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Pastor Arthur Ratliff
Moderator Charles Nabors
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Deacon Eugene McKoy
Trustee John Campbell

Acknowledgments

The Timmons Family wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation for all the kind expressions of sympathy extended to us them during their bereavement. May God continue o bless each of you today and always.

The Timmons Family acknowledges Pastor F.B. Fuller and the members of Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor L. Simmons and the members of the Laurel Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Samuel Norman, Sr., Pastor M. Leak and the members of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor V. Reaves and the members of First Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Haywood Gray of The General Baptist State Convention and Moderator Dr. C. Nabors and the pastors and members of the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational Association, and all participants of this memorable event. A special thank you to Thomas and Mavachele Haynes for the beautiful pictures. The family also thank you to Joseph Alston, Franklin Baldwin, William Johnson, Jessica Kellerman and Charles Johnson for keeping Jesse's lawn beautifully mowed and cleaned. May God continue to bless all of you.

Interment

Sandhills State Veteran Cemetery
8220 Bragg Boulevard • Ft. Bragg, NC
Thursday, July 19, 2018 • 10:00 AM

Repast

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Raeford, NC



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Celebrating The Life and Legacy Of Reverend Jesse Lee Timmons



Sunrise
September
25,
1948

Sunset
July
11,
2018

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 • 12:00 PM

MT. PISGAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

414 Pittman Grove Church Rd. • Raeford, North Carolina

Reverend F. Bernard Fuller, Pastor — Officiating
Dr. Samuel Norman — Eulogist

THE LIFE OF A FAITHFUL SOLDIER

“Take with me your share of hardship, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service gets entangled in the affairs of civilian life; so that he may please the one who enlisted him to serve” – 2 Timothy 2:3-4

In the Red Clay Hills of Fitzgerald, Georgia, Reverend Jesse Lee Timmons was born to the late Willie Lee and Lucille Brooks Timmons on September 25, 1948. Surrounded by his loving family, Jesse entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. He was preceded in death by two brothers, James Smith and Marchman Holmes; two sisters, Mary Lou Holmes Harrison and Faustine Holmes; one nephew, Jimmy Holmes and one niece, Bridgett Timmons, his father-in-law, John Walter Melvin, and two sisters-in-law, Jacqueline McNeill and Autherine Timmons and two brothers-in-law, Clyde Freeman and Joseph Cole.

Jesse accepted Christ at a very early age. Throughout his military career, he served faithfully in various churches, but when he returned to North Carolina, he joined the Laurel Hill Missionary Baptist Church in 1974. At Laurel Hill, he was ordained as a deacon, and later, he was ordained as a Baptist preacher by The Union Baptist Association, Fayetteville, North Carolina. After retirement from pastoral ministry on December 31, 2016, Rev. Timmons joined the Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Raeford, North Carolina.

Rev. Timmons received his former education in the Ben Hill Public Schools (Fitzgerald, GA) before he was drafted into the United States Army. He served 22 years in the United States Army and retired from military service on June 1991 with the rank of First Sergeant. He is a graduate of Shaw University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Philosophy and a Master of Divinity degree from Campbell University Divinity School. He also spent several summers working with the Spirituality and Mental Health, Bridging the Gap Program in Asheville, North Carolina. Earlier in his educational studies, Jesse attended Carolina Bible College, Fayetteville, North Carolina where he received several certificates.

His ministerial experiences included fourteen years as pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church, Chadbourn, North Carolina and eleven years as the pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Laurinburg, North Carolina. His ministry also included a mission trip to Monrovia, Liberia in Africa where he conducted revivals and volunteered at various mission sites. He served as Moderator of the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational Association, president of the Bladen and Columbus County Men’s Union, vice-president of the Chadbourn Fellowship Alliance, president of the Usher Board in Berlin, Germany.



MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

I was born to Willie Lee and Lucille Brooks Timmons. My family was not a “attend church every Sunday” type of family. How did I become a preacher? This question can only be answered by the awesome power of God and his wonder-working power of the Holy Spirit.

As the seventh child of a family of ten, my family recognized that there was something “special” about my life. Even though I went through some dramatic experiences in my younger life, I can now reflect on how God used those experiences to shape and to mold my thinking, my actions and my character.

I was drafted into the United States Army, and God led me to Chaplain Bobby Bell and his lovely wife Betty at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. They became my mentors and until Chaplain Bell’s death in 2006, he was my spiritual father, mentor, counselor and prayer warrior.

Another group that played a major role in my “calling” was The Navigators. The Navigators is an international, interdenominational Christian Ministry that helps people grow in Jesus Christ as they navigate through life. These young men were dedicated in helping me to be a committed disciple of Jesus Christ.

