

Flower Bearers

Deaconess and Missionaries of Mount Zion

Pall Bearers

Deacons and Laymen of Mount Zion

The Test of a Man

The test of man is the fight that he makes.

The grit that he daily shows.

The way that he stands upon his feet.

And takes life's numerous bumps and blows.

A coward can smile,

When there's not to fear.

And nothing, his progress bars.

But it takes a man to stand and cheer.

While the other fellow stars.

It isn't the victory after all,

But, the fight that a brother makes.

A man when driven against the wall,

takes the blows of fate.

With his head held high.

Bleeding, bruised, and pale!!

Is the man who will win, fate defied,

For he isn't afraid to fail.

-Author Unknown-

HOME-GOING SERVICES FOR

Mr. John Andrew Anderson



For the Lord does not abandon anyone forever. Though He brings grief, He also shows compassion according to the greatness of His unfailing love."

Lamentations 3:22-26; 31-32 NLT

Mount Zion Baptist Church

950 File Street, Northeast
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Monday, March 17, 2014 @ 12 Noon

Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr., Officiating



The Measure of A Man

Strength of character, family values, good work ethics and a simple creed for daily living are among the many virtues which earned Mr. John Andrew Anderson a badge of honor. By these human measures, he stood tall in public and private opinions.

John Anderson was born May 20, 1922 in Rock Hill, South Carolina, the son of the late John Anderson and Theodosia H. Anderson. His early childhood experiences were fashioned in the public schools of Rock Hill, until the time his parents moved to Winston Salem, North Carolina for reasons of employment. As growth and maturity prepared young Johnnie for manhood, he completed trade school in Charlotte, North Carolina with courses taken at North Carolina A. and T. College. Lessons learned in formal education and skills learned from his father served John well. He subsequently became a self-taught cobbler and the proud owner and operator of Johnnie's Shoe Shop.

One of the first minority business owners in the Arts District on Trade Street in Winston-Salem (and one of its last African-American proprietors), John Anderson provided affordable and expert shoe repair and sales for his clientele. Many of those who frequented his shop also came for the engaging conversations they knew they would get from him on a myriad of subjects, from the mundane to world affairs. The operation of the business was not lost on his daughter and his son who learned important business acumens "from the master." The proximity his shop had beside a hair salon owned by his wife brought the business full circle. The Winston-Salem Chronicle honored him with a Lifetime Achievement Award for being a trail blazer, entrepreneur and economic survivor.

Many high moments appear on the radar screen for "Mr. Johnnie." Among them are his pride in the election of Barrack Obama as President of the United States; his trip to Washington, DC where he stood for a picture in front of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial; and his honorary role as designated driver for his children and his grandchildren when each of them went off to college.

In matters of faith, Mr. Johnnie espoused the belief that the church is in a person's heart, not in a building. This, however, did not preclude his worshiping at Mount Zion Baptist Church on Saturdays with his wife, nor his support of his children's participation in many youth activities at Mount Zion during their growth experience.

John Andrew Anderson's transition from earth to eternity came on March 11, 2014 at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem, following a period of illness. His death called to mind loving remembrances for his wife of fifty-nine years, Mrs. Earline Hatcher Anderson; his daughter, Pamela Anderson, who became his care provider; his son, John Earl (Dianne) Anderson; his son, David L. Barksdale; eleven grandchildren inclusive of Candace J. Anderson and fiancé, John Anderson III and Ameja R. Smith; three great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law; his apprentices, Samuel Porter, Calvin R. Harris, Lonell Lipscomb and Leon Leaper; his Trade Street family, and many other relatives and friends who believed the sum of his life found favor with his Creator, who now welcomes him home. He enjoyed the company of his pet canine, "Miss Coach." He was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mount Zion Baptist Church Family: his**

Order of Services

Our Gathering Prayer

Dear Lord, Please help us in this time of loss and sorrow to turn our minds and hearts to you, that we might celebrate your goodness in the life of one we knew and loved. We thank you for fresh mercies every day. Amen.

Musical Prelude

Ms. Jeanne Williams, Organist

Hymn Medley

Family Processional/Scripture Collect

Rev. Ira McCullough

Pastor Emeritus, St. Joseph Baptist Church, Statesville, NC

Hymn of Worship

Choir-Congregation

#61 - What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Old Testament Scripture: **Psalms 23**

Rev. Frances Williams

Pulpit Associate, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC

New Testament Scripture: **Revelation 21:1-7**

Deacon Tyrone Travis

Prayer of Comfort

Bishop Langston McCarther

Pastor, Living Word of God Apostolic Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Solo

Deacon Toussaint Holland

Message of Hope.

Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr.

Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Recessional

With Choral Affirmation

#468 - When We All Get to Heaven

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery, Winston-Salem, NC

Family Fellowship

File-Goodwin Life Enrichment Center

Acknowledgement

God bless you, dear friends, for every expression of support tendered to us during the sick vigil of Johnnie Anderson, and in our preparations for these home-going services in his memory. The floral tributes and your presence today also speak volumes of kindness and did not go unnoticed. Thank you for caring, for sharing and for praying on our behalf.

The Family