

*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my passing has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good family, Good friends, good times,  
A loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*Author unknown*

**Floral Bearers**  
Nieces

**Pall Bearers**  
Nephews

**Expressions of Gratitude**

The family would like to convey their appreciation for your expressions of sympathy. Your comforting acts of kindness will always be remembered with deep gratitude.  
May God bless each one of you.

The Family of Mr. James William Hoey



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*"Sympathetic and Efficient Service"*

**A Celebration of Life**  
**For**  
**Mr. James William Hoey**



**Sunrise:**  
**March 20, 1933**

**Sunset:**  
**December 31, 2020**

**Friday, January 8, 2021**  
**1:00 PM**

**S. T. Enloe Memorial Chapel**

**Shelby, NC**

**Rev. Strickland Maddox, Officiating Minister**

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Officiating Minister.....Rev. Strickland Maddox

Selection..“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”..Congregation

Scripture Readings  
    Old Testament  
    New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....Eskridge Grove Male Chorus

Remarks.....Mr. Earl Fuller

Reading of the Obituary.....Silently

Selection.....Mr. Bobby Burson

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Strickland Maddox

Military Rites

Recessional Selection.....“I’ll Fly Away”

Interment  
Eskridge Grove Baptist Church Cemetery  
Shelby, NC



Obituary

Mr. James William Hoey, 87, departed this life for his eternal home on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at White Oak Manor in Shelby, NC. He was born on March 20, 1933 in Cleveland County, NC to the late John and Amanda Posey Hoey.

After graduating from high school, James completed brick mason school. Thereafter, he was drafted into the Army serving the United States in the Korean War. Shortly before entering the service, he married his beloved wife, the former Margaret Spikes and remained married to her for 69 years.

James was employed in the home construction industry and laid bricks for many new houses in the Shelby area. He joined Eskridge Grove Baptist Church at an early age and had rededicated his life to Christ later in life. James enjoyed cooking among other things and was an excellent cook going back to his days in the service in which that was one of his duties.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, C.J. Hoey, J.B. Hoey, Arthur Hoey, Anthony Hoey, Clyde Hoey, and Earl Hoey.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 69 years, Margaret Spikes Hoey; one brother, Emmett Hoey; three sisters, Selma Hoey (Gilbert Hunt), Ethel Hoey Dawkins (Ben) and Marnita Hoey; a sister-in-law, Christine Hoey; a special niece, Erin Tate and a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.