

*Floral Bearers*

NIECES

*Casket Bearers*

NEPHEWS

**WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME**

*When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not here to see  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me,  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today  
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me as much as I loved you  
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.  
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.*

*And said my place was ready in heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly loved.*

*But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye.*

*I had so much to live for, and so much yet to do.*

*It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.*

*I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad*

*I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.*

*"If I could relive yesterday," I thought for just awhile,  
I'd say good-bye and kiss you, and maybe see you smile.*

*But then I fully realized that this could never be,*

*For emptiness and memories would take the place for me.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart.*

*For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.*

*Acknowledgment*

We, the family, wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our neighbors, relatives and friends for the messages of sympathetic condolences. Your love and kind acts shown during our hours of sorrow, the visits, prayers, food and flowers were most appreciated. We thank you from the depths of our hearts.

May God bestow His richest blessings upon each of you.

The Family

*Celebration of the Life  
of  
Fletcher Haywood Strickland*

Sunrise  
December 23, 1922

Sunset  
February 3, 1999



**BELVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. Alex Turner, Pastor

Rev. Harold Carr

Rev. Walter James

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1999  
3:00 P. M.

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord!"*

## The Obituary

Early Wednesday morning, February 3, 1999, God sent down a host of angels to bring back one of His faithful soldiers. There was no doubt that **Deacon Strickland** was ready to take the gracious ride, for he sang *"This Old Building Keeps On Leaning"*. He bided farewell, obeyed the commandments of God, and his flight began.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. The righteous live forever and their reward is with the Lord. We have come together to celebrate the life, spirit, and character of **Fletcher Haywood Strickland**. He has lived among us as father, husband, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, faithful friend, and committed member of the church. Thanks be to God for his life and for the ways in which he impacted our lives.

He was the son of Jim Strickland and Mary Graves Strickland, and was a native of Chatham County who spent his later years in Graham, North Carolina. He attended the public schools and was a veteran of the United States Army. He retired from Cone Mills and was a part-time driver for senior citizens.

He was a member of Belview Baptist Church, and later joined New Mt. Zion of Graham. He leaves to cherish his memories: one devoted daughter, Josephine Strickland of the home; two sons, Hayworth Strickland and Randy Strickland of Burlington, NC; 17 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Alene Strickland Goldston of Goldston, NC, Eufina Strickland Rodgers and Dora Lee Siler, both of Siler City, NC, and a host of relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were: one daughter, Donna Strickland; one grandson, Ricky Strickland; four brothers, James Strickland, Hezekiah Strickland, William Strickland, and Alton Strickland, and three sisters, Mirties Strickland, Ester Strickland McIntosh and Octavia Strickland.

## Order of Service

### PROCESSIONAL

HYMN.....The Choir

SCRIPTURE.....Rev. Harold Carr, Pastor of  
Mt. Zion AME Zion Church

PRAYER.....Rev. Alex Turner, Pastor of  
Belview Baptist Church

HYMN.....The Choir

REMARKS.....Rev. Dave Strickland, Pastor of  
Faith Gospel Tabernacle, Durham

SOLO.....Mr. Harvey L. Clapp

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDOLENCES AND THE OBITUARY

SOLO.....Mrs. Muriel Freeland

EULOGY.....Rev. Walter James, Pastor of St. Andrew's  
Congregational Christian Church

SELECTION.....The Choir

### PARTING VIEW

### RECESSIONAL

THE COMMITTAL SERVICE AND  
INTERMENT.....The Church Cemetery

**HARGETT & BRYANT FUNERAL SERVICE**