the obituary of Mr. William McKinley Stephens

son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Stephens. He was born in Wallie, North Carolina June 23, 1099, departed this life December 1, 1957. He united with the Broadway Baptist church under the pastorate of Rev. F.P. Cook and served faithfully until his death.

In the year 1937, he was united in holy wedlock to Miss Mary M. Sympkins. To this union one son was born, William McKinley Stephens, Jr.

He leaves to mourn his death a loving wife, Mrs. Mary Magdalene Stephens, one daughter, Mrs. Mary Frances Hill, one son, little Billie Stephens, four grandchildren, 2 aunts, Mrs. Callie Stephens, Mrs. Callie Stephens, & Mrs. Chaine Williams; one uncle, Joe Williams, one sister-in-law: Mrs. Anna Bell Jones, one brother-in-law, Mr. Ike Jones, devoted cousins: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Bill, as he was called, will be missed in his home as a husband, father, and provider. He will be missed in the community; he will be missed by his many friends; he will be missed in his church; he will be missed on the job but he will not be missed in heaven. We say to the family, weep not as one who does not have hope but say as Job: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be His name. Sleep on, Bill; we loved you but God loved you best."