



Carson Luther

September 2, 1905 - January 28, 2006

Mr. William Carson Luther, Sr. was born September 2, 1905 in Moore County, NC to Alice Dunlap Luther and Thomas Alexander Luther. The family moved to Hartsville, SC where his father was in the lumber business. After graduating from school, Mr. Luther went to work for a local pharmacy. He enjoyed the challenges and responsibilities at the local pharmacy so much that he went back to school and became a registered and licensed pharmacist. Mr. Luther went to work for the Parke-Davis Company as a national retail representative in 1927 and traveled the country introducing the new miracle drugs such as penicillin and polio vaccines to the medical community. Mr. Luther married Ruby Eva Pennington of Hartsville, SC on December 23, 1935. They moved to Atlanta, GA for two years and then settled in Macon, GA where they raised their family. Mr. Luther worked for the Parke-Davis Company for forty-five years and earned his pharmacy licenses in South Carolina and Georgia. After retirement in 1970, he worked as a staff pharmacist at the Middle Georgia Hospital and assisted local pharmacies around town. He regularly attended pharmaceutical meetings and continuing education programs around the state of Georgia and maintained his license to practice pharmacy until the age of 96.

Mr. Luther was a member of the First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon, GA, the forty-ninth president of the Baraca Sunday School class and a past deacon of the Church. He was a member of the Golden K Kiwanis Club, the Macon Touchdown Club, the Macon Middle Georgia Pharmaceutical

Association, the Grand Jury Association and did volunteer work at various charities around town. He served every year as a Salvation Army Christmas kettle bell ringer until the age of 98. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina awarded Mr. Luther the title of Sublime Degree of Master Mason for his sixty years of faithful service to Masonry. He also participated in the National Health Institute centenarian study program as a way to help and understand the needs of fellow centenarians.

Survivors include: Son, William Carson Luther, Jr. and wife, Louise, of Atlanta, GA; Daughter, Penny Luther Hewett and husband, Ron, of Charlotte, NC; Grandchildren, William Carson Luther III of Atlanta, GA, Ronald Winston Hewett, Jr. and wife Kim, of Nashville, TN, Ashley Hewett Potter and husband Freddy, and Laura Pennington Hewett, all of Charlotte, NC; Great-grandchildren, Carson Elizabeth Hewett, Winston Hewett, Trevey Hewett, all of Nashville, TN, Madison Potter and Grayson Potter, both of Charlotte, NC; Sisters, Marjorie Luther Harley of Columbia, SC, Mary Luther Hudson of Salisbury, NC, Lilly Mae Luther Smith of Sumter, SC, and Kate Luther Funkhouser of Bethesda, MD. He was predeceased by his wife of forty-nine years, Ruby Pennington Luther; brothers, Walton Luther, Charles Luther, Russell Luther, all of Hartsville, SC, and sister, Bessie Rogers of Sumter, SC. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 4, 2006 at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery. Dr. Jennings Ligon Duncan III, Senior Minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, MS and beloved nephew of Mr. Luther will officiate. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to the Renovation Fund at First Baptist Church of Christ, 511 High Place, Macon, GA 31201.