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Home Going Service
for
DEACON
Saul Clarenton Perry

December 4, 1904 - June 30, 1981



Friday, July 3, 1981
1:00 O'Clock

MYRTLE BAPTIST CHURCH
21 Curve Street
West Newton, Massachusetts

The Reverend Robert L. Littlejohn, Jr., Officiating



Obituary

DEACON SAUL CLARENTON PERRY

SAUL CLARENTON PERRY, born December 4, 1904 in Warren County, North Carolina departed this life on Tuesday, June 30, 1981 at Newton - Wellesley Hospital. He was the son of the late Jonas and Cornelia (Williams) Perry.

His first wife was the late Lucy (Hargrove) Perry and of that union was born Lillie, Curtis (deceased), Ruby (deceased) and Saul, Jr.

He married Alice (Whitaker) Perry in 1944 and to that union came Lula, Mary and Hollis.

Saul was baptised at an early age and became a member of St. Stephen's Baptist Church in North Carolina. He was a farmer and also worked with his father digging wells and building chimneys.

The family came to West Newton, Massachusetts in 1929 and he resided a 45 Curve Street for the past 52 years. His first employment in Massachusetts was with Edward Edmunds as a mason. He later worked for Jantz Sanitation and for many years was employed by the City of Newton in various capacities. In his early years of employment with the City, he was a familiar figure as he plowed the sidewalks of the City with a horsedrawn snowplow.

Brother Perry became a member of Myrtle under the leadership of Rev. George Washington. Rev. Louis E. Ford was pastor when he was ordained as Deacon almost 40 years ago. Recent illness has kept him from actively serving the post he loved and cared for. His strong voice lifted in prayer and song has been missing and is now forever audibly silenced amongst us, but will echo still within our memory as he invokes God's presence amongst us.

Saul was a strong family man, a man who was in tune with God and nature, he truly loved his garden, animals, fishing and hunting and even though not able to plant himself, he saw to it that a garden was planted at 45 Curve Street as it had been done for the past 50 years.

A strong and caring father to his own children and many who lived or came to Newton the years, and needed a haven, he kept an "open door" policy where many were made welcome and at home away from home. "He never met a stranger."

He shall be missed by many, but for those who remain to mourn their loss, there shall be memories in their secret place of places - something he left especially for each - the strong grip of a hand, nod of the head, wrinkle of the brow, wave of the hand, a special look.

And now as eventide has come, he leaves his loving wife, Alice (Whitaker) Perry; his beloved children, Lillie B. (Perry) Jefferson of West Newton, Mass., Saul C. Perry, Jr. of Allston; Lula Whitaker of Stamford, Conn., Mary (Perry) Ragsdale of Danbury, Conn. and Hollis J. Perry of Voorhees, New Jersey... His grandchildren, Richard Perry Jefferson; Paulette Jefferson-Jones; Laurie Ann Jefferson; Debbie (Perry) Pierre-Mike, of Newton - Curtis Perry, Devorah Perry; Denise Perry; and Kevin Perry of Allston, George Hancock, Stamford, Conn., Jay Perry and Yvonne Jean Perry of Voorhees, New Jersey and Justin Blake Ragsdale of Danbury, Conn. - His great-grandchildren, Shelly Nicole Jefferson, Jeremiah Fisher Jefferson and Derron Jones of Newton. He also leaves a brother, Horace Perry of Warrenton, North Carolina and a sister, Manassa (Perry) Gray of Chicago, Illinois. Sons-in-law, Matthew Jefferson, West Newton, Mass. and Shelley Ragsdale of Conn. Daughters-in-law, Ladee Perry and Myra Perry. He also leaves to mourn their loss a host of neices and nephews too numerous to name as well as many friends and acquaintances. His Mother-in-law, Fannie Whitaker, of Conn. and Brothers-in-law, Robert, Ruben, Benjamin, Joseph, David, Iasiah, Jerry Whitaker, of Conn., Sisters-in-law, Maybell Shropshire, Winnie Teal, Ruth Morgan of Conn, Betty Perry of North Carolina, Lucy K. Perry, Mary Alston and Emma Avant.

Thank You - To those of you who have put your loving arms of caring around us in this our hour of grief, we cannot but offer you our thanks as he whom we mourn would say, "It is nice to know you care." Thank you and God bless you.



Pallbearers:

DEACON ALVIN V. ALLEN
DEACON OSCAR CARTER, JR.
DEACON PERCY GARRETT
DEACON WALTER L. HILL
DEACON JAMES C. SPIKES

From the Family —

*"Going home, going home,
He's just going home.
Quiet like, one still day,
He's just going home.*

*It's not far.
Just close by--
Through an open door,
Work's all done,
Care laid by,
...home, home.
He's just going home.*

*Morning star lights the way,
Restless dream all gone.
Shadows come, break of day,
Real life just begun.*

*Going home, going home,
He's just going home.
It's not far,
Just close by,
Through an open door.
He's just going home.
Going home." — DVORAK*