

## *A Heart of Gold*

*A heart of gold stopped beating,  
Two shining eyes at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.  
God knew you had to leave us,  
But you didn't go alone  
For a part of us went with you,  
The day God took you home.  
To some you are forgotten,  
To others, just a part of the past,  
But to us who loved and lost you,  
Your memory will always last.*

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## *Celebrating the Life*

*of*



# *John Summer*

# *Fakes, Jr.*



February 6, 1921 ~ February 23, 2017

# Celebration of Life Service

for

## Mr. John Sumner

## Eakes, Jr.

February 6, 1921 ~ February 23, 2017



Monday, February 27, 2017 ~ 11:00 am

First Baptist Church

408 College Street, Clinton, North Carolina

Dr. Ray Ammons & Dr. Ron Cava ~ Officiating

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Prelude..... Rev. Jean Hatch, Pianist  
Welcome & Invocation..... Dr. Ammons  
Scripture Readings..... Psalm 23 & 27; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
Congregational Hymn ..... #202  
    *“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”*  
Scripture & Remarks ..... Dr. Cava  
Congregational Hymn ..... #138  
    *“At Calvary”*  
Scripture & Remarks ..... Dr. Ammons  
Benediction .....

\* Visitation held immediately following service in Sanctuary \*

Mr. John Sumner Eakes, Jr., 96, of 103 Foxcroft Court passed away on Thursday February 23, 2017 at Southwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Born on February 6, 1921 in Pitt County, North Carolina, Sumner was the son of the late John Sumner Eakes, Sr. and Glennie Kendall Eakes. His family moved to Sampson County in 1935 where he attended Clinton City Schools. He attended one year at North Carolina State University before enlisting into the United States Navy. He started his career working in the banking industry in 1946, retiring from First Citizens Bank in February 1989. Sumner was a member of the Rotary Club, Mayor Pro Tem of Clinton and served on the Clinton City Council. He was a very active member of First Baptist Church of Clinton, having served numerous terms as a member and Chairman of the Board of Deacons and as a member of many church committees. He was a highly-respected member of the community, his church and will be missed by all who knew him - especially his family. He is survived by his three daughters: Beth E. Turner (Lynn) of Cary; Adrienne E. Balmer (Mearl) of N. Prince George, Virginia; Mary Glen E. Brewer (Jim) of Williamsburg, Virginia; and his brother, Eugene Kendall Eakes of Virginia Beach, Virginia. He was also blessed with three grandchildren: Erica Balmer Hanchey (Jason), Rena Balmer Stilsoner (Ryan); Carrie Brewer Dolan (Chris); and five great-grandchildren: Grayson, Finley Sumner, Ronen, Reilly and Carter. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Eloise Hobbs Eakes and a sister, Genevieve E. Stuart. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the entire staff of Southwood Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for their kindness and compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Bricks Campaign, 408 College St., Clinton, NC 28328; or Sampson County Community College, SCC Foundation: PO Box 318, Clinton, NC 28329.

*The Eakes family would like to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness and support shown to them and also by your presence at his service today.*