



**Mr. Chester Benjamin Kirby**

**1919 — 1991**



## "Chester"

When the Lord gets ready to raise one to the higher destiny and welcome His own into His Kingdom, He is selective. No one can make his proclamation before His divine province has declared, "Come unto me ... you deserve the place I have prepared for you."

Chester Benjamin Kirby was born July 19, 1919 in Bynum, N.C., to his parents, the late Martha and Tom Kirby. God saw the mountain was getting hard for him to climb and decided to call him home on Sunday, March 17, 1991.

Chester served in the United States Army in 1945 and 1946. He received a citation for the Vic Medal-Occupational Medal in World War II.

At a very early age Chester accepted Christ and became a member of Hamlet Chapel C.M.E. Church. He enjoyed the messages of its pastor, Rev. W. F. Lowe, as well as the music, especially the Voices of Hope. He was a faithful member until his death. Even today, some might say he laid the foundation or the pillar of the church. He served on the Joint Board of Finance Member of the Carolina Conference for twenty-five years. He also served and held offices in these organizations: The Interdenominational Usher Association of N.C. Steward Board, Trustee Board, Usher Board, Missionary Society, Pastor Aide, Class Leader and Youth Council. He was also Grand Secretary of the Odd Fellows #5261.

Chester retired from the University of North Carolina in 1983 and continued to work part-time with the Community Church until his illness. He also worked part-time with Jones Funeral Home of Chapel Hill for about six years.

Chester was united in Holy Matrimony in 1947 to Florine Foushee, his devoted and loving wife. To this union four sons were born.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Mrs. Florine Kirby of the home; five sons, Mr. Franklin Kirby of Oxon Hill, Maryland, Thomas and William Kirby of Atlanta, Georgia, Michael Kirby of the home and Oglin Perry of Pittsboro, N.C.; two devoted sisters, Mrs. Julie Nunn of Chapel Hill, N.C. and Mrs. Nettie Williams of Pittsboro, N.C.; one brother, Mr. Oscar Kirby of Pittsboro, N.C.; twelve grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.



## A POEM

### "Heaven's Grocery Store"

I was walking down life's highway, a long long time ago,  
One day I saw a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store,"  
As I got a little closer the door came open wide,  
And when I came to myself, I was standing just inside.

I saw a host of Angels, they were standing everywhere,  
One handed me a basket, and said, "My child, please shop with care,"  
Everything a Christian needed was in that Grocery Store,  
And all you couldn't carry, you could sure come back for more.

First I got some *PATIENCE*, *LOVE* was in the very same row,  
Further down was *UNDERSTANDING*, you need it wherever you may go.  
I got a box or two of *WISDOM*, a bag or two of *FAITH*,  
I just couldn't miss the *HOLY GHOST* for it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some *STRENGTH* and *COURAGE*, to help me run this race,  
By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed some *GRACE*,  
I didn't forget *SALVATION*, for *SALVATION* that was free,  
So I tried to get enough of that to save both *YOU* and *ME*.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,  
For I thought that I had everything to do my *MASTER*'s will,  
But as I went up the aisle, I saw *PRAYER*, and I just had to put that in,  
For I knew that when I stepped outside, I'd run right into *SIN*,  
*PEACE* and *JOY* were plentiful, they were on the last shelf,  
*SONG* and *PRAISES* were hanging near, so I just helped myself.

Then I said unto the Angel "How much do I owe?"  
He smiled and said, "Just take your basket wherever you may go,"  
Again I looked at him and said "How much do I really owe?"  
He smiled again and said "My child, *JESUS* paid your bill a long time ago."

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are deeply appreciative of the prayers, messages, and every expression of loving concern shown us during this time of sorrow. We invite you to share with the family a repass in the Church Fellowship Hall.

God Bless You,  
The Family



**A Service Of  
LOVE**

for

**Mr. Chester Benjamin Kirby**  
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**Saturday, March 23, 1991**

**1:00 P.M.**

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Hamlet Chapel C.M.E. Church  
Hamlet Chapel Church Road  
Route 1  
Pittsboro, North Carolina

Rev. W. F. Lowe, Pastor, Officiating



# ORDER OF SERVICE

**THE PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**HYMN OF PRAISE.....** Combined Choir

**OBITUARY.....** Laresia Farrington

**SOLO.....** Voncile Farrington

**PRAYER OF COMFORT**

**SCRIPTURES.....** Old Testament - Psalms 23  
New Testament - John 3:9-21

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS .....** Laresia Farrington

**REMARKS AND RESOLUTIONS (2 minutes)**

**FORMER MINISTERS**

**CAROLINA CONFERENCE OFFICERS**

**SOLO.....** Mr. Harold Denny

**EULOGY.....** Rev. W. F. Lowe

**MUSICAL SELECTION.....** Combined Choir

**VIEWING.....** Mortician in Charge

Interment  
Hamlet Chapel Cemetery



## **PALL BEARERS**

Nephews

## **HONORARY PALL BEARERS**

Stewards and  
The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows #5261  
of Chapel Hill, N.C.

## **FLORAL BEARERS**

Nieces/Stewardesses

## **HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS**

Household of Ruth

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