

Home Going Celebration
Ernest Harrington

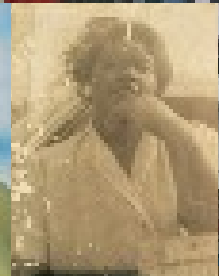
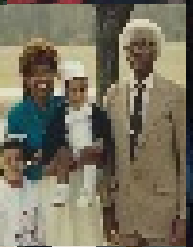
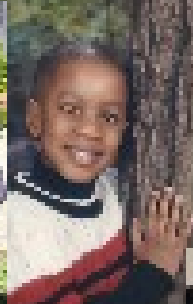
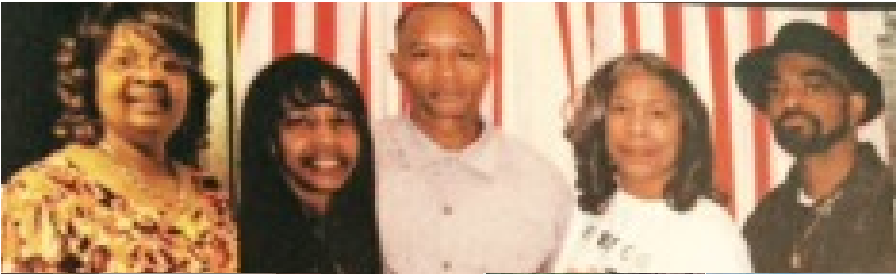


Sunrise
June 23, 1923

Sunset
April 18, 2015

Friday, April 24, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church
241 HWY 24-27 • Cameron, N.C
Rev. Larry D. Anderson, Officiating
Rev. Curtis Cheek, Pastor



Obituary

II Timothy 4:6-8

“For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

A time to be born: **Ernest Harrington** was born on June 23, 1923 to the late Rev. Ernest Cleveland Harrington and Lillie Bell Martin Harrington in Danville, Virginia. His family later relocated to Cameron, NC.

A Time To Grow:

Ernest also known as “Spodie”, “Bodi”, grew up in Cameron. He attended the Old Greenwood School and The Old Pinckney High School in Carthage, NC. Near the age of twenty, he enlisted in the US Army and had the opportunity to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada and Salt Lake City, Utah. He faithfully served our country for thirty-seven months. His medals of recognition included The American Theater Service Award, The Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. While in Las Vegas, he held a position with the Civil Service. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, he longed to be home. He returned home to Cameron, NC. He was employed with various jobs around Moore, Lee and Cumberland counties. Proctor-Silex Corporation, Hallman’s Foundry and Carter-Weber (now Magnetti Marelli) were among his most recent employments. He later retired from Carter-Weber in 1986.

Ernest, the son of a Born-Again Preacher, was introduced to the Lord at a very early age. Attending Sunday School and Worship Services were a must. His father, the late Rev. E.C Harrington, insisted on daily prayers and reading God’s Word. Ernest passed this trait down to his offsprings and often shared what his parents taught him about Christ. He joined First Baptist Church where he faithfully attended services and supported it financially until his health declined. He was superintendent of the Sunday School for many years and also a Trustee. He served where he was needed. Ernest had a very special love for First Baptist Church. Keeping the grounds neatly trimmed was another one of Ernest’s jobs. He wanted the outside of the church to reflect the inside of the church. You would always see him seated on the first pew with his Bible bag, hat and jacket. Everyone knew that very short front pew was where Ernest sat. There on that front short pew, he lifted up his praises to the “King.” ”Love Lifted Me,” “Glory To His Name,” “At the Cross” “I Am Thine, O Lord.” In his earlier years, Ernest was a member of the Cameron Male Chorus under the leadership of Sister Mamie Person. His most recent favorite song, “Praise Him! Praise Him!,” which he sang daily until his recent declining health. It was then that his daughters, Annette and Brenda sang to him. His faith made him strong.

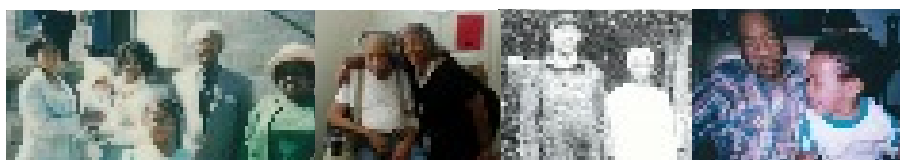
A Time to Love: “Ernest and Melba Lee Harrington”

Upon returning to Cameron after an honorable discharge from the US Army, Ernest met his sweetheart, Melba Lee Johnson. She preceded him into eternal bliss September 21, 1972. They united in holy matrimony and settled in their hometown of Cameron. Together they became the proud parents of seven children; three who preceded him in death were Ernest (Rudy), Martin Anthony and Eloise. Ernest loved his lovely wife and children. He worked diligently to have loving safe God fearing home for them. In conversation with him, Jesus Christ was always the main attraction. He often said, “If it’s not about the Lord, then I have nothing to say.”

