

*In Loving Memory
of a Very Special Husband*



When God was making husbands as far I can see,
He made a special soulmate especially for me,
He made a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind,
with more love and affection than you could
ever wish to find,
He gave my darling husband a heart of solid gold,
He gave me wonderful memories only my heart can hold,
He was someone I could talk to that no one can replace,
He was someone I could laugh with till tears ran
down my face,
Next time we meet will be at Heaven's door,
when I see you standing there I won't cry anymore,
I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face,
then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place.



*I Love you, Ben
Your wife, Gwen*



Floral Bearers

Sharon Wicker Tiffany Cotten Christie Cotten
Audrey Swann Brooke Headen Jashonda Thompson

Honorary Floral Bearers

JS Waters High School Class of 1967

Pall Bearers

Brian Thompson John Berryman James Womack
Timothy Goldston Karl Fuller Jimmy Thompson, Jr.

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Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or helped some thoughtful way. Perhaps you sent those flowers lending beauty to the day. Perhaps you came and spoke the kindest, helpful words, or perhaps you could not be there, but remembered us instead. Whatever you did to comfort, our hearts were deeply touched; your "presence" is remembered because it meant so much.

We extend a special thanks to Mr. Jerry Paschal, Jackulene Goldston, Mr. Charlie Hicks, First Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, the Class of 1967, the members of Robert's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and Liberty Home Care and Hospice Services of Lee County for their special support and care during Bennie's illness.

~The Family



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Homegoing Celebration
for
Mr. Bennie Lee Thompson



Precious in the sight of the
LORD is the death of His
saints. Psalm 116:15



Sunrise
December 21, 1948



Sunset
November 16, 2019

Funeral Service:
Saturday, November 23, 2019
2:00 pm

Roberts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
439 Roberts Chapel Church Road
Goldston, North Carolina 27252

Reverend Dr. Joshua T. Jones
Pastor / Eulogist

Order of Service

Prelude.....	Musician
Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Selection.....	Robert’s Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Old Testament Reading.....	Elder Gary Petty
New Testament Reading.....	Rev. Denise Jones
Prayer of Comfort.....	Apostle Jace L. Cox
Solo.....	Ms. Priscilla Ann Thompson
Acknowledgements.....	Mrs. Myron Jones
Obituary.....	(Read Silently)
Words of Comfort.....	Dr. Gregory Headen
Solo.....	Reverend Anissa Thompson Little
Eulogy.....	Reverend Dr. Joshua T. Jones
	Roberts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Recessional	



Interment

Roberts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
439 Roberts Chapel Church Road
Goldston, North Carolina



Obituary

Bennie Lee Thompson was born on December 21, 1948 to the late Alene Thompson Atwater and the late Lynn Wicker in Goldston, North Carolina. He transitioned into his eternal rest on November 16, 2019.

Bennie was a 1967 graduate of JS Waters High School in Goldston, North Carolina. He then served in the United States Army for 5 years and received an honorable discharge. Bennie was a dedicated worker and not a man of idleness. We saw this from his employment at Allied Signal /Honeywell in Moncure, NC where he retired after 30 years of service, Chatham County Schools as a bus driver and custodian, custodian at First Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church in Sanford, NC and a driver for Academy Bus Company of Durham, NC.

Bennie was a faithful member of Roberts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Goldston North Carolina. He served as Treasurer of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Trustee Board, Usher, and Custodian. His talents and dedication will be greatly missed.

As a result of the early training that was instilled in Bennie by his grandmother, Jewel Thompson, he was a great cook, and a remarkably neat and organized person. He spent hours starching and ironing his shirts and jeans and even more time shining his shoes and cars! His 1992 Candy Apple Red Mustang GT was his prized possession and was always spotless!! Bennie was a lover of family and friends and that love was reciprocated by the many friends and family that showed so much love to him during his illness.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife of 25 years, Gwendolyn Cotten Thompson, of the home; one son, Brian Keith Thompson, Siler City, NC; one daughter, SPC Jasmine Nicole Thompson, Fort Bliss Texas; three grandchildren: Br'ian Thompson, Atlanta Ga., Carter and Caiden Thompson, Sanford, NC; stepmother, Elmira Wicker, Goldston NC; stepfather, Ernest Atwater (Darlene), Boston, Mass.; one brother, Ronald Atwater (Linda), Savannah, GA.; three sisters; Jackulene Wicker Goldston, Sanford, NC, Regina Robinson, Dorchester, Mass, and Veralynn Wicker Covington, Sanford, NC; mother-in-law, Josephine Cotten, sister-in-law, Pandora Paschal (Jerry), two brothers-in-law, Gerald Cotten (Peggy), Darren Cotten (Vicky), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.