

HONORARY/ACTIVE ESCORT

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PSALM 23

*THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;
I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKES ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES;
HE LEADS ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORES MY SOUL;
HE LEADS ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.*

*YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL;
FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;
YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.*

*YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES;
YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL;
MY CUP RUNS OVER.
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME
ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE;
AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD
FOREVER*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WE, THE FAMILY OF DR. WILLIAM D. EASTON, WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO HAVE OFFERED YOUR LOVING SUPPORT AND MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS DURING OUR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT.

A J. L. LITMAN MEMORIAL FUNERAL OF ALBANY SERVICE

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
DR. WILLIAM D. EASTON



June 18, 1926

September 12, 2009

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009
11.00 A.M.**

**GRAVESIDE SERVICES
SANDHILL COMMUNITY CEMETERY
WAYNESVILLE, GEORGIA**

**OFFICIATOR
THE REVEREND KENNETH D. MCMILLIAN
PASTOR**

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WE GATHER TO REMEMBER AND TO PRAISE GOD AND GIVE THANKS
FOR THE LIFE AND THE ETERNAL LIFE OF DR. WILLIAM EASTON

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH; AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD; WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. **AMEN.**

THE COLLECT

BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS BLESSED US ALL WITH THE GIFT OF THIS EARTHLY LIFE AND HAS GIVEN TO DR. WILLIAM EASTON HIS SPAN OF YEARS AND GIFTS OF CHARACTER. GOD OUR FATHER, WE THANK YOU NOW FOR ALL HIS LIFE: FOR EVERY MEMORY OF LOVE AND JOY, FOR EVERY GOOD DEED DONE BY HIM, AND EVERY SORROW SHARED WITH US. WE THANK YOU FOR HIS LIFE AND FOR HIS DEATH; WE THANK YOU FOR THE REST IN CHRIST HE NOW ENJOYS; WE THANK YOU FOR GIVING HIM TO US, AND WE THANK YOU FOR THE GLORY WE SHALL SHARE TOGETHER. HEAR OUR PRAYERS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. **AMEN.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 26.26-30

²⁶DURING THE MEAL JESUS TOOK SOME BREAD IN HIS HANDS. HE BLESSED THE BREAD AND BROKE IT. THEN HE GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES AND SAID, "TAKE THIS AND EAT IT. THIS IS MY BODY." ²⁷JESUS PICKED UP A CUP OF WINE AND GAVE THANKS TO GOD. HE THEN GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES AND SAID, "TAKE THIS AND DRINK IT. ²⁸THIS IS MY BLOOD, AND WITH IT GOD MAKES HIS AGREEMENT WITH YOU. IT WILL BE POURED OUT, SO THAT MANY PEOPLE WILL HAVE THEIR SINS FORGIVEN. ²⁹FROM NOW ON I AM NOT GOING TO DRINK ANY WINE, UNTIL I DRINK NEW WINE WITH YOU IN MY FATHER'S KINGDOM." ³⁰THEN THEY SANG A HYMN AND WENT OUT TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES.

THE EULOGISTICAL WORDS

THE PASTOR

THE SERVICE OF COMMITTAL

THE SILENCE

THE BENEDICTION

*AND GOD SHALL WIPE EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES AND DEATH WILL BE NO MORE,
NEITHER WILL MOURNING NOR OUTCRY NOR PAIN BE ANYMORE.
THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY.*

OBITUARY

*Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by;
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban;
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.*

DR. WILLIAM D. EASTON, son of Willie W. Easton and Ethel Easton, was born June 18, 1926 in Waynesville, Georgia.

He departed this life on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at his residence in Albany, Georgia.

He was married to Morine Gallon Easton. During this long and blessed union of 62 years, two children were born, Myrtice Jean and Henry Preston, who preceded him in death.

He was a longtime member of the Hines Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church where he served as a steward, on the Board of Christian Education, and on the Commission on Social Concerns.

Dr. Easton leaves to mourn: a loving wife, Mrs. Morine Easton, a daughter, Myrtice Jean Pullins; two grandchildren, Tonya Dumas (William) of Ellenwood, Georgia and Robert Pullins, Jr. of Albany; one sister, Myrtice Ballard (Ralph) of Las Vegas, Nevada and one brother, Warren Easton (Bertha) of Tallahassee, Florida; three great grandchildren, two nieces, two nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

*I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife.
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears
Both parts of an infinite plan;
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.*