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## *Remember Me*

Remember me with smiles not tears, for all the joy  
through all the years,

Recall the closeness that was ours, a love as “sweet”  
as fragrant flowers.

Don’t dwell on thoughts that cause you pain, We’ll  
see each other once again.

I am at peace...try to believe, It was my time...I  
had to leave.

But “what a view” I have from here, I see your face,  
I feel you near.

I follow you throughout the day, You’re not alone  
along the way.

And when God calls you... you will be, Right by  
my side...right here with me.

Till then, I’ll wait by Heaven’s door, We’ll be  
united... evermore!

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*Pallbearers*  
Nephews

*Floral Bearers*  
Nieces

## *Acknowledgements*

With grateful hearts we acknowledge your prayers,  
support, and kindness during the time of bereave-  
ment. We sincerely say “Thank You” for your kind  
words of comfort, cards and calls. We extend our  
heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in this ser-  
vice. We ask that you continue to keep us in your  
prayer.

The Family

## *Repast*

The family will receive friends at Meherrin Fire  
Department Following interment.

## *Interment*

Forest Baptist Church Cemetery  
1097 Meherrin Road  
Meherrin Virginia

Professional Services Entrusted to:



Director and Owner Carl U. Eggleston  
Funeral Establishment  
914 South Main Street Farmville, Virginia 23901  
(434)392-7000  
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A Celebration of Life  
for

*Mr. Horace E. Stokes, Jr.*

October 20, 1946



March 11, 2022



Friday March 18, 2022  
1:00 pm

Forest Baptist Church  
1097 Meherrin Road, Meherrin Virginia 23954

Pastor Robert Waker, Officiant



## Obituary

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

In His infinite wisdom and gentle grace, Almighty God  
reached down from Heaven and whispered ever so quietly to  
one of His children these words: “Come with me my Son for  
it’s time to go home” and so it was that Friday, March 11th,  
2022, God closed the eyes of our beloved Horace surrounded  
by his family.

### A Time to be Born...

Horace Stokes was born October 20, 1946, in Meherrin  
Virginia to the Late Horace Sr. and Alice Sims Williams  
Stokes. He was the oldest of Horace children. Preceding him  
in death and welcoming him home: his mother and father,  
Horace, and Alice Stokes, one sister, Dorothy Hurt and two  
brothers, Robert, and Earnest Williams and one -sister-in law;  
Lorraine Williams.

### A Time to Grow...

Horace confessed his belief In Jesus Christ at an early age,  
was baptize and joined the Forest Baptist Church, Meherrin  
Virginia. For his formal education he attended Lunenburg  
County Public Schools.

On many days you will find Horace working on old lawn  
mowers, rebuilding them, and filing power saw blades. He  
was an outdoors person and for many years he worked as a  
land survey lineman and worked in logging.

Horace loved children and he loved life. Always saying  
something funny, sometimes not so funny, cutting a joke.

He kept those hands busy working in his garden, sharing  
with everyone with pride, Lets not forget his guitar “old  
Lucille” playing his blues, sounding almost like the records.  
He loved his music and when things got a little rough, he  
would go off to himself and play his music.

### A Time to Love...

Horace began dating Pauline Watkins when she was a  
junior in high school. They were married on April 19, 1974.  
Out of this relationship and union they were blessed with  
three beautiful children. Horace Stokes III, Debora Stokes,  
and Lakisha Toney. Horace was a devoted husband and father.  
He loved his family and helped them out a lot. Horace loved

his nieces and nephew. He had quite a few. They could always  
count on him to cook for them if they were hungry and He  
could make a meal out most anything.

### A Time to Die...

God saw the road was getting rough, And the hills were  
hard to climb, So He closed Horace weary eyelids, And  
whispered, “Peace be thine”. It broke our hearts to lose him,  
But he didn’t go alone, For part of us went with him, The day  
God called him home.

### A Time to Mourn....

Horace leaves to carry on his legacy and cherish his  
beautiful memory: his devoted wife Rev. Pauline Watkins  
Stokes. Three loving children, Horace Stokes III (fiancés  
Jackie), Debora Stokes, and Lakisha Stokes Toney. Six adorable  
grandchildren; Kitalya Stokes, Destiny Berkley, Ivy Fitzgerald  
Stokes, Rihanna Stokes, Kalisha Toney, and Josiah Saunders.  
Two Great-grandchildren; Kasen and Khalani Berkley. One  
Godchild; Tamika Venable. Three sisters Alice Stokes (aka  
Polly), Annie Mae Stokes and Joanne Streat (Douglas) all of  
Meherrin Virginia. One brother, Joseph Stokes (aka Pumpkin)  
of Meherrin Virginia. Sister-in laws: Lizzie Williams (Ernest-  
deceased) of Meherrin Virginia, Leola Bailey, and Wanda  
Roberts (Alphonso) of Meherrin Virginia, Lucretia Walker  
(Thomas) of Alabama. Brothers-in-laws; David Watkins  
(fiancés Chris), Adolph Watkins, Joseph Watkins (Gail), and  
James Watkins of Meherrin Virginia. Two Aunts; Mrs. Lorene  
Boyd of Jersey City and Mrs. Patricia Walton of Baltimore  
Maryland. A host of Loving nieces, nephews, other relatives,  
and friends. Devoted friends: Mack Barnes, Randy Barns,  
Frank Stokes, John and Sherie Marken. His special helpers  
James, Adolph, and David Watkins.

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so  
he put His arms around you  
And whispered, “Come to me.”  
With tearful eyes we watched you as  
you slowly slipped away  
And though we loved you dearly  
We couldn’t make you stay.  
Your golden heart stopped beating  
Your tired hands put to rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.

The Family

## Order of Service

Processional ..... Family and Clergy

Hymn of Celebration ..... Hold to God Unchanging Hand

Forest Baptist Church Choir and Community

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes .....Elder Thomas Walker

New Testament.....Revelation 21:1-7 ..... Elder Fredrick Moore

Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Barbara Reed

Musical Selection ..... “If it had not been for the Lord on my side”

Forest Baptist Church Choir and Community

Reflections..... Family and Friends

Acknowledgements ..... Sister Aletha Streat

The Obituary ..... Mr. John Marken

Sermonic Selection

Message of Hope..... Pastor Robert Waker

Musical Selection ..... Forest Church Choir and Community

Recessional ..... Ministers, Family and Friends

