene Goldston, Mrs. Veralyn Covington, Mr. Rufus Bynum, III, Pastor Jace L. Cox, Mrs. April Royston and Mr. Timir Cox. Three great grandchildren, Sgt. Billy Goldston, Mrs. Audrey Swann and Ms. Brandy Goldston. Two great great grandchildren, Billy and Ashley Goldston; one brother, Mr. Wrenn Bynum of Greensboro, NC; five sisters, Mrs. Ola Alston of Goldston, NC, Mrs. Ossie Emerson of Burlington, NC, Mrs. Elizabeth Donnell, Ms. Mary Eliza Bynum and Mrs. Mildred Barrett, all of Greensboro, NC. One aunt, Mrs. Irene Lane of Greensboro, NC. Four sisters-in-law, Mrs. Lillie Bynum of Sedalia, NC, Mrs. Lottie Palmer of Goldston, NC, Mrs. Othelia Jones of Baltimore, MD, and Mrs. Mary Lou Cotten of Pittsboro, NC; one brother-in-law, Mr. Oather Jones, Sr., of Baltimore, MD and a devoted friend Minister Hoover Perry; two special nieces, Mrs. Bertha Dowdy and Mrs. Collette Williams and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.





*You saw the road was getting rough
The hills were hard to climb;
You gently closed your loving eyes
And whispered "Let Me Go, I want to go home"
Your weary hours, your days of pain
Your sleepless nights are past;
Your ever patient worn out frame
Has found sweet peace at last.
In tears we saw you sinking
And watched you fade away;
Our hearts are broken; we wanted you to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping,
So peacefully and free from pain;
How could we wish you back with us
To suffer that again?
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

The Family

Floral Bearers

Morning Star Chapter #594 O.E.S.

Pallbearers

Goldston Star Lodge #688

Ushers

Roberts Chapel Usher Department

Acknowledgment

The family of Mr. Rufus Bynum, Sr., wishes to express their humble thanks and gratitude to relatives and friends for their acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the sickness and death of their loved one. ~The Family

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