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Pallbearers

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William Summers Post #217

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William Summers Post #217

*The Wife, Children, Brothers and Grandson
invite you to share in*

Home-Going Services for Mr. Rufus E. "R.E." Summers



If You Could See Me Now

*My prayers have all been answered, I finally arrived.
The healing that had been delayed has now been realized.*

No one's in a hurry. There's no schedule to keep.

I'm just enjoying Jesus, just sitting at His feet.

If you could see me now, I'm walking streets of gold.

If you could see me now, I'm standing tall and whole.

If you could see me now, you'd know I've seen His face.

If you could see me now, you'd know the pain is erased.

You wouldn't want to ever leave this place.

If you could see me now.

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Saturday, February 17, 2007
12:00 noon

Good Hope C.M.E. Church
1114 St. Paul Church Road
Gilbert, South Carolina

Reverend Jacob Middleton, Pastor Officiating

Obituary

MR. RUFUS E. "R.E." SUMMERS, 91, departed this life on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at his residence in Gilbert, South Carolina.

He was born November 8, 1915 in Gilbert, South Carolina to the late Elliott and Geneva Drafts Summers. R.E. attended the Lexington County public schools where he studied agriculture.

Born into a traditional and longstanding Good Hope family, R.E. joined the church at an early age. He grew up in Good Hope and became Chairman of the Trustee Board, a post he served until 2006.

He joined the US Army in 1941. Like three of his brothers, he served his country admirably during World War II. He loved recalling his war stories about serving in the South Pacific, from Guadalcanal to the southern tip of the Philippines. As was the racial climate of the time, he served in the segregated 93rd Infantry (anti-tank unit) until the end of World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946 as Sergeant First Class.

On September 12, 1943, he married Dorothy Davis and to this beautiful union, two daughters were born.

Following the tradition of his father as a small businessman, R.E. spent his life doing what he loved – farming and raising his “beloved cows”. His successful livestock, vegetable and fruit farming operation afforded him the honor of Lexington County Farmer of the Year in 1979. He also served on the Farmers Administration Committee for Lexington County.

In addition to farming, he was elected to the Board of Directors for the Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative from which he retired in 1991 after serving over 11 years. He was a member of the American Legionnaires William Summers Post #217 for many years.

Those left to cherish the fond memories of R.E. are: his loving wife – Dorothy; two daughters – Ann Summers of Centreville, Virginia and Darlene (Johnny) Pressley of Augusta, Georgia; one grandson – Ryan Pressley of Augusta, Georgia; two brothers – John Drafts and Charles Summers, both of Gilbert, South Carolina; one brother-in-law – Lester Dent of Gilbert, South Carolina; a loving niece – Dorethea Jones and a loving nephew – Dr. John Summers and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many sorrowing friends.

When Remembering Me

*Remember me for my laughter, the stories I have shared and the guidance I have given.
For I thank My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for allowing me to obtain almost a Century of Knowledge.*

We all have been given different journeys, different paths to take. Mine has been truly wonderful.

For some the journey is fast, for others the journey is slow. But whenever our earthly journey comes to an end, we must understand that it was just a part of our journey along the path to eternity.

*To all I leave behind, REJOICE FOR ME
for I have found the greatest reward of all, Everlasting Peace and Sweet Eternity.*

Acknowledgments

*We, the family extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the sustaining love, prayers and support given during our period of illness and bereavement.
Special thanks to Lillie Tolen, Lillie Smith and Tri-County Hospice Care for all your efforts. Your prayers, visits and acts of kindness will and have strengthened us.
May God Bless You*

Order of Service

Reverend Jacob Middleton, Officiating

PROCESSIONAL.....Family, Relatives and Friends

HYMN

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

SCRIPTURE

Old TestamentPsalm 90
Rev. Jacob Middleton

New Testament..... 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Rev. Tommy Thompson

PRAYER Rev. B.T. Martin

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Mr. Jack Wolfe
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