

**FLOWER ATTENDANTS**  
Mount Zion Deaconesses and Senior Missionaries

**PALL BEARERS**  
Mount Zion Deacons and Laymen



*Our Sincere Thanks ...*

To God Almighty, whose love sustains us  
To Church Family, whose understanding blesses us  
To Community Friends, whose peace comforts us  
To One and All, whose prayers and presence lift us

*And we acknowledge with grateful appreciation,  
the entire team at Hospice & Palliative Care and  
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Oncology,  
for all the love and care provided  
during our loved ones' illness.*

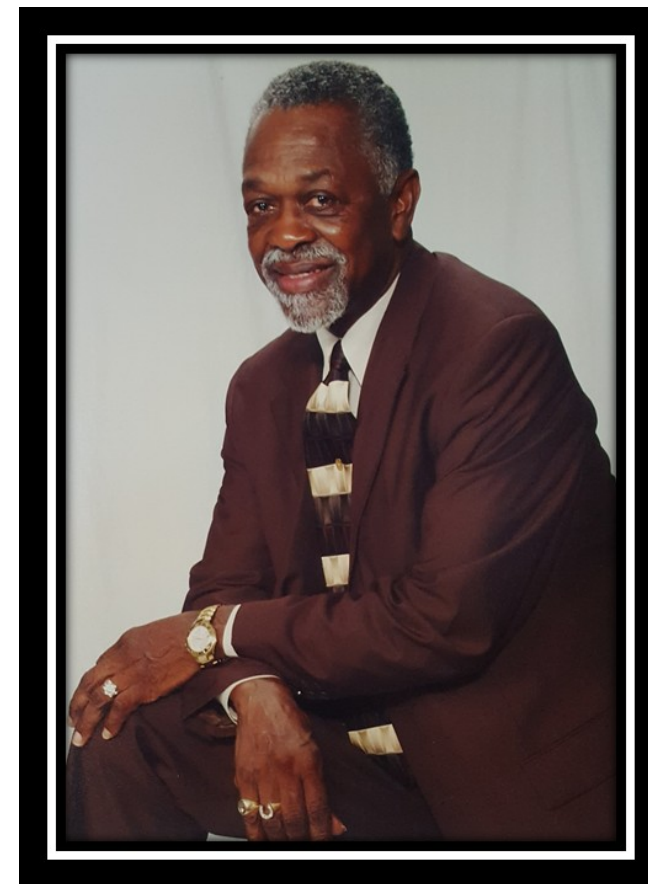
**THE FAMILY**



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**CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN VICTORY FOR**

*Mr. John Henry Easter*



*"And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory!"*

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017  
12:00 PM**

**MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
950 FILE STREET  
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA**

**DR. SERENUS T. CHURN, SR., PASTOR/EULOGIST**

**The Life and Times of John Henry Easter**

John Henry Easter was born to the late Wesley and Jannie Bishop Easter in Forsyth County, North Carolina on March 1, 1937. He was their eldest son and his early childhood development began in the Historic Happy Hill Gardens Community.

He attended the public schools of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County and graduated from Atkins High School in 1955. Following high school graduation, he enlisted in The United States Navy where he served four years active duty service. He then continued his military service in the active Navy Reserve; consequently the *proud veteran* gave eight years of honorable service for his country (1955-1963).

John met the love of his life, the former Juanita Millner and promptly changed her title forever in 1961. Their loving bond was blessed with the birth of three daughters, LaTricia, LaTonya and LaKisha.

He was a dock worker for Roadway Trucking Company for twenty-eight years prior to his retirement from the company. He was of the Baptist faith and a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

John was a member of American Legion Post #220 and The Winston Lake Senior Golfers Association. The avid golfer won many golf tournament trophies. He was a die-hard fan of the Dallas Cowboys. And he never missed attending a game and supporting the “home team,” The WSSU Rams, until declining health prevented his active attendance at this year’s homecoming festivities.

John fought long and hard, “*John Henry*” style. However, God called him from his home in Winston-Salem and gave his warrior rest and peace on Thursday, November 2, 2017. It was time to pack up the golf clubs, kiss the ‘girls’ goodbye and move up to that platinum 18 course cloud in the sky. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Jonny Ricardo Martin; sisters, Mildred Long, Alice Douglas and Mary Linda Good; brothers, Robert West Good, Silas Good and Walter Good; and brother-in-law, Walter Faison, Sr.

Those family members who survive and who will forever cherish loving memories of John and his giving spirit include Juanita M. Easter, his wife of 55 years; his daughters, LaTricia Easter London, LaTonya Easter Sawyer (Donald Raye Jr.) and LaKisha Easter; five grandsons in whom he took delight, Donald Raye Sawyer, III. (Brittany), Dominique Rashaad Sawyer, John Isaac London, Neil Andre’ London and Nathan Alexander London; his great grandchildren, Sienna-Rae Larue Sawyer and Tristan Amarii Sawyer; brothers, Tommy Easter (Anne), Harold Easter (Audrey) and Leroy Easter; sisters, Sadie Faison and Hattie Fulwood (Rev. James); brother-in-law, Gregory Millner; godson, Brock Poplar; lifelong friends, James and Myra Nixon, Carl Miller, Earnestine Crawford and Shirley Cloud; a host of nieces and nephews, extended family members and friends.

**The Pre-Worship Moments**

Arrival of Family and Friends	Pre-Seating by Ushers
Family Visitations	11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Prelude	Ms. Jeanne Williams, Organist

**Musical Favorites (Pre-recorded)**

**THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Procession w/Affirmation of Faith	Clergy and Worship Leaders
Hymn of Worship	Choir-Congregation
#255 — It Is Well With My Soul	
The Holy Scripture Reading	
Old Testament: Psalm 121	Deaconess E. Kaye Henighan
New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:13-18	Deacon Louis Henighan
Prayer of Comfort	Reverend Edward L. Brown
Pastor, Fundamental Baptist Church, Rock Hill, SC	
Hymn of Praise	Choir-Congregation
#143 — Victory in Jesus	
Family Tribute	Mr. Harold Easter
Solo	Deacon Toussaint Holland
Eulogy	Dr. Serenus T. Churn, Sr.
Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC	
Recessional	With Choral Affirmation
Let the Church Say Amen (pre-recorded)	
The Interment	Piedmont Memorial Gardens
Winston-Salem, NC	



**MILITARY HONORS**  
**The United States Navy Honor Guard**

Family Fellowship Moments File-Goodwin Life Enrichment Center

**To Those I Love and  
To Those Who Love Me**

*When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You must not tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that I have had so many years*

*I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love each have shown  
But now it is time I traveled on alone*


*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust  
It is only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories in your heart*

*I will not be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come*

*Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you will hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear*

*Then, when you must come this way alone  
I will greet you with a smile and a  
"Welcome Home"*

Author: Mary Alice Ramish



“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:  
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”  
John 14:27