A Time To Weep: God never promised us life here on earth to be free of trouble, pain and sorrow. He did promise us everlasting life with him for those that love him and keep his commandments. He promised us that he will never leave nor forsake us and he will be with us, even until the end of time. Today we humbly bow in submission to our Master’s will and thank him for Dad’s blessed life here on earth. The very early morning hour of April 18, 2015, God whispered his promise to His faithful servant, closed his eyes, sealed his lips permanently on this earth with his daughters, Annette and Brenda, by his bedside.

A Time to Mourn: A true legacy of cherished love: three daughters, Sharon Annette Harrington Williams, Brenda Jean (Frederick) Williams, Sanford, NC and Evelyn H. McKoy, Spring Lake, NC; son, Johnnie (Jenny) Harrington, Sanford, NC; sisters, Verna Harrington, Gladys H. Fox both of Cameron, NC and Nola H. (John) Garham, Washington, DC; daughter-in-law, Deena Harrington; sister-in-law, Martha Jane McGhee, New Rochelle, NY and Becky Johnson, Southern Pines, NC; grandchildren, Whitney Williams, Winston-Salem, NC, Tomeka Harrington, Sanford, NC, Tralene Williams, Knightdale, NC, Kimberly Davis, Dunn, NC, Ryan Williams, Sanford, NC, Sheronda Lovelace, Hogansville, GA, Tasha Harrington, Spring Lake, NC and Sharese Harrington, Sanford, NC; great-grandchildren, Kalynn Johns Winston Salem, NC, Joshua Brewington, Justice Harrington, Sanford, NC, Jordan Davis, Dunn, NC, Guinness Corley, Hogansville, GA, Beautiful McKoy, Sanford, NC, Nasir Williams, Spring Lake, NC and Kayden Foxx, Sanford, NC; great-great-grandson, Kameron Alexander Brewington, Sanford, NC.

His legacy of love extends to his nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Special recognition is given to Liberty Hospice of Lee County, Liberty Home Health Care, Golden Care Health Services and Liberty Commons.



Order of Home Coming Service

Prelude..... *“Take My Hand Precious Lord”*
Processional..... Clergy and Family
Hymn of Comfort..... *“Glory To His Name”*
Scripture Readings:
 Old Testament..... Rev. Gerome Williams
 New Testament..... Rev. Clint Edwards
Prayer of Comfort..... Elder Ernest Dunn
Song of Praise..... *“Love Lifted Me”*
Acknowledgements/Condolences
 Obituary..... MS. Carol Davis

Tributes

First Baptist Church..... Deacon Fred McKinney
The Cameron Community..... Ms. Annie L. Frye
White Oak Baptist Church..... Rev. Circero Summers
Spring Lake Memorial..... Rev. John McKoy
Liberty Hospice..... Rev. Wayne Lamb

Family Tribute

Our Amazing Journey..... Annette H. Williams
 Tribute Son to Father
Selection..... *“Praise Him! Praise Him!”*
Reflections/Remarks..... (two minutes please)
Solo..... *“When I See Jesus”*
 Dorthy Mathews
Eulogy..... Rev. Larry D. Anderson
 New Calvary MB Church
 Fayettev, NC
Closing Prayer..... Rev. Larry D. Anderson
Recessional/Viewing..... Mortician’s Brief

