

The Homegoing Service

Of

Mr. Umstead Martin McAdoo

Sunrise: June 20, 1946

Sunset: June 14, 2007



Tuesday, June 19, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Mother African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
140 West 137th Street
New York, New York

Reverend Dr. Gregory R. Smith, Officiating

The Obituary

Mr. Umstead Martin McAdoo was born on June 20, 1946 to the late Mr. William Owen McAdoo and Mrs. Christine Siler McAdoo.

Umstead's life has been devoted to Christian stewardship as evidenced by his enduring and unbroken 50 years of membership in the A.M.E. Church. In 1953, Reverend Matthew P. Sawyer baptized Umstead at Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church on East Washington Street in Greensboro, NC. At Trinity, he was an active young member: attending vacation bible school, going to church picnics, and attending youth conferences held in cities throughout North Carolina.

He joined Cub Scout Troop 454 under the leadership of Mrs. Stainback and moved on to the Boy Scouts led by Rev. Marks, an assistant pastor at Trinity. Umstead continued in the scout troop under the leadership of Trinity Church member Mr. Troy Waddell. It was during this time that he reached the high level Explorer Scout, an accomplishment of considerable merit.

A gifted musician and singer who was able to sight-read at an early age, Umstead joined the Chancel Choir at Trinity under the tutelage of Mrs. Wilhelma Bishop. He was noted for his tenor solos and arias, particularly those from the Messiah. Umstead joined the Phi Mu Epsilon Youth organization and participated in several activities including its car washes and baby contests. After reaching a more mature age, he joined the Cathedral Choir. He also became a member of the Fine Arts Committee at Trinity.

His gifts went beyond the musical; his educational accomplishments are also noteworthy. Umstead attended Washington Street Elementary School, Lincoln Junior High, and graduated from James B. Dudley High School in 1964. Umstead attained a Bachelor of Science Degree from North Carolina A & T State University in 1968 from its rigorous electrical engineering program. He won many awards; the most prestigious of which was a Westinghouse Scholarship. After moving to New York City, he continued his studies, graduating from Baruch College (City University of New York) earning a Master of Science Degree with a specialty in Computer Methodology. His exceptional academic performance led to his induction into the Beta Gamma Sigma Society, the national honor society for collegiate schools of business.

Being in New York did not end his affiliation with the A.M.E. Church. Early in his stay there, he joined the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church in Harlem, NY. At Mother Zion, he was a constant presence serving on the Missionary Board, the Parsonage Committee, and other important committees. Again he made good use of his considerable musical talents. He became a long-time member of the Choral Choir-known denominationally and city-wide for its beautiful musical program and its accomplished minister of music and organist. After retiring from a long career with the New York City Transportation Department, Umstead intensified his devotion to Mother Zion. He would go on to earn the title as one of the church's top cooks and to become a life member of the Missionary Board.

A few years ago, he returned to his hometown, Greensboro. His was a rewarding life that has gone full circle. He renewed his involvement with Trinity, and with delight, was overjoyed to have celebrated his fifth decade as an unswerving member of the A.M.E. Zion Church at Trinity, his home church.

His was a full life-one with purpose and accomplishments. He will be missed. He leaves behind to mourn his two brothers, Owen M. McAdoo, Jr. (Linda) of Greensboro, NC, Dewitt L. McAdoo of Yazoo, MS, a sister, Mrs. Roberta M. Johnson of Harrisburg, PA, and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The Order of Service

The Prelude

The Processional

The Hymn of Praise

“Blessed Assurance”

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The Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament - Psalms 90

The Gloria Patri (Please Stand)

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:41-58

The Prayer of Comfort

The Musical Selection

The Acknowledgements and Remarks

The Resolution

The Obituary (Read Silently)

The Musical Selection

The Eulogy

The Reverend Dr. Gregory Smith

The Benediction

The Funeral Director in Charge

The Recessional Hymn

The Interment

Honorary Pall Bearers

Officers of the Church

Honorary Floral Bearers

Deaconess Board

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, all expressions of love and sympathy conveyed to them during their hours of sorrow.

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