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*Floral Bearers*

Estill Training School Class of 1963

*"Miss Me, But Let Me Go"*

WHEN I COME TO THE END OF THE ROAD AND THE SUN HAS SET FOR ME;  
I WANT NO RITES IN A GLOOM-FILLED ROOM, WHY CRY FOR A SOUL SET FREE?  
MISS ME A LITTLE BUT NOT TOO LONG AND NOT WITH YOUR HEAD BOWED LOW;  
REMEMBER THE LOVE THAT WE ONCE SHARED,  
MISS ME BUT LET ME GO.

FOR THIS IS A JOURNEY WE ALL MUST TAKE  
AND EACH MUST GO ALONE;  
IT'S ALL A PART OF THE MASTER'S PLAN,  
A STEP ON THE ROAD TO HOME.  
WHEN YOU ARE LONELY AND SICK AT HEART,  
GO TO THE FRIENDS WE KNOW;  
AND BURY YOUR SORROWS IN DOING GOOD DEEDS,  
MISS ME BUT LET ME GO.

*Acknowledgements*

We, the family of the late Deacon James Singleton, extend our deepest appreciation for the expressions of love, kindness, deeds of thoughtfulness, and words of sympathy during our time of bereavement, as a result of his sudden transition. We pray that God will bless each of you individually and collectively.



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CELEBRATION OF FOR

*Deacon James Singleton*

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord:  
and he delighted in his way."

- Psalm 37:23 -

Alpha  
April 30, 1945

Omega  
October 29, 2017



Saturday, November 4, 2017  
Twelve Noon

HAMPTON DISTRICT TWO AUDITORIUM  
635 4th Street  
Estill, South Carolina



Reverend Nathaniel Small, Jr., Eulogist  
Pastor, New Castle Baptist Church

## Reflections of Life

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." - 2 Timothy 4:7-8*

We have come to celebrate the life of Deacon James Singleton, who departed this life on Sunday, October 29, 2017. Born in Hampton County, South Carolina on April 30, 1945, he was the son of the late Cee Dee and Alease Gordon Singleton. To this union, he had two siblings, Laura and Annie Mae and because of their parent's kind spirit and love for family, they raised, Paulene, Willie and Johnnie, as their own. Of which, Annie Mae, Willie and Johnnie preceded him in death.

He graduated from Estill Training School in 1963 and continued his educational career at Denmark Technical College, where he earned a Welding Diploma in 1965. With the knowledge and skills acquired through his training, he was employed and worked faithfully as a Welding Supervisor at Holland Hitch Company in Denmark, South Carolina for over 25 years. After retiring from Holland Hitch, he worked for Elliott Sawmilling Company, Inc. for several years.

He was joined into Holy Matrimony to Rosa Goodman on August 17, 1968. To this union, they were blessed with a baby girl, Parasettia Cedetra Singleton. Next year, they would have celebrated 50 years of marriage. Deacon Singleton loved his wife (Tank) and daughter (Coot) unconditionally and still had more love to pour out to his siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins.

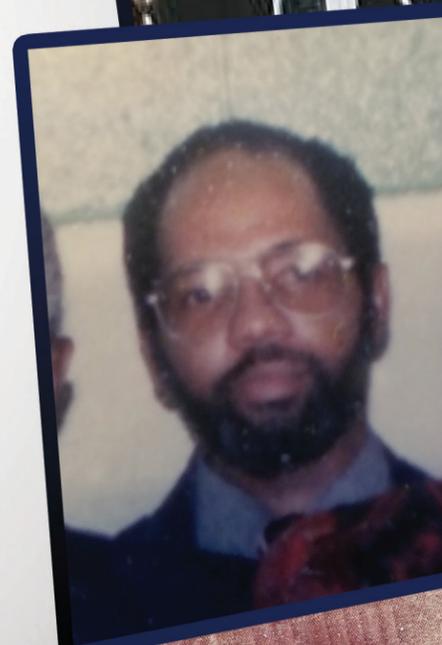
At an early age, he became a member of the New Castle Baptist Church in Pineland, South Carolina, where he served as a Deacon for many years. He served his church faithfully and absolutely enjoyed serving the Lord and others. Down through the years, he worked in the church's finance department as well as the President of the church choir, which allowed him other opportunities to share his love of singing. Deacon Singleton not only faithfully attended his church services but visited various churches within the community. On Sunday morning, October 29th, the Lord saw fit to call Deacon Singleton to his heavenly reward, as he attended his last church service on this side.

