

Home Going Services
for
Rev. R. V. Horton

PALLBEARERS

Members of the Mt. Olive No. 36

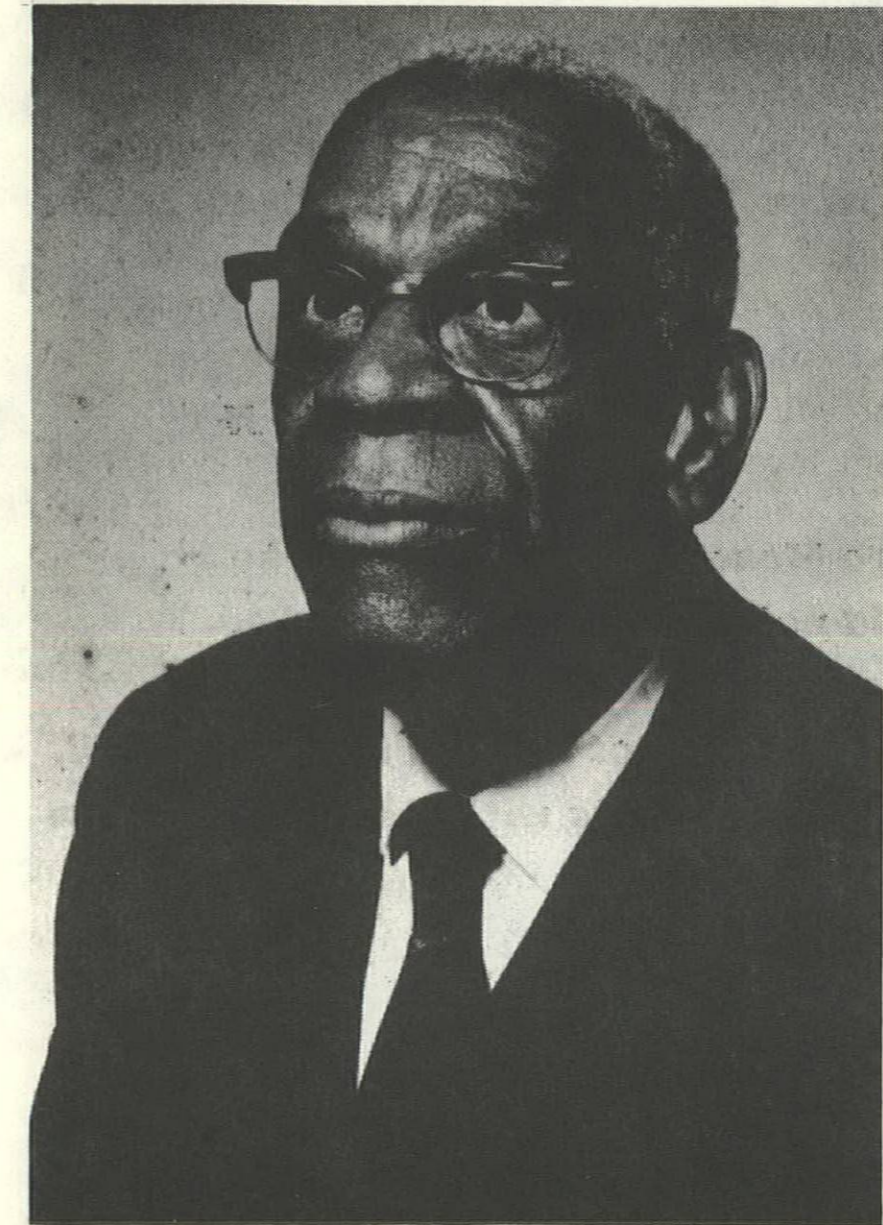
HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS

Members of the
Randolph Chapter No. 185 of
the Order of the Eastern Star
Eastern Star No. 617

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Ministers

—Service Entrusted To—
KNOTTS AND SON FUNERAL HOME
W. H. Knotts, Sr. — Mortician
Sanford, North Carolina
(919) 776-4345



Monday, May 18, 1987 — 4:00 P. M.
MITCHELL CHAPEL A. M. E. ZION CHURCH
Pittsboro, North Carolina

Rev. F. L. Rush, Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE
Rev. Juanita Milliken, Officiating

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN "My Hope Is Built ..."

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament-23rd Psalm - Rev. Ocie Brown
New Testament-Corinthians 13:8-13 - Rev. Henry Melvin

PRAYER Elder E. J. Alston

HYMN "I Have Found A Friend In Jesus"

REMARKS Rev. T. Tyson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Rev. Wood

POEM-..... "I Be A Man" by R. V. Horton
Rev. Kermit DeGraffenreidt

SOLO Mr. Leroy Farrar

EULOGY Rev. Rush

RECESSIONAL "I'm On My Way To Canaan Land"

*Left the
world behind*

INTERMENT
Church Cemetery

The many thoughts, words, and deeds shared with the family, not only in recent days but since our return to Chatham County, have increased our faith in God and our fellowman. Our thanks, prayers, and best wishes are extended to you.

Horton Family

OBITUARY

RUFUS VASSIE HORTON—husband, father, minister, humanitarian—was born in Apex, N. C., on October 2, 1904, to the late Minnie and Alfred Horton. He put on the robe of immortality on Thursday, May 14, 1987.

One of ten children, he spent his early years in Chatham County. After committing his life to Christ, he accepted the call to the ministry at the age of 14. As a young minister, he preached and pastored throughout North Carolina and Tennessee.

In 1937, while pastoring in Wilkesboro, N. C., he met, courted, and married Mozelle Cundiff who remained a loving and devoted wife.

As a preacher, he had profound spiritual insight. Many considered him to be at his best as a revival evangelist. Other said that he was unequalled as a preacher of funerals. All agreed that his life was dedicated to helping his fellowman.

He was a humble man; yet, he worked for racial equality when it was unpopular to do so.

Although he was involved in many organizations, he was especially proud of his affiliation with the Masonic Orders and his title as "Father of the North Carolina Ushers Association".

His memory will be cherished by his wife, Mattie Mozelle Cundiff Horton; his children, Alfred Horton and Cornelius Horton of Winston-Salem, Essie Mae Albright of Graham, Minerva Milliken and Euphalia Farrar of Pittsboro, Guytanna DeGraffenreidt of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Rufus Horton of Landover, Md., and Richard Horton of Castle Hayne; two sisters, Agatha Lassiter and Murther Bynum of Chapel Hill; twenty-two grandchildren; great-grandchildren, and numerous other relatives.

I'll Be A Man
I'll be a man whatever the cost
Whatever the gain, whatever the lost.
I'll be a man.
I'll be a man. I won't go down
Though things may come that cause a frown.
And if I live in country or town,
I'll be a man.
I'll be a man. I will do my work
Though others stand and theirs shirk.
I'll do my part and be alert
And be a man.
I'll be a man. I'll hold my head
Though other quit and go to bed.
I'll still fight on although half dead.
And be a man.

-R. V. Horton