

Celebration of Life

DR. WILLIAM ALPHEUS BUNCH

November 17, 1946 - December 5, 2010



Friday, December 10, 2010

Family Visitation

Eleven -Thirty in the Morning

Memorial Celebration

Twelve Noon

St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Durham, North Carolina

Reverend Brenda McCormick, Presiding

Reverend Dr. G. Ray Coleman, Senior Pastor

Life Reflections

Dr. William Alpheus Bunch bounced into this world on November 17, 1946 in Raleigh, North Carolina and on December 5, 2010 departed from his earthly home and returned to his heavenly home. The first born son of the late Alphas Bunch and the late Ruth Bunch Lunsford, was the apple of their eyes and was spoiled rotten by his two older sisters, the late Willa Marion Cooley and Betty Ruth (Donald Hembrick). Little did he know the Bunch Group would continue to grow. His brother, the late Leroy Bunch (Marion B. Holloway) was on his heels. They just would not stop coming. There were to be three more: Wyman Anthony Bunch (Sandra), Rogerlene Bunch Cotton (Jerry) and Dwight Bunch.

Bunch decided it was time to go to school. So he at the age of four years old went with his sister and enrolled in the first grade. It took the school officials a little time to realize his real age because he was just as bright as the older students in his class. Nevertheless, he was told to go home and come back the next year. He waited until his fifth birthday and successfully began his scholastic journey at Jeffrey's Grove Elementary School and concluded his public school education as Valedictorian at Berry O'Kelly High School in 1965.

According to his son William Christopher "Topher" Bunch (Monika) and his daughter Tina Leslie "Plum" Bunch, who brought him his greatest joy, he was a leader, orator, giver, avid reader, teacher, and sometimes a preacher. Bunch was a generous and genuine friend. He was a great provider, a man of honor, distinction and knowledge as indicated by the numerous plaques and certificates on the wall of his man cave. He was a loving, caring and understanding husband and friend for 15 days shy of 41 years to his dedicated wife Mrs. Tina Suggs Bunch. He was a devoted grandfather who thought the sun rose and set in his granddaughter Bailey Bunch and his grandson Noah Bunch.

His love of Livingstone College began in 1965 when he arrived on campus in his yellow pants, penny loafers and no socks. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree four years later. In 1998 he was honored with a Doctorate of Humane Letters for his years of dedication and service to Livingstone College. Bunch could spout linguistics with the best of them, run a Boston in Bid Whist, a board in Pinochle, tell a joke that would have you rolling on the floor and then go to Merrill Lynch to invest your money. He was the first Black Stock Broker in the State of North Carolina.

Bunch was a member of Wake Chapel Church throughout his childhood. In 1990 he joined St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church where he served faithfully as Chairman of the Trustee Board for many years. He helped negotiate a loan to renovate the church. He also served on the Budget Committee, Chairman of Men's Day and was a faithful missionary.

Bunch loved his Aunt Ruby and Aunt Martha as well as Livingstone College. He also loved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated – The Mighty 21, the One Of -A -Kind Class of '69, and his nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, St. Mark Family, friends and his playmate and sister-in-law Mae Suggs.

Dr. William A. Bunch, a man who was loved, respected, admired and who inspired so many people will truly be missed.

Celebration

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL..... Clergy

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“How Great Thou Art”St. Mark Mass Choir

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament..... Reverend J. Jasper Williams, Jr., Pastor
Wake Chapel Church Raleigh, NC

New Testament Reverend Linda Russell-Young
Durham Regional Hospital Chaplan

PRAYER OF COMFORT Reverend Dr. Lawrence Miller

Presiding Elder of the Durham District

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

MUSICAL TRIBUTESt. Mark Mass Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTSMr. Joseph King Davis, Jr.

MEMORIAL MOMENTS (Two minutes)

Berry O’Kelly High SchoolMr. Lawrence Dunn

Livingstone College Alumni Association-Durham Chapter Ms. Geraleen Singletary

Livingstone College National Alumni Association..... Dr. Augustus Jones

Livingstone CollegeDr. State Alexander

Therapeutic Pinochle Club.....Mr. Thurman Spicer

Lambda Psi Chapter/ Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated (The Mighty 21) ..Mr. Thomas Faniel

One Of- A -Kind Class of ’69Mr. Donald Bernard

The Do Nothing Lunch Bunch Mr. Warren Arrington

Family Mr. Ernest Cooley, Jr.

FAREWELL MEDLEY Mrs. Gwendolyn Cooper

MUSICAL TRIBUTESt. Mark Mass Choir

EULOGY Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.
Presiding Prelate of the North Eastern Episcopal District

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

Repast in the church fellowship hall immediately following the celebration.

Inoictus

William Earnest Henley

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as a pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.
In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeoning of chance
My head is bloody but unbowed.
Beyond the place of wrath and tears
Loom the horror of the shade.
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the Master of My Fate
I am the Captain of My Soul.

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Dr. William Alpheus Bunch, with thankful hearts, is grateful to all individuals and groups who so abundantly found many tender ways to express friendship and love during our time of bereavement. May God continue to richly bless each of you.



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