

In Loving Memory
of
Deacon Wardsworth Albert
(M. A.) Soders II

Born:

August 23, 1912

Died:

February 8, 1993



- Service -

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1993
Two O'Clock P.M.

MARLIN MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH

807 Bennett at George Street
Marlin, Texas 76661

Reverend Leslie J. Johnson, II, Pastor, Conductor
Reverend Eric H. Hester, Eulogist

Biographical Sketch

Wardsworth Albert (W. A.) Soders II of Marlin, Texas was the oldest son of the late William Albert Soders and Ida Harkum Soders.

He was baptized at an early age at Marlin Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon until his passing.

Albert attended the public schools of Marlin, Texas, completing his high school training at Booker T. Washington High School. He attended Prairie View A&M College, the University of Colorado at Boulder and Huston-Tillotson College, where he received a B.A. degree in chemistry. He received his M.Ed. from Texas Southern University and studied further at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque. He was Superintendent of Schools in Springfield, Texas prior to serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Following the war, he returned to Marlin and operated Soders' Grocery and Market for a number of years. He served on the faculty of Booker T. Washington High School and later Marlin High School, until his retirement in 1975. Following retirement, he operated Soders' News Agency until 1987.

As an active participant in the community, he served as Cubmaster of Pack 298 of Marlin Missionary Baptist Church. He was a member of Hopeful Masonic Lodge #78 F & AM for more than fifty years, where he was secretary for over thirty years. He was a member and former Joshua of Hiawatha Court #183, Heroines of Jericho and Royal Arch Masons. He had also belonged to the Savings Club and Gurley Newton Post #916 American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his brother, James O. Soders and wife, Myrtle Thompson Soders.

Survivors include: two daughters, Carolyn S. Cooper of Houston, Texas and Alberta Elsenia S. Young of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; three sons, Wardsworth A. Soders III of Leland, North Carolina, Melton V. Soders of Boston, Massachusetts and James R. Soders of Houston, Texas; two sons-in-law, Chester Cooper of Houston, Texas and James Young of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; three daughters-in-law, Carolyn B. Soders of Leland, North Carolina, Linda J. Soders of Boston, Massachusetts and Gayle Soders of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren, Kevin and Terri Soders of Leland, North Carolina, Justin A. Young of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Brian and Andrea Soders of Boston, Massachusetts, Lance and Ja'Nayle Soders and Williams Matthews of Houston, Texas; a sister-in-law, Velma H. Soders of Los Angeles, California; cousins, Lillie English of Houston, Texas, Austin Kitchen of Los Angeles, California and Larnita and Helen Gerald of Dallas, Texas; close friends, Catherine Ratliff, Mable Tyrone, and Rebecca Drake of Marlin, Texas and Maurice Hunter of Tacoma, Washington; and other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Interlude

Processional

Selection Choir

"When They Ring the Golden Bells"

Scriptures

Old and New Testaments Reverend Robert Paul
Pastor, Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Saffin, Texas

Invocation Reverend Wm. Johnson

Pastor, Zion Hill Baptist Church

Song The Garretts

"Because He Lives"

Resolutions Marlin Missionary Baptist Church

Sister Vera Earl, Church Clerk

Hopeful Masonic Lodge #78 F & AM
Hawatha Court Heroines of Jericho #188

Recollections Sister Mable A. Tyrone

(Lifetime Friend)

Expressions (Limit 3 minutes, please)

Song The Garretts

"May the Work I've Done Speak For Me"

Eulogy Reverend Eric H. Hooker

Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

Recessional The Garretts

"When You Hear of My Home Going, Don't Worry About Me"

Thine Earthly Bed

Evergreen Cemetery
Marlin, Texas

The Body Burial in Honor

by

Bennie Cephus
Ras Dancy
Richard Elders

Milton Gooden
Leo Green
Benjamin Moore

Honorary Pallbearers

Hopeful Masonic Lodge #78
Hawatha Court, #183, Heroines of Jericho
Royal Arch Chapter #43

Graveside Services

Hopeful Masonic Lodge #78 F & AM in charge

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all who shared and cared during the long illness and passing of our loved one.

"Serving with Compassion"

Final and Most Sacred Arrangements
Entrusted To

ROBERTSON FUNERAL HOME

388 Commerce Street

Marlin, Texas

(817) 893-2501

Reverend F. A. Green Sr., Funeral Director