

Active Pallbearers
Independence Lodge #69
Woodbine, Georgia

Honorary Pallbearers
Ralph J. Bunche High Class of 1962
Kings Bay Memorial VFW Post 1478

Floral Attendants
Ralph J. Bunche High Class of 1962
Kings Bay Memorial Ladies Auxiliary Post 1478

Ushers
Westlight Baptist
Evergreen Baptist
Mt. New Home Baptist

Interment
Oak Hill Cemetery, Tarboro Community

Acknowledgments
*The family wishes to express sincere
thanks for each act of kindness and
concern show during their loved one's
illness and passing.*

Repast:
Enterprise Baptist Church Annex

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

Myers Funeral Home
79 Old Grainger Circle
Woodbine, Georgia 31569
(912) 576-5531

Moses Myers
GA. License Director #2336
GA. License Embalmer #2226

Staff Members

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*"Together we shall provide; qualified, pridelul, quality and sincere
professional services. Thank you for your trust and faith. Peace Be with you."*

PROGRAMS: CHANCE BUSINESS SERVICES (912) 267-0713

Funeral Services

for

Brother Ben Butler, Jr.

January 27, 1932

February 25, 1995



Friday, March 3, 1995
2:00 P.M.

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist
Association Home
Woodbine, Georgia
Reverend Nolan Harris, Officiating

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Obituary

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

On Saturday, February 25, 1995 at 3:20 P.M., Brother Ben Butler, Jr. passed quietly away at the Veterans Administration Nursing Home Unit in Gainesville, Florida after a lengthy illness.

Brother Butler was the son of the late Lucious Butler and Gertie Rudolph. He was born in the Tarboro Community on January 27, 1932 and lived a great part of his early years with his grandparents, Jacob and Katie Butler who greatly influenced his life.

After serving in the United States Army, Bro. Butler completed his high school education in 1962 at Ralph J. Bunche High School. He served as president of his class.

He was a member of Enterprise Missionary Baptist church where he served for several years as an usher and helped construct the present church.

Brother Butler owned and operated Butler's Funeral Home for 28 years, providing funeral services to families in Camden and surrounding counties in a dignified and courteous manner. In addition he provided ambulance service until the county established its own.

Bro. Butler worked tirelessly to establish a Black VFW Post in Camden County. The Kings Bay Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1478 became a reality in 1987. He was a life member. He was a member of Independence Lodge #69 for 35 years and served as its secretary for a number of years.

He was responsible for the appearance of many nationally known entertainers in Camden County. Also, over the course of his life, he was active in community affairs and many organizations. He served on the Board of the Camden County Planning Commission, sponsored baseball teams for many years, helped to organize the United Men's Club and the organization for the Improvement of Black People in Camden County (IBPCC). He was a man that cared about the people of Camden County.

Brother Butler was married to the former Martha Owens for 25 years.

Ben Butler, Jr.



He leaves to mourn his children: Barbara (Hampton, VA), Myra (Woodbine, GA), Maurice (College Park, GA), Marcia (Woodbine, GA), Marvin (Valdosta, GA), Beatrice (Okinawa, Japan), Lawrence (Brunswick, GA), Gail (Jacksonville, N.C.), Teresa (Woodbridge, VA). Grandchildren: Brittany, Brandon, Jabriel, Michael, Adena, Dominique, Adrian, Sophia, Michael, Glacia, Lecha Lynn; His Mother: Gertie Rudolph; Sisters: Marie, Eleanor, and Cynthia; Brother: Shelly, all of Woodbine, GA; Aunt Verdine, Brunswick, GA; 4 nieces, 6 grand nephews, 3 grand nieces, 3 great grand nephews, 2 great grand nieces, daughter-in-laws: Donna, Dana, and Alice; and a host of cousins.

Also, mourning his passing are special cousins: Willie Mae Gibbs, and Henry Butler; Special Friends: Robert James, Sr., Harry Cummings, Jr., Shirley Doles; and the many people who assisted him over the years with funeral services and a host of other friends too numerous to name.

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*Masonic Rites at Graveside  
Independence Lodge #69*

# Order of Service

Elder Arthur Dawson, Presiding

## *Processional*

Hymn

## *Scripture*

Old Testament: Rev. Bethel Strickland

New Testament: Rev. Leon Washington

## *Prayer*

Rev. E. L. Hart

## *Selection*

## *Reflections*

Minister John Banks, Sr. Deacon Johnnie King

Deacon Daniel Williams Sheriff Bill Smith

Bro. Harry Cummings, Jr. & Others

## *Solo*

Sister Lucille Dawson

## *Resolutions and Acknowledgments*

Minister Delores Holmes

## *Solo*

Sister Willie Ruth Harris

## *Obituary*

## *Eulogy*

Reverend Nolan Harris

## *Parting View*

## *Recessional*