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Zion Lodge No. 25

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special thanks to the Rawls Funeral Home Staff, Rev. Cassandra Rawls, Harvey Catchings, Shelton Sims, Sharon T. Anthony, Robert Lackey and Marshall Coulter for your dedication and assistance to Tom over the years. Many thanks to Fresenius Kidney Care Center in Newton, Newton Family Physicians, The Greens At Viewmont, Zion Lodge No. 25, Ebony & White's Funeral Service, the entire Staff at Catawba Valley Medical Center, Glenda and Chanda Ijames, Tonia Smith, Teadra R. Byrd, Rev. Joe Shuford, Rev. Sharon Gray, St. Paul UMC, Mt. Beulah UMC, McQueen/Hartzell UMC and First UMC Newton for allowing us to have the service for our beloved Tom Rawls today.

Also, special thanks to Scott Ussery from One Source, Allen Wood, III, Candy & Greg from Abundant Life and many others.

Thank you from the entire Rawls Family.

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Celebration of His Life And Legacy Tom Worth Rawls



*Oh that I had wings like a dove!
For then would I fly away,
and be at rest.*

PSALM 55:6

Saturday, August 5, 2023
2:00 PM

First United Methodist Church
Newton, North Carolina

Rev. Alexander McCorkle, Officiating Minister
Rev. Ronnie Roseboro, Eulogist

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating Minister
Rev. Alexander McCorkle, Pastor
St. Paul United Methodist Church
Newton, North Carolina

Processional	Clergy & Family
Receiving of Family & Friends	1:00 P. M. – 1:40 P.M.
Masonic Lodge Rites	1:40 P.M.
Call to Worship	Rev. Alexander McCorkle
Greetings	Rev. Cassandra Rawls
Musical Selection	Community Choir
Old Testament Scripture	Rev. Donald Gray
New Testament Scripture	Rev. Joe Shuford
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Thomas Logan
Musical Selection	Community Choir
Affirmation of Faith	UMH #881
Response	UMH #70
Obituary Reading/Acknowledgements	Mrs. Dorothy Lackey

Remarks (Please respect a two minute time frame)	
St. James Grand Lodge-Grandmaster, Bro. Randy Clark - Calvin Hill	
Grand Royal Arch-Grand High Priest, Bro. Harvey Catchings	
St. John Knights Templar, Past Grand Entiment Commander, Bro. William Caldwell	
St. John Grand Consistory, Past Grand Commander In Chief, Bro. Andrew Hopper	
Salem Grand Temple Shriners, Grand Potentate Illustrious, Rev. Joe Shuford	
Black Eagle Council President, Bro. Andrew Hopper	
School, Community, Ministers, Funeral Directors	
Reflections	Rev. Xenophone (Joe) Lutz
Musical Selection	Community Choir
Eulogy	Rev. Ronnie Roseboro, Pastor Boger City United Methodist Church, Lincolnnton, NC
Solo	“We Shall Behold Him” Mrs. Betty Coulter
Recessional	
Committal/Interment Mt. Beulah United Methodist Church Cemetery Sherrills Ford, North Carolina	

The Rawls Family is inviting extended family, friends, and classmates for fellowship at the Western Steer Restaurant in Newton, NC at 5:00 PM. It is pay for your own meal; the large room has been reserved for us.



Together Again



LIFE REFLECTIONS

Tom Worth Rawls was born in Catawba County, North Carolina to the late William McKinley Rawls and Odessa Lineberger Rawls. On July 26, 2023, Tom transitioned from his earthly house at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center in Winston Salem, North Carolina after several weeks of declining health.

Tom graduated from Catawba Rosenwald High School in 1954. After High School he entered the United States Army in 1954 and served in Korea for fifteen months. He attended the New York School of Embalming in 1958, went to Carver Business College in 1960. He received an Associate Degree in Data Processing in 1972 from CVCC. He has been the proud owner of Tom Rawls Funeral Directors since 1978.

Tom was a faithful member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. He had served as Chairman of the Finance Committee, a trustee, and the United Methodist Men. He was currently Emeritus of Trustees.

He was a member of the Western District Funeral Directors, Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of North Carolina and the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association. He was honored and received his Life Membership award in December 2022 from the Western District.

Tom was an active member of Zion Lodge #25, a Shriner and 32nd Degree Mason.

In his community, he served the City of Newton Board of Recreation Commission, a member of the NAACP and many other capacities. He enjoyed a good conversation about politics. He had a love for golfing and received many trophies. He would challenge you about those Panthers and Braves (his favorite teams).

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jettie Sue Connor Rawls, three grandchildren, Ricky Michael Rawls, Vagil Rawls Fuentes Imuid, Dominique Rawls and four siblings, Troy Evans Rawls, Carrie Jean Rawls, Gladys Rawls Davis, and Jerry Rawls.

Those left to cherish precious memories are his children, Tom Worth Rawls, Jr. (Linda) of Buffalo, NY; Jeffrey Michael Rawls, Quintin Patrick Rawls (Michelle) all of San Diego, CA; Betty Sue Rawls of Charleston, SC; stepson, Benny Ray Connor of Newton, NC; a niece/daughter, Rev. Cassandra Rawls of Newton, NC; seven grandchildren; sister-in-law, Trina Nolen of Lavonia, GA; brothers-in-law, Frank Connor of Sherrills Ford, NC; Willie Connor of Hickory, NC; a special friend and her daughter, Glenda Ijames and Chanda Ijames who Tom dearly loved; great niece, Teadra R. Byrd of Hickory, NC; several loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.