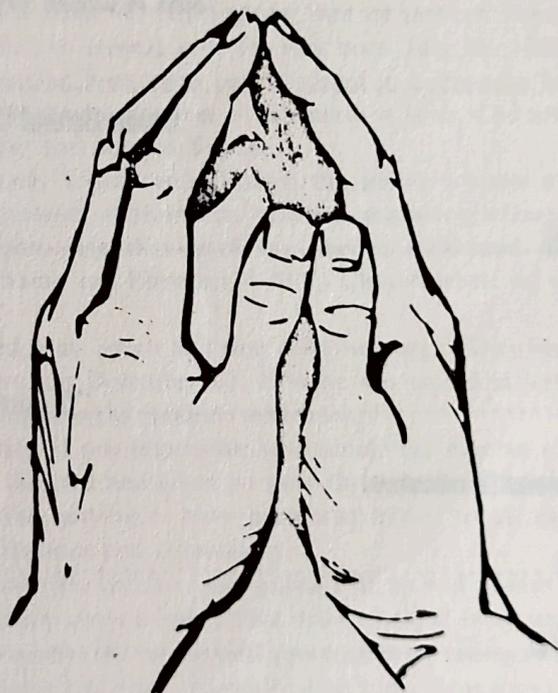


Obsequies
of
JOHN WALTER NOTTINGHAM, SR.

1885 - 1978



Saturday, March 18, 1978

2:00 o'clock p.m.

Ebenezer A.M.E. Church
Capeville, Virginia

Rev. L. R. Daughtry, Pastor

Arrangements By
John O. Morris Funeral Home

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Hymn "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"Choir

Prayer Rev. Aaron Ward
Union Bethel Church of God In Christ
Portsmouth, Va.

Scripture (Selected)..... Rev. James Seaton
First Baptist Church
Capeville, Va.

Favorite Selection "O Lord Have Mercy"Choir

Ministerial Expressions (2 minutes)

Acknowledgements Mrs. Eunice Morris

Obituary (Soft Music) Mrs. Barbara Upshur

Solo "In The Garden" Mrs. Wilhelmenia Smaw

Memorial Sermon Rev. L. R. Daughtry

The Lord's Prayer Choir and Congregation

Recessional

Interment Family Plot
Ebenezer A.M.E. Church Cemetery

-Acknowledgement-

The family acknowledges with profound appreciation the many personal kindnesses and expressions of sympathy shown them during the illness and passing of their loved one.

Obituary

God's finger touched him, and he slept.

I know of but one remedy against the fear of death that is effectual and that will stand the test, that is, a good life, an honest heart and a well ordered conversation. Thus living before we die as we shall wish we had when we come to it. And heaven will be a sweet surprise.

On March 13, 1978 John W. Nottingham, son of the late John W. and Fannie Wright Nottingham was called to eternal rest. He was born July 26, 1885 in lower Northampton County, Virginia. Having been born and nurtured in a christian home, he accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church where he was a Sunday School Teacher, Usher and bonded Trustee.

He received his early formal education in the public schools of his community. Upon completion he matriculated at Hampton Institute and was graduated in 1906 as a master of carpentry and masonry. He then used his learned skills and remarkable talent in the construction of his home and Ebenezer A.M.E. Church where he was a loyal member until his demise.

In 1912 he married May Smith and one child was born. They both have preceded him in death. After 22 years, on December 12, 1934 he was united in holy matrimony to Bernice Lee Spady. To this union eight children were born.

It would be difficult, if not impossible to estimate the number of individuals whose lives have been touched, directed and given purpose through his influence and motivation. These priceless and intangible attributes have been transmitted to his children, relatives, church and professional affiliations and community.

His devotion to his wife, children and grandchildren will always lie deeply anchored and cherished. We have been given a legacy that will be passed from generation to generation.

In the later years of his life he derived great pleasure riding with his family and friends reminiscing and showing the many homes he had built throughout the Eastern Shore. Each house carried with it a special meaning as a home, not just a house.

He leaves to treasure the fondest memories of his life, a devoted wife, Bernice S. Nottingham; children, John W. Nottingham II; Wardell M. Nottingham; Helen C. Ames; Fannie A. Lee; Mary E. Ward; Delores B. Lindsey; Naomi A. Bailey; Celestine F. Nottingham; Lula Mae Robinson; a foster daughter, Barbara H. Upshur; a foster son, John L. Downes; sixteen grandchildren; one devoted nephew, Earl R. Bailey; five sons-in-law; one daughter-in-law; a host of other nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

My name and my place and my tomb all forgotten,

The brief race of time well and patiently run.

So let me pass away peacefully and silently,

Only remembered by what I have done.

Respectfully,
The Family

-Pallbearers-

**Carlton Smith
Lafayette Stevens
Oliver Griffin**

**Mountrolus Stevens
Arthur Dent
Tasley Townsend**

**-Honorary Pallbearers-
Trustees**

-Floral Bearers-

**Elizabeth Ames
Mary Stevens
Catherine Townsend
Mary Morris
Margaret Spady**

**Frances Powell
Vernell Townsend
Minnie Seaton
Christine Spady
Mattie Weeks**

**Sadie Ames
Dorothy Townsend
Tabitha James
Beatrice Smith
Alice Ames**