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FOR

October 30, 1918

February 4, 1983

PASTOR LEROY WALDO, D.D.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1983 - 11:00 A.M.

Mt. Airy Baptist Church
1100 North Capital Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
OBITUARY

On October 30, 1918, a son was born to the late Rev. Benjamin Bass and Mrs. Alice Waldo Allen in Madison, Fla. That son departed this life during a peaceful slumber at his residence on Friday, February 4, 1983.

At six months of age, Leroy lost his vision. Not having the necessary medical facilities and being Black at that time in a southern state, his vision was not restored. In 1928, the family moved to Georgia. Before knowing of a school for the blind, he was a sit-in student in the local public school. In 1934 his mother enrolled him in the Georgia State Academy for the blind in Macon, Georgia. While at the academy, he had a thirst for religious education, so he sat in on classes at the Georgia Baptist College.

In School, Leroy had the privilege of learning music from some of Georgia's best instructors. He studied piano mainly to attract the girls, and attract them, he did. Though he was blind, he never courted blind girls, he'd always find a lady with vision.

He was a member of First Baptist in Quitman, Ga. One Sunday he visited another Baptist Church and the choir sounded so pitiful that he decided to train them. From that time he began training singers for God's glory.

At First Baptist, he was put on the Trustee Board. Some of the members objected to a blind person acting in that capacity. A member of the congregation stated if blind people could not be officers, they should not be a member. When God called Rev. Waldo to pastor Carron Baptist in 1968, some people believed God could not use a blind man.

In 1942, he graduated from the academy and worked for awhile in Macon. In 1946, he went with the Saks Gospel Singers to the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses, Inc., in Chicago, Ill. From there he went to Detroit, Mich. In 1947, he moved to Washington, D.C. and joined the Mt. Airy Baptist Church. In 1951, he preached his trial sermon under the pastorate of the late Rev. E. K. Tyler and received his license to the ministry. On December 8, 1958, he was ordained by the late Rev. H. Ellis Turner.
BAPTIST MINISTERS CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON, D. C.
AND VICINITY
(in charge)

Presiding................Pastor Rafe Taylor, D.D.
Mt. Airy Baptist Church

Organ Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn............"It Is Well"

Invocation.............Pastor Henry Johnson
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Orange, Va.

Scripture
Old Testament--Psalm 90--Minister Lester Allen


Prayer of Consolation..Pastor J. Edward Lewis
Resurrection Baptist Church

Selection -- "Let Mt. Zion Rejoice"- Mt. Airy Mass Ch.
(favorite of Pastor Waldo)

Telegrams, Condolences, Etc. - Mrs. Berley Eakins

Family Tribute.........Mrs. Sylvia Williams
Salem Baptist Ch., King George, Va.

Selection......"When I Wake Up In Glory"- Mass Choir
Carron Baptist Church

Board of Deacons........Deacon Bernard Wilson, Sr.

Board of Trustees........Trustee Clarence Smith

Selection............National Capital Convention
Mass Choir

Representing Sons of the Church..Pastor Thomas J. Blai.
Verdadera Fe Baptist Church

Tribute..................Washington Unity Choral Union

Solo....................Mrs. Helen Minor
Service - continued

Remarks.......................Baptist Ministers Wives & Widows
Mrs. Ann Hayes, President
Baptist Ministers Conference
Rev. M. A. Covington, President
Rev. George B. Rogers
Isle of Patmos Baptist Church

Solo..........................Mrs. Arthurene Foxx
Bibleway Church World-Wide

Obituary.......................(To Be Read in Silence)

Selection.....................The Waldo Singers

Eulogy.........................Pastor E. E. Franklin, D.D.
Canaan Baptist Church
Chicago, Illinois

Solo..."I've Done My Work)..Mrs. Dorothy Raymond
Mt. Airy Baptist Church

Recessional...................."Caught Up to Meet Him"

Interment.....................Fort Lincoln Cemetery

ACTIVE PALL BEARERS
Deacons and Trustees

HONORARY PALL BEARERS
Baptist Ministers Conference

The family wishes to express profound gratitude to all who aided in this hour of despair. We will receive friends immediately after the interment at:

Carron Baptist Church
1354 First Street, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

Arrangements by R. N. Horton, Morticians
Prior to his being called to the ministry, Rev. Waldo was offered a contract to sing for the world. He could have enjoyed the same fame as some other blind musicians, but he decided to suffer with the people of God.

On September 15, 1957, he married Delores Smith, whom he met at Carron while playing for the Ever Ready Chorus. They enjoyed 25 years of wedded bliss, and decided to repeat their vows in 1982.

On May 13, 1968, he was called to pastor the Carron Baptist Church, where he served faithfully and diligently until the Lord called him home. On May 25, 1974, the degree of Doctorate of Divinity was conferred upon him by the Baltimore College of Bible. He was elected the Third Vice President of the National Capital Convention in October, 1982.

He leaves, not to mourn, but to rejoice in his attainment of life everlasting, a faithful loving wife, Mrs. Delores S. Waldo, 2 daughters, Jacqueline Marie and Christal Benita Waldo, a devoted mother, Mrs. Alice Allen, 2 sisters, Mrs. Mary Mason and Mrs. Betty Jean Garrett, 2 brothers, Louis Waldo of Doerun, Ga. and Neal Allen, Jr. of Washington, D.C., 1 granddaughter, Stephanie Denise, 1 aunt, Lois Bass of Detroit, Mich., 2 sisters-in-law, Mrs. Gertrude Smith and Mrs. Willa Smith, 3 brothers-in-law, Mr. Johnnie Garrett, Deacon Melvin Smith and Sgt. (retired) Francis W. Smith, a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN THIS LIFE ARE MANIFOLD, 'TIS TRUE.

WE COUNT THE STARS BY THOUSANDS, THE BIRDS AND FLOWERS, TOO.

THE SUNSETS AND THE DAWNINGS, RARE BEAUTIES FAR AND NEAR--

BUT ALL THE WIDE WORLD OVER, THERE'S JUST ONE FATHER DEAR.

Jackie, Christal & Stephanie