

The Family Tribute

All Is Well... Safely Rest!

Mr. Fred Tatum, Jr., was born in Iredell County on September 9, 1929, and was the son of the late Fred Allen Tatum and Mary Alice Reid Tatum. He departed this life on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at Autumn Care of Statesville following an extended illness.

He graduated from Unity High School and received his Bachelor of Science Degree of Agriculture from North Carolina A and T State University. He was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder, member of the Men’s Council and played the bass for the choir. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Korean War. He was an Agricultural Extension Agent and prior to his retirement was employed by the Equal Employment Commission as a Manager.

He was united in marriage to Mrs. Vada Dean Coulter Tatum, for over sixty-four years. She preceded him in death on December 16, 2019. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Clayton Tatum, John Tatum, Leroy Tatum, Leander Tatum and Thomas Tatum.

He leaves to cherish the memory of his life, a daughter, Melba Tatum of San Francisco, California; three grandchildren, Kary Bowser, Jr. of Charlotte, Aja Bowser of San Antonio, Texas and Jennifer (William) Parridgen of Hickory; three sisters-in-law, Annie Tatum and Bessie Tatum, both of Statesville and Evelyn Ellis of Newton; four great grandchildren, Ayanna, Amiya, Carter and Cayson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, The Calvary Presbyterian Church family, neighbors and friends.

*As long as life and memory last,
We will remember thee!*



Calvary Presbyterian Church

Statesville, North Carolina

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Reverend Timothy Bates, Pastor, *Officiating*

The Family Visitation

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Processional

The Moments of Sharing: *(Friends may visit with the Family)*

The Order of Service

1:00 P.M.

The Invocation

The Hymn:

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Proverbs 11:28

New Testament: John 14:1-3

The Prayer of Comfort

The Remarks: *(Limit two minutes please)*

Pastor Roger Crider

The Selection

The Eulogy: *“I Do and I Will.. Let The Work I’ve Done, Speak for Me”*

..... Reverend Timothy Bates

The Recessional Selection

Please remain prayerful as we travel to the final resting place.

In the procession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights, take caution at all intersections, and fasten your seatbelts for safety.

At The Zion Wesley AME Zion Church Cemetery

The Gathering of the Christian Community

The Ritual of Consignment

The Military Rites

The Folding and Presentation of the Flag

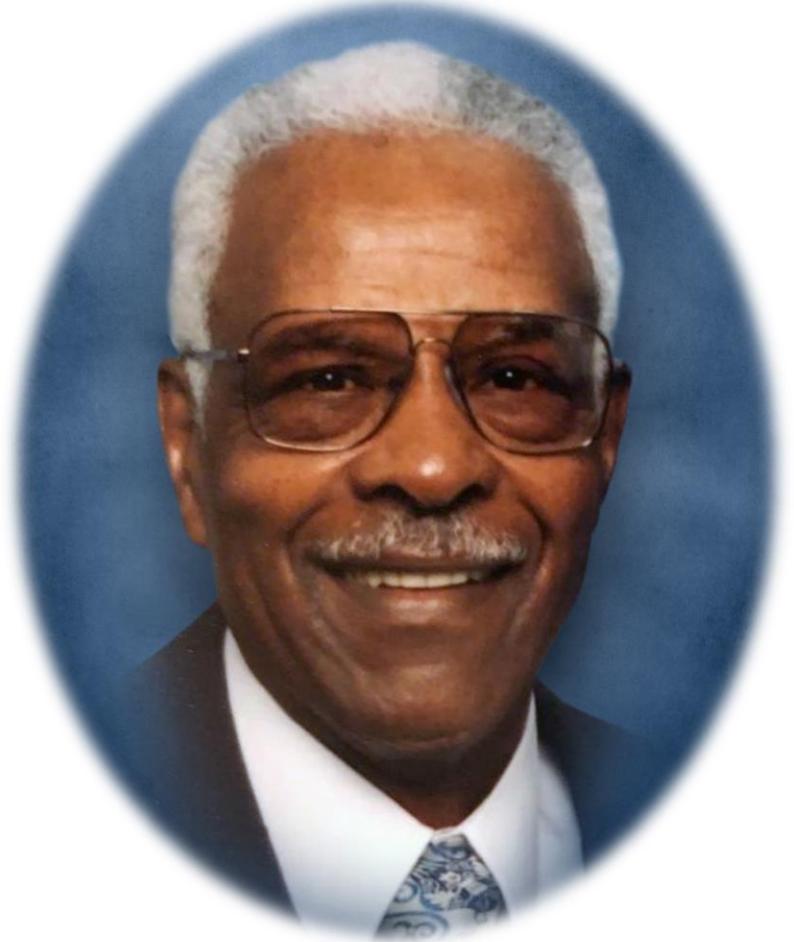
The Twenty-One Gun Salute

Taps

The Prayer of Benediction

The Final Departure

A Celebration of Life for
Mr. Fred Tatum, Jr.



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Professional Services Entrusted To:
Rutledge and Bigham Mortuary, Inc.
603 South Center Street, Statesville, NC 28677
(704) 873-3611
Visit the Book of Memories for Mr. Tatum
at www.rutledgeandbigham.com