Interment

Greengrove Cemetery
Cameron NC 28236

Floral Bearers

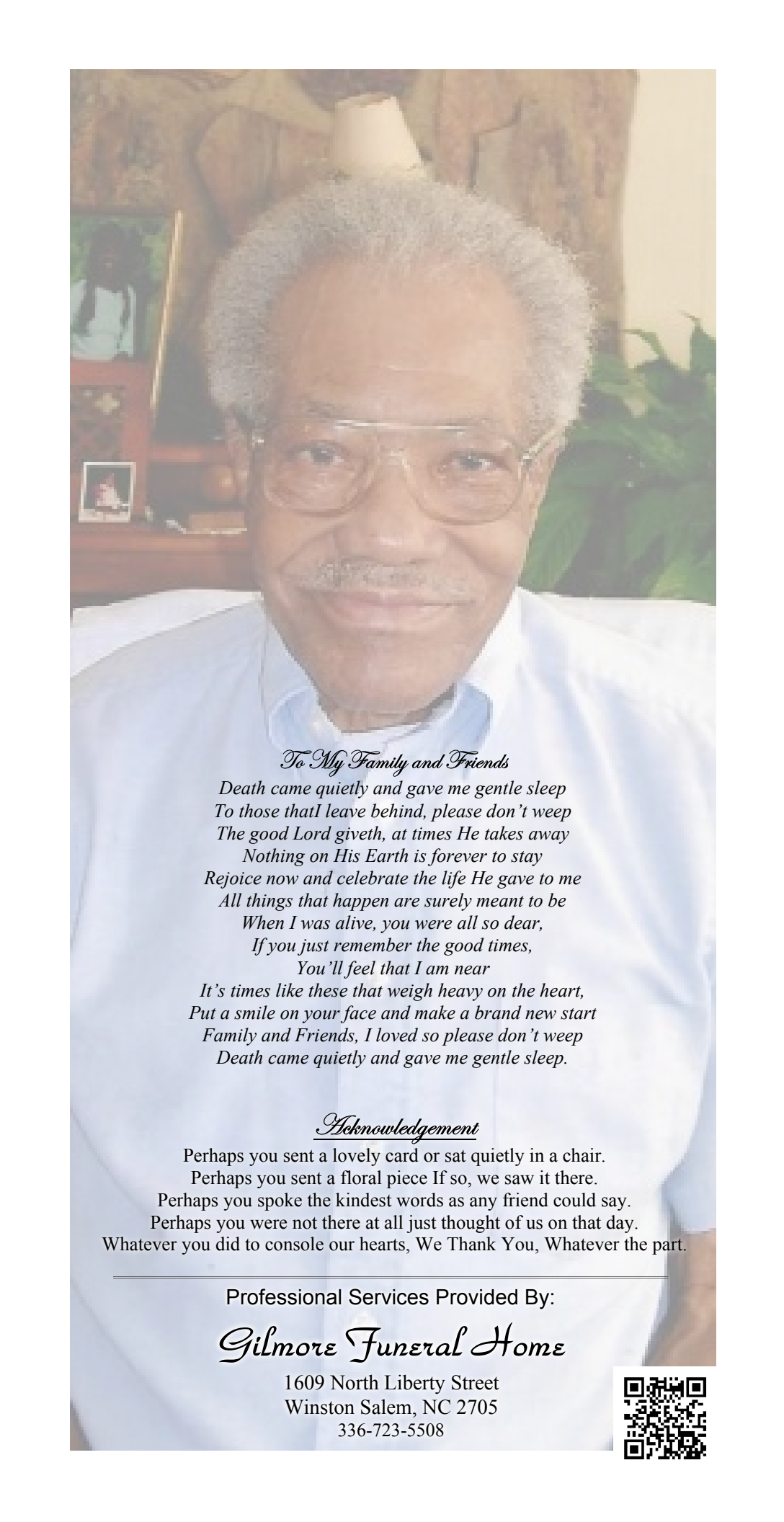
Whitney Williams Tomeka Harrington
Tralene Williams Sheronda Lovelace
Kimberly Davis Tasha Harrington
Guinness Corley Beautiful E. McKoy
Sharese Harrington

Jr. Floral Bearers

Kalynn Johns Jordan Davis Kayden Foxx

Pall Bearers

Douglas Jackson Joshua Brewington
Justice Harrington Clellan Johnson Jr.
Marc Jackson Fitzgerald Jackson
Christopher Ryan Williams Nasir Williams



To My Family and Friends

*Death came quietly and gave me gentle sleep
To those that I leave behind, please don't weep
The good Lord giveth, at times He takes away
Nothing on His Earth is forever to stay
Rejoice now and celebrate the life He gave to me
All things that happen are surely meant to be
When I was alive, you were all so dear,
If you just remember the good times,
You'll feel that I am near
It's times like these that weigh heavy on the heart,
Put a smile on your face and make a brand new start
Family and Friends, I loved so please don't weep
Death came quietly and gave me gentle sleep.*

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

Professional Services Provided By:

Gilmore Funeral Home

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