*"For they that have used the office of a deacon will purchase to themselves a good degree and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus" - 1 Timothy 3:13*

**He leaves to continue his legacy:** his devoted wife, Mrs. Rosa G. Singleton of the home; his daughter, Ms. Parasettia Singleton, Gastonia, NC; two sisters, Mrs. Paulene (Lacy) Brunson, Plainfield, NJ and Mrs. Laura (Harold) Youmans, Estill, SC; one aunt, Mrs. Viola Goodman, Springfield, MA; a special aunt, Mrs. Ella Mae Gordon, who filled in as a mother figure after the passing of his mother; god-daughter, Sharonica Bellinger; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, especially two of whom he adamantly loved and adored (Olivia Bailey-Ann and Taylor Grace), great nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

## Together Again

"A REUNION OCCURRED IN HEAVEN THIS WEEK  
OF THE SWEETEST AND MOST JOYFUL KIND  
AS OUR DEAR LOVED ONE'S SPIRIT MOVED BEYOND THIS EARTH  
RELEASED FROM HIS MORTAL LIFE  
AND WHAT A REUNION IT MUST HAVE BEEN!  
A JOY BEYOND OUR CONCEIVING  
WHEN HE MET HIS PARENTS, ANNIE, SHORTY,  
AND JOHNNY IN HEAVEN AGAIN  
ENDING YEARS OF DIGNIFIED GRIEVING  
AND WE ARE CERTAIN HE IS STILL HOLDING THEIR HANDS  
WHILE THEY CHERISH EACH MOMENT BY HIS SIDE  
AND THEY'RE EXPERIENCING THE JOY OF BEING TOGETHER AGAIN  
CATCHING UP ON THE YEARS THEY WERE DENIED  
WE ARE CONFIDENT THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING OVER US  
HOPING THIS HAPPINESS WILL LESSEN OUR PAIN  
AS WE CONTEMPLATE THE JOY THAT THEY FINALLY FEEL  
NOW THAT THEY ARE TOGETHER AGAIN  
AND THOUGH WE'LL MISS THEM TERRIBLY  
AND WILL LONG FOR THEM WITH DEEPEST GRIEF  
WE ARE REMINDED THAT LOVE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN DEATH  
AND THIS KNOWLEDGE GIVES US COMFORT AND PEACE  
WE CAN STILL FEEL THEIR LOVE SURROUND US  
GIVING US A DESIRE TO CONTINUE ON  
TO TRY OUR BEST TO LIVE OUR LIVES WELL  
IN THE WAYS THEY WOULD HAVE DONE  
FOR WE KNOW THIS ISN'T THE ONLY REUNION  
SOMEDAY WE'LL BE CALLED BACK TO BE WITH THEM  
FOR LIFE CAN LEAD US TO GREATER HAPPINESS ..."





# The Order of Service

Pastor Guy Hodge, Officiant  
SECOND THANKFUL BAPTIST CHURCH

Musical Prelude

Processional..... Clergy, Family, and Friends  
"Order My Steps"

Invocation..... Reverend Curtis Fludd  
MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH

Scripture  
The Old Testament | Psalm 23 ..... Reverend Darryl Brown  
The New Testament | John 14:1-6 ..... Reverend Joe Steve

Solo ..... Reverend Clarence Spencer

Reflections (Three Minutes Please)  
As A Family Friend ..... Brother Ishmel Washington  
As A Classmate ..... Brother Louis Mitchell  
As A Neighbor ..... Brother Benjamin Orr  
As I Knew Him ..... Reverend Henry B. Youmans

Solo ..... Brother Jermaine Gordon

Special Tributes ..... Singleton Family  
HASTINGS, FLORIDA  
Gordon Family  
(Debbie Brown)

Obituary ..... Read Silently

Selection ..... New Castle Baptist Church and  
SECOND THANKFUL BAPTIST CHURCH COMBINED CHOIR

Eulogy ..... Reverend Nathaniel Small, Jr.  
NEW CASTLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Final Glance (Vestibule) ..... Martin Funeral Home Staff

Recessional

## Interment and Committal Services

Cypress Creek Cemetery  
Pineland, South Carolina



## Repast

Bolden-Rivers Community Center



JAMES, YOU'RE IN MY HEART,  
YOU'RE IN MY SOUL, BUT NOW APART,  
NO HAND TO HOLD.

I WON'T FORGET THE LOVE  
AND THE CARE YOU GAVE TO ME FOR 49 YEARS.  
I STILL CAN FEEL IT TO THIS DAY.  
I STAND WITHOUT YOU BY MY SIDE,  
BUT I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING FROM WAY UP HIGH.

"TANK" WE WILL MEET AGAIN FOR THIS I'M SURE,  
BECAUSE OUR LOVE WILL LAST AND ENDURE.  
YOU DID EVERYTHING THAT YOU COULD DO  
FOR ME ON THIS SIDE, AND NOW GOD IS WAITING  
TO REWARD YOU FOR EVERYTHING.

