

When Earth's Last Picture Is Painted

When Earth's last picture is painted
And the tubes are twisted and dried
When the oldest colors have faded
And the youngest critic has died
We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it
Lie down for an aeon or two
'Till the Master of all good workmen
Shall put us to work anew
And those that were good shall be happy
They'll sit in a golden chair
They'll splash at a ten league canvas
With brushes of comet's hair
They'll find real saints to draw from
Magdalene, Peter, and Paul
They'll work for an age at a sitting
And never be tired at all.
And only the Master shall praise us.
And only the Master shall blame.
And no one will work for the money.
No one will work for the fame.
But each for the joy of the working,
And each, in his separate star,
Will draw the thing as he sees it.
For the God of things as they are!

by Rudyard Kipling

Flower Bearers
EMBC Senior Missionary Department

Pall Bearers
Nephews

Honorary Pall bearers
James Tate & John Ellison

Acknowledgments

Thank you, again we say Thank You! You have been a lifeline of love and support for us in this time of tearful goodbyes for our Brother. We love you EMBC church family, Pastor Hughes, Pulpit Associates, Leadership Staff, friends and community at large. We love each of you in return. To the Jenkins Paving Family, a heart felt thank you for loving our brother and keeping his dream alive, until the end.

Please continue to be mindful of social distancing and safe hygiene practices as we navigate through this home going process. Our hearts desire for all is that the only community spread shared today be the love of God, the sweet communion of His Holy Spirit, and the blessings of new life in Jesus Christ.

The Family of Mr. Donald Byers



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A Celebration of Life for Mr. Donald Byers



Thursday, August 6, 2020
11:00 AM

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Dr. Paxton Hughes, Pastor
Rev. Denorris Byers, Eulogist

Order of Service

Processional

Prayer of Innovation

Scripture

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Closing Prayer

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We have gathered here today because once again death has left his sting. Life is given to man in infancy, and he is to care for it as he is able until death. Death is namely a gateway from this mean world to the beautiful city of God.

On August 2, 2020 Donald Byers aka “Donnie” of 115 Center Drive Bessemer City NC 28016 has gained his eternal heavenly address. Our beloved brother, uncle, cousin, co-worker and friend to many is in the bosom of Jesus Christ. Donnie was brought into this world by the assistance of Dr. Paul Hendricks on January 4, 1949 first born to the late Rome Jr. and Maggie Littlejohn Byers. He was the grandson of the late Rome Byers Sr. and Eria Webber Byers. Also, grandson of the late Ebb and Mariah Manning Littlejohn. He welcomed six siblings into our family. L. Dianne Byers Lewis, Doris Sandra Byers, Randene Byers Odems, Michele Duane Byers all of Kings Mountain. Donna Kim Dougan (Bryan) and Ronald Dean Byers of Gastonia. All reside in NC. Donald also leaves to miss his “delightful way” as we prefer to call it, nephews, nieces, many cousins and work family that loved him.

Donnie was the historian of what, where, and when everything happened, for of course he saw it before us, or so he tried to convince us. As brothers and sisters, we had the Maggie & June instructions. Listen, stick to, and above all love each other. Never excommunicate one another. We were charged to stay close and talk together, mostly at our family table. They drilled into us from lap

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time to their nap time “you are more closely related to each other than to us. You have the same blood running through your veins” We do. And we will.

Donnie was a veteran of the United States Army for 3 years. He served in the Vietnam War where he learned how to build roads, driving heavy equipment. He perfected those skills and thrived at Custom Paving and later at John E. Jenkins of Delta Drive Gastonia, NC until he could no longer drive his beloved paving truck #137. We were all thankful and just a little proud of his perseverance to “ride or die”. He finished as well as he could. We are grateful to God our Father for His promises kept and lived in Donald Byers. According to Psalm 91:16 With long life He satisfies us and shews us His salvation. With long life God satisfied Donald Byers, and shewed Donald His Salvation.

From the Family