As I spent time witnessing to others, God placed in my life Albert Long and the Happenings, Inc. Ministry Team. Through this team, I was able to travel to different public schools, college campuses and churches in North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia and Florida. My greatest joy was sharing my testimony on how God had saved me and delivered me from a life of drugs.

Because of my duties in the United States Army, I was sent to Oklahoma for Drill Sergeant Duty. (This is the reason I thought I was there). In Lawton, Oklahoma during a revival, God called me to the gospel ministry. The uniqueness about my calling was it happened in a predominant Caucasian church. But God! When I returned home, I told my wife and my pastor, Reverend S.V. Melvin that God had called me to peach, and both of them said, “We knew that a long time ago. We were just waiting for you to announce it.” On Father’s Day, June, 1991, I preached my initial sermon at Laurel Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Lumber Bridge, North Carolina.

Since that day, God has provided many more spiritual fathers and mothers who have taught me, trained me, prayed with me, encouraged me and inspired me. Some are:

- Mrs. Mabel Gosser, my elementary school teacher in Fitzgerald, Georgia
- Reverend S.V. Melvin, former pastor at Laurel Hill MB Church
- Reverend T.R. Patterson, former pastor of Laurel Hill MB Church
- Reverend Harry McRae, former pastor of St. John MB Church
- Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr. Pastor Emeritus of the Lewis Chapel MB Church and pastor of the Mt. Pisgah MB Church
- Dr. C.R. Edwards – Pastor Emeritus of the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC
- Dr. James Raye, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Parkton, NC
- Dr. Matthew Rouse, former pastor of Mt. Pisgah MB Church
- Dr. Samuel Norman, former moderator of Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational Association and pastor of Center Grove MB Church
- Dr. E.B. Turner, former moderator of the Lumber River Missionary Baptist Association
- Mrs. Blanchie Frink, First Baptist, Chadbourn, North Carolina
- Mrs. Callista Nance, First Baptist, Chadbourn, North Carolina
- Deacon Arthur Grainger, First Baptist, Chadbourn, North Carolina
- Deacon Herbert and Deaconess Mary B. Johnson, Laurel Hill MB Church
- Mrs. Lorraine Mack, Bethlehem MB Church, Laurinburg, North Carolina
- Mrs. Bernice Patterson, Bethlehem MB Church, Laurinburg, North Carolina
- Mrs. Mary Patterson, Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational Association
- Dr. Mary Swain, Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational Association
- Dr. Patricia Russell, Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational Association
- Mrs. Virginia L. Moore Hill, a long time friend and confidante

So through these twenty-five years, I have committed and dedicated myself to God so that He can use me for His glory. I am so thankful that on that Friday night in Lawton, Oklahoma, I said, “HERE AM I LORD, SEND ME! Now look at what God has done!

As a faithful soldier and minister, Rev. Timmons has received many awards and recognitions. In 1991 he received several Military Service Awards. He is a 32nd Degree Mason; he received the Robeson Correctional Center Volunteer Service Award and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award for his prison ministry, four Academic Achievement Awards from Shaw University, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Shaw University, and he received the NAACP Distinguish Service Award in 2003. Because of his great interest and love for mission, Rev. Timmons holds Honorary Membership in the Howell Macedonia Baptist Church in Monrovia, Liberia where the members established a mission in the name of his late mother, Lucille Brooks Timmons.

Rev. Timmons devoted his time and energy to his community by serving on the Hoke County Planning Board. He was admired and appreciated for his dedication in keeping Sunset Park and Arabia Roads mowed and cleaned. He will be remembered by family and friends as a MAN OF GOD who loved and cared for ALL people. Even though, he had retired from pastoral ministry, he continued his pastoral care to those who needed to hear a Word from the Lord. His favorite saying was: “If I can help somebody along the way, then my living will not be in vain.”