YOU WERE A GREAT HUSBAND,  
YOU TOOK CARE OF ME LIKE NO OTHER,  
AND I THANK GOD FOR YOU.

I WILL FOREVER HOLD THE MEMORIES  
OF YOU DEEP IN MY HEART.

REST ON DEAR, YOU HAVE FINISHED YOUR COURSE  
AND GOD IS WAITING FOR YOU WITH OPEN ARMS.



*Your Loving Wife,  
Rosa*



### DEAR DADDY:

I CAN'T TELL YOU DADDY  
HOW MANY TEARS I'VE CRIED  
SINCE THE DAY I WAS TOLD  
MY PRECIOUS DAD HAD DIED.

IT SEEMS SO IMPOSSIBLE  
ALTHOUGH I KNOW IT'S TRUE  
AS EVERYTHING I SEE AROUND  
REMINDS ME OF YOU.

I CAN STILL HEAR YOUR LAUGHTER  
AND SEE YOUR SMILING FACE  
I WOULD HAVE LOST MY SANITY  
IF NOT, FOR GOD'S SAVING GRACE

I HAVE TO CLOSE THIS LETTER NOW,  
BUT THIS IS NOT A GOODBYE  
FOR YOU WILL FOREVER, BE WITH ME  
IN MY HEART AND MIND.

FOREVER LOVING YOU,

*Your Baby,  
"Coot"*

### DEAR BROTHER YOUR MEMORY WILL NEVER FADE



MY DEAR BROTHER NOW THAT YOU ARE GONE,

YOU'RE NO LONGER HERE TO SHARE  
THE BOND THAT WE HAD TOGETHER-  
A BOND OF LOVE AND CARE.

YET, SOMEHOW SOMETHING TELLS ME  
YOU ARE WATCHING OVER ME  
DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR WORLDLY CARES

YOU ARE FINALLY FREE.

I MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH,  
AND MY TEARS CANNOT HIDE  
YET, WITHIN MY HEART, I FEEL  
YOU ARE ALWAYS BY MY SIDE.

EVER SINCE YOU WENT AWAY  
LIFE HAS NEVER BEEN THE SAME  
YET, IT COMFORTS ME TO KNOW  
THAT ONE DAY WE'LL MEET AGAIN.

*Your Loving Sisters,  
Paulene and Laura*

### "UNCLE BUBBIE"

OF ALL THE MANY BLESSINGS, HOWEVER GREAT OR  
SMALL; TO HAVE HAD YOU FOR AN UNCLE WAS THE  
GREATEST ONE OF ALL. THE FAMILY CHAIN IS BROKEN  
NOW, AND NOTHING SEEMS THE SAME; BUT, AS GOD  
TAKES US ONE BY ONE, THE CHAIN WILL LINK AGAIN.

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS,

*Your Loving Nieces and Nephews*

I CRIED WHEN YOU PASSED AWAY. I STILL CRY TODAY.  
ALTHOUGH I LOVED YOU DEARLY. I COULDN'T MAKE  
YOU STAY. A GOLDEN HEART STOPPED BEATING,  
HARDWORKING HANDS AT REST. GOD BROKE MY HEART  
TO PROVE TO ME THAT HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST.

YOUR LOVING GOD-DAUGHTER,

*Sharonica*

### "Rough Side of the Mountain" (FAVORITE SONG)

#### VERSE 1

OH, LORD, I'M STRIVIN' TRYIN' TO MAKE IT THROUGH  
THIS BARREN LAND, BUT AS I GO FROM DAY TO DAY, I  
CAN HEAR MY SAVIOR SAY, "TRUST ME CHILD, COME ON  
AND HOLD MY HAND."

#### VERSE 2

I'M COMING' UP LORD, ALTHOUGH MY BURDENS,  
SOMETIME THEY PRESS ME DOWN, BUT IF I CAN ONLY  
KEEP THIS FAITH, I'LL HAVE STRENGTH JUST TO RUN THIS  
RACE; I'M LOOKIN' FOR MY STARRY CROWN.

#### VERSE 3

THE OLD RACE WILL BE SOON BE OVER, THERE'LL BE NO  
MORE RACE FOR ME TO RUN. AND I WILL STAND BEFORE  
GOD'S THRONE, ALLMY HEARTACHES WILL BE GONE I'LL  
HEAR MY SAVIOR SAY "WELCOME HOME".

#### CHORUS

I'M COMIN' UP ON THE ROUGH SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN,  
I MUST HOLD TO GOD HIS POWERFUL HAND.  
I'M COMIN' UP ON THE ROUGH SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN,  
I'M DOING MY BEST TO MAKE IT IN.