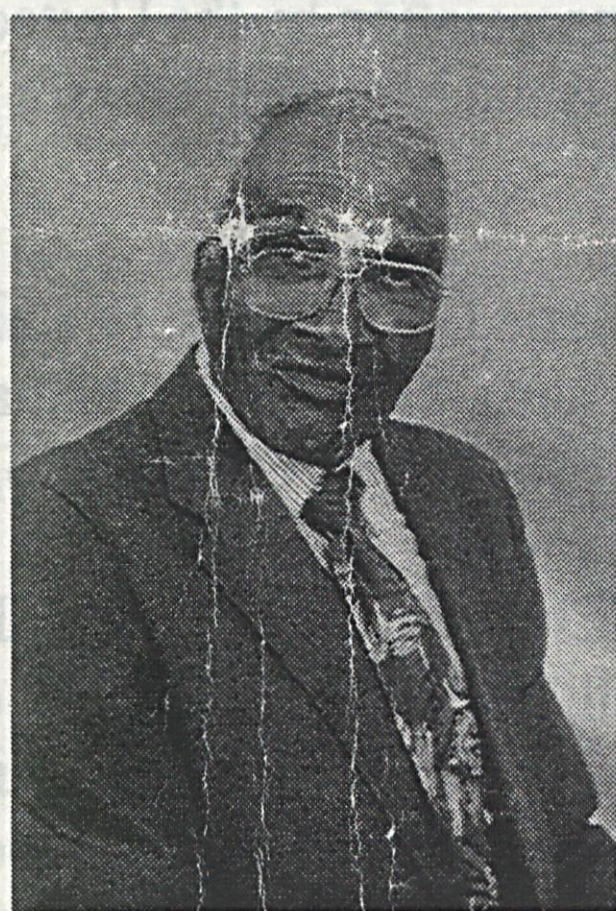


Service of Worship
Celebrating the Life and Homegoing

of
Leroy Jesse Gowins
(1919-1997)



Evans Chapel AME Zion Church
Siler City, North Carolina
Monday, November 3, 1997
2:00 p.m.

Rev. Ridie Headen, Officiating

Obituary

Leroy Jesse Gowins, of 6151 Silk Hope-Gum Springs Road, died Friday, October 31, 1997.

Mr. Gowins was a native of Chatham County, North Carolina. He graduated from public school in Chatham County. He served in the United States Army, and was a veteran of World War II.

He was a faithful member of Evans Chapel AME Zion Church where he served as a Class Leader, the Treasurer of Ministry of Kindness, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and a member of the Male Chorus. A Sunday School classroom was named in his honor as a special recognition for his dedicated work at Evans Chapel Church.

His community involvement included: Member of the Farm Bureau Board, Supervisory Committee Member for the Chatham-Lee Credit Union, and an active worker in getting voters to the polls.

Other Honors include:

Honored as a Conservation Farm Family by the Chatham Soil and Water Conservation District (1991),

Presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the United States Department of Agriculture for nine (9) years of service as the Minority Advisor to the Chatham County Farm Service Committee (1997)

He leaves: a devoted wife, Jessie Lee Gowins; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Phillip Gowins and Carolyn Batts- Gowins of Chatham County and Freddie "Joe" Gowins and Sandra Gardner-Gowins, of Greensboro, North Carolina; one goddaughter, Emma Craven of Siler City; and one devoted friend, Annie Alston of Siler City; seven sisters, Margaret Fisher and Clementine Jones of Baltimore, Maryland, Corine Bridges of Raleigh, North Carolina, Callie Mae Degraffenreidt of Sanford, North Carolina, Mexie Burnette of Pittsboro, North Carolina, Lelia Mae Burnette of Pittsboro, North Carolina and LaRuth White of Siler City, North Carolina; seven brothers, Roscoe Burman of Baltimore, Maryland, and Cletus Marsh, Oliver Marsh, Shirley Lewis Marsh, Clyde Marsh, Charles Marsh and Macon Marsh of Pittsboro, North Carolina.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, Jonelle, Jessica and Alex, and one great grandchild, Eric, all of Chatham County.

*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there; I did not die.*

-The Family

The Order of Service

THE PRELUDE

The PROCESSION

THE OPENING HYMN.....The Male Chorus
"Precious Lord"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament.....Rev. Theodore Tyson

Psalm 27

New Testament.....Rev.Dr. E.J. Alston

John 14:1-6

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING..... Elder Robert Siler

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OBITUARY.....Ms. Mary Peoples

REMARKS.....Mr. Edsel Daniels

THE FAMILY TRIBUTE.....Ms. Marvie Glover

SOLO.....Ms. Winnie Breeden

THE EULOGY.....Rev. Ridie Headen

THE CLOSING HYMN.....The Male Chorus

THE DIRECTOR IN CHARGE.....Farrar Funeral Service

THE RECESSION

INTERMENT

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Pallbearers and Floral Bearers *Members of Evans Chapel Church and Friends*

Special Member for the Chatham-Lee Credit Union, and an active worker in getting the community involved in the "One Day, One Mile" project.

Rev. Dr. E. J. Alston
John M. I. - 1-6

Honored as a Conservation Farm Family by the Chatham Soil and Water Conservation

(1997) Robert Siler
A. Elder, Robert Siler

Prayer of Appreciation to the State Department of Agriculture

for 20 years of service to the state of North Carolina

Service Committee (1997)

In Appreciation

The Gowins Family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation all expressions of love and sympathy conveyed to us during the illness and upon the death of our beloved husband and father. May God bless you.

Family: Margaret Fisher and Clementine Jones of Baltimore, Maryland, Constance D. Jones of Baltimore, Maryland, Callie Mac Donnell of Sanford, North Carolina, Mary

Burnette of Pittsboro, North Carolina, John Mac Burnette of Pittsboro, North Carolina, and LaRue White of Siler City, North Carolina, seven brothers, Joseph, Eugene, and

Baltimore, Maryland, and Charles Marsh, Thayer Marsh, Shirley Lewis Marsh, and

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