



*A Fairer Scene Some Day*

*When through our tears of sorrow  
We see a curtain fall  
And know a dearly loved one  
Has gone beyond our call.  
We must have faith and confidence  
In God and in His way  
For He will raise the curtain  
On a fairer scene some day.*

Active Floral Bearers ~ Nieces  
Active Pall Bearers ~ Nephews



**Honorary Floral Bearers**

*Eastern Stars  
Friendship Chapter #521*

**Honorary Pall Bearers**

*Light of the World  
Lodge #711*



**Acknowledgment**

*We wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the numerous expressions of sympathy and concern shown during the loss of our loved one.*

*May God richly bless each of you.*

*~The Family~*



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Siler City, North Carolina 27344  
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**In Loving Memory  
Of  
Merion Elgin Reaves  
(1930-2005)**



**Friday, January 14, 2005  
Three O'clock p.m.**

**Centennial AME Zion Church  
67 Milton Marsh Rd.  
Bear Creek, North Carolina**

**Rev. Charles Howard,  
Pastor Officiating**

## Order of Service

- Processional.....Ministers and Family
- Hymn                    "Amazing Grace"
- Scripture  
 Old Testament .....Rev. Carl Thompson  
 New Testament.....Rev. Bill Neal
- Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Corey Little
- Solo.....Dale Manuel
- Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Louvenia Kirby
- Obituary               (Read Silently)
- Remarks.....Ministers and Family  
                           Rev. Charles Chalmers  
 (Please limit to two minutes)
- Solo.....Min. Nissie Thompson
- Eulogy.....Rev. Charles Howard
- Recessional



### Interment

*Thomas Marsh  
 Memorial Cemetery*

## God's Plan

*What comes to pass throughout this life  
 The laughter and the tears  
 Is just a part of God's own plan  
 To fill our borrowed years.*

*He works mysteriously, on that we can rely  
 At times it's hard to comprehend  
 Why things happen as they do  
 But we know that on Him we can depend.*

*And when our trials shall end  
 And we yearn for peaceful rest  
 We shall always keep in mind  
 God does things for the best.*

## Obituary

Merion Elgin Reaves, son of the late Helen Lambert and John H. Horton was born in Chatham County on September 11, 1930 and departed this life on January 10, 2005.

He attended J.S. Waters School in Goldston, NC and was drafted into the Army before graduation. He served in Korea; after which, he returned home and graduated from high school. He later continued his education at CCCC.

Elgin was happily married to Bonnie Hanner Reaves for 47 years. From this union, two daughters, Elgina and Lisa, were born. Throughout his life, he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Accompanying his grandchildren on their field trips and attending their school events, he was loved by all he encountered.

As a faithful member of Centennial Church, he devoted much of his life and Christian service to the church he loved so dearly. He held many offices in the church including, usher, Senior Choir president, Trustee chairman, Treasurer, Sunday School teacher, church secretary, church janitor and groundskeeper. He was instrumental in the planning and building of the new sanctuary.

On the Durham District, Elgin served faithfully for years as Christian Education Adult Director and Treasurer of the Durham District Education Department. As a 20 year member of the Light of the World Lodge #711, Elgin formed lasting bonds with other members, where he served as a former Worshipful Master. He served 15 years as Worthy Patron of the Order of Eastern Stars, Friendship Chapter #521 PHA. In all his endeavors, he heartily professed his love for Christ and his fellowman.

He leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Bonnie; children, Elgina Manuel (Dale) of Greensboro and Lisa Marsh (Tony) of Bear Creek; grandchildren, T.C., Tyler, Whitley, Hammond and Mariah; stepbrothers, Maurice Horton and Steve Currie of Sanford; sisters-in-law, Lucille Johnson, Alene Hanner, Louise Hanner and Margaret Hanner; one brother-in-law, E.T. Hanner; and a host of other relatives and friends.