Rev. Jesse L. Timmons was a faithful and devoted husband to his wife, Mary Ann Melvin Timmons for 43 years, a loving and outstanding father to: his one son, Joseph L. Timmons (Maria) of Winston-Salem, NC; two daughters, Michelle A. Payne (Marquine) and Monique A. Temoney (Leon) both of Greensboro, NC; two brothers, Willie L. Timmons of Miami, Fl. and Jerry Timmons of Atlanta, Ga.; three sisters, Barbara Holmes White, Gladys Timmons Cole of Miami, Fl. and Lucy Timmons Freeman of Miramar, Fl.; six grandchildren, McKenna A. Timmons, Jayce L. Timmons, Madison A. Temoney, McKinley A. Temoney and Marquine L. Payne, Jr. and Nina Payne; mother-in-law, Dorothy Lee McNeill of Raleigh, NC; four brothers-in-law, Vernon Lee of Raleigh, NC, Donnell McNeill of Macon, Georgia, Dwight Pitts (Donna) and John Rainey (Angelene) both of Fayetteville, NC; three sisters-in-law, Shirley Hicks (Larry) of Charlotte, NC, Lashawn Collins and Kenya Collins both of Raleigh, NC; through marriage, Jesse received love and respect from three special aunts: Lessie J. Melvin, Williamstown, Massachusetts, Ruby M. McArthur and Ruth M. King both of Hartford, Connecticut; several nieces, nephews; six “sisters” in Christ, Virginia L. Hill, Dorothy McLaughlin, Rev. Dr. Carol Lynn Brinkley, Melissa McAllister, Tonia L. Wakefield and Daphney Monroe; a special cousin, Charles E. Johnson; and other relatives and friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Pastor F. Bernard Fuller, Presiding

Music Prelude.....Soft Music

Processional.....Ministers and Family

**Hymn of Praise.....Mt. Pisgah and Bethlehem
Missionary Baptist Churches Choirs**

Scripture Readings:

**Old Testament.....Job 19:25-27.....Rev. Brenda Harrington
Associate Minister Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**

**New Testament.....1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.....Rev. Dr. Hurley Williams
Union President of the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational Association**

**Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Larry M. Simmons
Pastor of Laurel Hill Missionary Baptist Church**

Musical Selection.....Choir

Remarks and Special Expressions.....Limit to Two Minutes Please

Dr. Haywood Gray.....Executive Secretary, General Baptist State Convention

**Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr.....Mentor
Former President of the General Baptist State Convention
Pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church**

**Rev. Dr. Charles Nabors.....Moderator
Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational Association
Pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church**

Deacon Hosea Baldwin.....Laurel Hill Missionary Baptist Church

Trustee Milton Frink.....First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church

Musical Selection.....Choir

YOU CAN...

*You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he will
Come back, Or you can open your eyes and
See all that he has left. Your heart can be
Empty because you can't see him, Or you can
Be full of the love that you shared. You can
Turn your back on tomorrow and live
Yesterday, Or you can be happy for tomorrow
Because of yesterday. You can remember him
And only that he is gone, Or you can cherish
His memory and let it live on. You can cry and
Close your mind, be empty, and turn your back,
Or you can do what he would want: SMILE,
OPEN YOUR EYES, LOVE AND GO ON.*

-Author unknown





GRANDPA

*We'll always remember
that special mile,
that caring heart,
that warm embrace,
you always gave us
you being there
for Grandma and us
through good and bad times,
no matter what
we'll always remember
you Grandpa because
there'll never be another one
to replace you in our hearts,
and the love we will always
have for you.*

-Author unknown

McKenna, Jayce, Madison, McKinley, Marquine, Jr. and Nina



Remarks and Special Expressions.....Limit to Two Minutes Please

Rev. Michael Leak.....Pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

Deacon Arthur Lee Terry, Sr.....Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

Deacon Calvin Hadley.....Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Carol Lynn Brinkley.....Campbell University Divinity School

**Deacon Virgil Johnson.....Mentee
Buffalo Springs Missionary Baptist Church**

Mr. Charles Ventura.....Friend and Neighbor

Acknowledgements.....Rev. Mary Owens

Obituary.....Read silently

Special Musical Selection....."God Is".....Umeko Leak

**Eulogy.....Dr. Samuel Norman, Sr.
Former Moderator of the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational Association
Pastor of the Center Grove Missionary Baptist Church**

Closing Prayer

Recessional





*The moment that you died
my heart was torn in two,
one side filled with heartache,
you left our earth behind.*

*I often lie awake at night,
when the world is fast asleep, and
take a walk down memory lane,
with tears upon my cheeks.*

*Remembering you is easy,
I do it everyday,
But missing you is heartache
That never goes away.*

*I hold you tightly within my heart
and there you will remain.
Until the joyous day arrives,
That we will meet again.*

*I LOVE AND MISS YOU!!!
Mary Ann*



*Not a day passes by, Dad that
you don't cross our minds
Not all of you departed when
you left our earth behind.*

*In our hearts there is a place
that only you can hold.
Filled with loving memories
more priceless than gold.*

*I know you still hear us Dad
so please know this is true
that everything we are today
is all because of YOU.*

*We love you, and we will
Instill in our children the
beliefs that you taught us.*

Joe, Michelle and Monique

