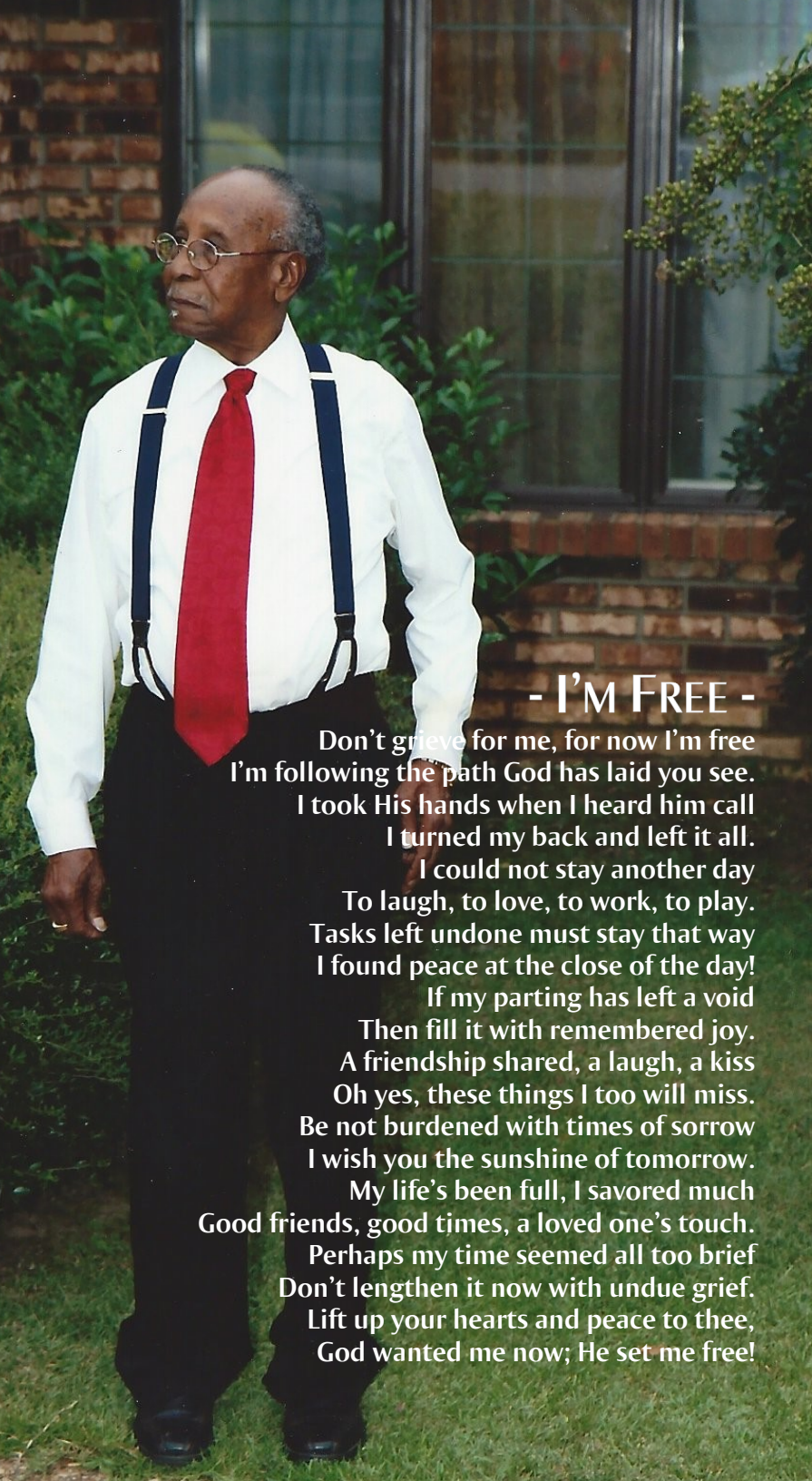




- I'M FREE -

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hands when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found peace at the close of the day!
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,
God wanted me now; He set me free!

- PALLBEARERS -

Reginald Kennedy Anthony Long
Larry Paige Antonio Winston
Larry Winston Roland Wilder
Timothy Foster

- HONORARY PALLBEARERS -

Deacons of Elizabeth Baptist Church

- FLOWER BEARERS -

Deacon Wives and Friends

- INTERMENT -

Cedar Oak Memorial Park
1401 Mimosa Park Road
Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

- ACKNOWLEDGMENT -

The family of the late Deacon Robert L. Nelson offers a sincere thanks to all our family and friends who offered expressions of love and support during our time of loss. We deeply appreciate those who have traveled great distances to be here with us. We pray that God will grant you safe travel on your return home.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special recognition is extended to the staff of Forest Manor Nursing Home, Dr. Sunil Chandra, Joanna Bundrum, NP and Alacare Hospice Staff.

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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR DEACON

Robert L. Nelson



Sunrise: July 15, 1928 Sunset: April 17, 2018

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018
11:00 A.M.

ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH

2650 Elizabeth Street
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

REVEREND DR. VERNON SWIFT, OFFICIATING

- OBITUARY -

Deacon Robert L. Nelson was born on July 15, 1928 to the union of Perry and Clara Nelson in Hale County, Alabama.

Upon moving to Tuscaloosa as a young man, Brother Nelson confessed Christ under the leadership of Reverend Dr. H.T. Carstarphen and united with the Elizabeth Baptist Church.

He met and married the love of his life, Ora C. Tinker on September 16, 1961. From that happy union, they were blessed with five children: Larry Nelson of Jacksonville, FL, Robert B. Nelson, Kennedy Nelson (deceased) of Tuscaloosa, AL, Teresa and Alesia Nelson of Montevallo, Alabama.

As an active member of Elizabeth Baptist Church, he served in numerous ministries of the church: the deacon's ministry, usher's ministry #3, male chorus, coordinator of the Wednesday night Bible study, member of the senior brotherhood, a participant with the Season Saints (senior citizens' ministry), 100 Men/100 Boys and church custodian. He also served in the community as the President of the Lincoln Park Neighborhood Watch Program. He served faithfully as a member and treasurer of Masonic Rescue Lodge #234. Brother Nelson attended and served faithfully until his health declined.

Brother Nelson departed this life on April 17, 2018 surrounded by his family. He is predeceased by his parents.

He will forever be missed by his loving wife of 56 years, Ora and their four children; other children, Arthur McGuffries of Tuscaloosa, AL, Betty McGuffries of Detroit, MI, Julia Mae (Clayton) McGuffries of Detroit, MI and Robert (Lisa) Hall of Jackson, NJ; one sister, Victoria Robinson of Greensboro, AL; one brother, Perry (Queen Ester) Nelson of Los Angeles, CA; two sisters-in-law, Louise Nelson and Hattie Jean Bryant; one brother-in-law, Harold Tinker; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



- ORDER OF SERVICE -

Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection Choir and Congregation
I'll Fly Away

Scriptures:
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer

Solo Sister Debra Tinker Wilson

Reflection Deacon Howard German

Hymn Deacon Marzette Hinton
A Charge to Keep I Have

Eulogy Reverend Dr. Vernon Swift

Recessional

*"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me,
though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and
believeth in me shall never die."
St John 11: 25-26*