.The Family Tribute

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Mr. Claude Lee Steele, son of the late Clinnie Steele and Sally Bet Dalton Steele, was born in Iredell County on February 14, 1942. He departed this life on Monday, July 20, 2020, following an extended

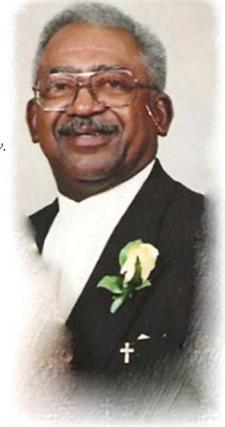
He was a High School graduate and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Harmony where he served as the Chairman of the Deacon Board. He loved singing an sang with the Gospel Choir, Men's Choir, and Senior Choir, and also was an Usher, a Willing Worker and a member of the Brotherhood.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings, Fred Lee Steele, James Edward Steele, Johnny Gus Steele and Robert Wavne Steele. At one time, he was united in marriage to JoAnn Nichols Steele.

He leaves to cherish the memory of his life, his children, Myron Stephon Nichols of Harmony, Lemuel Douglas (Jaime) Nichols of Mocksville, Todd (Rosa) Steele of the home and Sarah Jaini Leach of Salisbury; his brother, Joe Louis (Carlene) Steele of Statesville; his sisters-in-law, Edna Steele of Yadkinville and Lois Steele of Statesville; a brothers-in-law, Robert (Mary) Nichols and James Nichols; a special cousin, Wavne Campbell of Harmony; a friend, William (Dorothy) Summers of Harmony; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, the First Baptist Church Family, and friends.

L'in Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the day. *If my parting has left a void,* Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, *I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.* My Life's been full, I savoured much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch, Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.



The Celebration of Life for

Mr. Claude Lee Steele

Reverend Jeffrey Miller, Officiating

The Order of Service

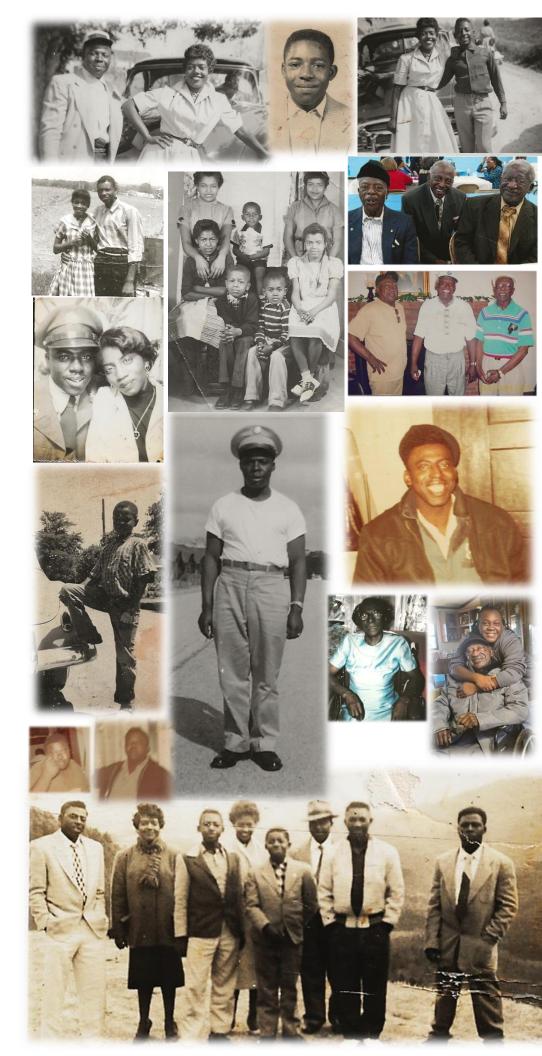
Soft music
Invocation......Reverend Jeffrey Miller Scripture Minister Kenneth Turner **Old Testament New Testament** Prayer of Comfort......Reverend Jeffrey Miller Selection Brother Patrick Stevenson Remarks: (Limit two minutes please) Church ResolutionSister Jennifer Johnson Acknowledgements and Commemorative Presentation.. Funeral Director Solo Committal Selection......Brother Jared Vaughters At The First Baptist Church Cemetery

> Harmony, North Carolina The Gathering of the Christian Community The Placing of the Casket

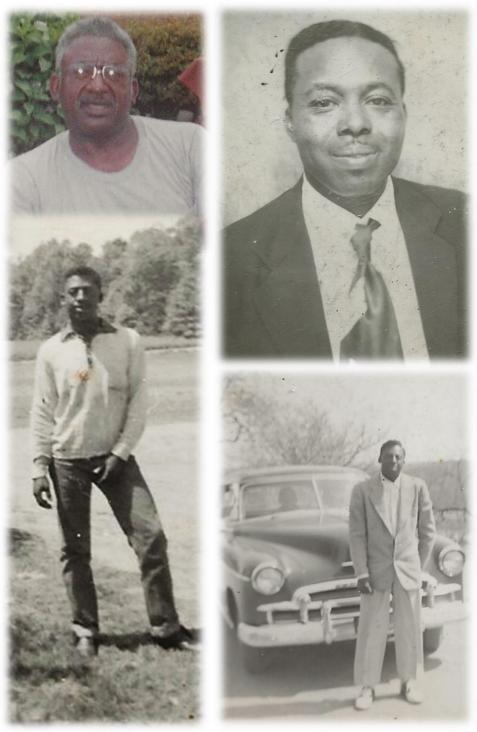
The Final Departure

Casket Bearers Todd Valentine Patrick Stevenson Mark Steele Brendon Steele Kenneth Nichols Travis Lewis Shelton Bell

Flower Bearers Annittia Ruffin JoAnna Nichols Sims Charity Gibbs Laverne Jackson Jenifer Nichols NaTiffany Hamilton







With Our Heartfelt Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. God's Word has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; we praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved "Claude" and for remembering us during his passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding.

The Family

Professional Services Entrusted to "Those Who Care" Rutledge & Bigham Mortuary, Inc.

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Gelebrating the Life of Mr. Claude Lee Steele



Sunday, July 26, 2020
12:00 p.m.
The First Baptist Church
Harmony, North Carolina
Reverend Jeffrey Miller, Pastor
Officiating