

*Homegoing Service
for*

Sunrise

December 19, 1905

Sunset

August 17, 2010

Lawyer McLucas

"Uncle Sugar"

104 Years Old

Life Reflections

Lawyer McLucas was born on December 19, 1905 in Bennettsville, South Carolina, son of Lou Alice Crosland and Sidney Turnage. His parents passed away when he was very young and his aunt and uncle, Carrie Lee and Jimmy McLucas raised him. He was one of seventeen children. He had three older siblings, Sidney, Danny and one sister and thirteen younger stepbrothers and stepsisters. He left Bennettsville in 1928 and went to North Carolina. Having left North Carolina in 1932, he was in Washington, D.C. at the time that Franklin Delano Roosevelt became president of the United States. He was excited to witness him being sworn in. Brother McLucas could recite the name of every president from 1920 up to the present time. Having lived to see the first African American president elected, he was elated to receive birthday wishes from President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle Obama on his 104th birthday.

Lawyer arrived in Freehold, New Jersey in 1931, he moved to Roselle in 1934 and had been a resident of Rahway for twenty-nine years. In 1961, he joined the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church under Rev. Bullock. The oldest active member, he would serve faithfully on the Senior Usher Board of the church for over forty years. He was honored by the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association, Inc. Layman's Movement in 1999.

"Uncle Sugar", as he was affectionately known, volunteered as a foster grandparent at the Woodbridge State School in Woodbridge, New Jersey until 2003 at the age of 99 years old when he was no longer able to drive.

He was the oldest living member of King William Grand Lodge A F & A M Solomon Lodge # 2 in Newark which he joined in 1946.

He had been employed by Allen Carpet Industries in Elizabeth for twenty-nine years before he retired. He had also had a career working on the railroad.

In December of 2009, "Uncle Sugar" celebrated his 104th birthday with family, friends, his Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Family and his Elmora Hills Nursing Home family. On that day, he was honored by Rev. Milton A. Byrd on behalf of the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, and he received a proclamation from The Honorable Mayor Garrett Smith on behalf of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle. He also received a Certificate of Recognition from the Honorable Mayor of Elizabeth J. Christian Bollwage, and a proclamation from the Honorable Mayor of Orange, Eldridge Hawkins, Jr. He had previously received a Mayor's Letter of Proclamation in 2007 from the City of Rahway on his 102nd birthday.

Lawyer McLucas departed this life on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at Elmora Hills Nursing Home in Elizabeth at the age of 104. His loving companion of fifty years, Winnie Tillman predeceased him in 2003.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: three great nieces, Joan Jones (Walter) of Rockingham, NC, Dorothy Johnson of Mesa, AZ and Elaine Harris of Bronx, NY; a great nephew, Bruce McLucas of Brooklyn, NY; a dear friend and brother in Christ, Allen Eubanks; and a host of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, other relatives, friends, and his Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church family.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,
The Family

Order Of Service

Service

Tuesday, August 24, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1002 Rivington Street • Roselle, New Jersey

Rev. Milton A. Byrd, Pastor

Organ Prelude

Processional

A Parting View

Hymn

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary

Hymn

Eulogy Rev. Milton A. Byrd

Recessional



Entombment

Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

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I Have A Place In Heaven

Please don't sing sad songs for me

Forget your grief and fears,

For I am in a perfect place,

Away from pain and tears...

I'm far away from hunger,

And hurt and want and pride

I have a place in Heaven

With the Master at my side.

My life on earth was very good,

As earthly lives can go

But paradise is so much more

Than anyone can know...

My heart is filled with happiness

And sweet rejoicing, too

To walk with God is perfect peace

A joy forever new.



Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of "Uncle Sugar" McLucas

Acknowledgement

The family of **Lawyer McLucas** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you. Special Thanks to Rev. Milton A. Byrd and the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church family.