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Life Reflections

of

Tobe Rufus

Sunrise: February 1, 1913
Stanton, Tennessee

Sunset: May 21, 1996
Memphis, Tennessee

Saturday, May 25, 1996
2:00 P.M.

Prospect C.M.E. Church #2

10010 Highway 76 South
Stanton, Tennessee

THE REVEREND SAMUEL JONES, Pastor

THE OBITUARY

Brother Tobe Rufus was the eighth child of the late Reverend Joseph Daniel Rufus Sr., and Susie Vaulx-Rufus.

He received his education in the Haywood County public schools.

Having been reared in a christian home, and recognizing the need for spiritual guidance, Tobe united with Prospect CME Church #2, at an early age. He later moved to Louisville, Kentucky and Chicago, Illinois respectively, where he continued to be united in Methodist Churches. When his health began to fail, he returned to his hometown to live with his brother and sister-in-law Joseph and Pearlle Mae Rufus and his great-grand niece, Karen Rufus. He re-established his need for spiritual guidance by reuniting with Prospect CME Church #2, under the pastorate of Reverend Samuel Jones.

He was united in holy matrimony to the late Girlie Mae Rufus and to this union, one son was born, Nathaniel Rufus, who also preceded them in death.

Tobe began his working career as a farmer and later as an expert in glass cutting. His talent as a glass cutter led him to experiment with and create an array of architectural glass designs.

Tobe was known as "Mac" to his brothers and sisters and "Uncle Tobe" to many. He was an eager listener and one who loved to argue politics, geography, and current events. He was a master in playing checkers and had a fervor for photography. His interest in debating every issue compelled him to read, thereby allowing for astutenes. He played baseball throughout Haywood County and served as pitcher for the Rufus Brothers' baseball team.

Because of his pleasing and caring personality, Tobe very easily acquired many friends. His welcoming attitude and compassionate manner, characterized him as a person who never met a stranger and one who possessed a heart full of genuine love for his family.

Tobe's delightful sense of humor and love for all will forever remain as cherished memories for his devoted great-grand niece, Karen Rufus, Memphis, Tennessee; a devoted family niece, Geneva Rufus, Memphis, TN; devoted nephew and family, Teddy and Shirley Rufus, Memphis, TN; daughter-in-law, Betty Rufus, Louisville, KY; Grandchildren, Sharon, Nathaniel II, LaMont, and Eric Rufus, Louisville, KY; Three great-grand children; Brothers, Joseph Rufus, Stanton, TN; Houston Rufus, Chicago, Ill; Sisters-in-law Pearlle Mae Rufus, Stanton, TN; Margaret Rufus, Chicago, Ill; Lou Ella Rufus, Memphis, TN; Juanita Rufus, Louisville, KY; Brother-in-law, Allen Powell, Rockford Ill; Nephews and Nieces John Ed, William, Teddy, Louis, Houston, Suzetta, Jean, Julia, Louise, Doris, Glenda, and Debra; Dear friends Cleo Shaw and Jim Johnson, Chicago, Ill;

and Ella Suddeth, Nashville, TN.

Numerous grand nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS REMEMBERED

- Reverend Joseph Daniel Rufus, Sr.
- Susie Vault-Rufus
- Nathaniel Rufus (Son)
- Charlie Lee Rufus
- Blanche Powell
- B.B. Rufus
- Marshall Oliver Rufus
- Arthur Rufus
- Lillie Mae Rufus
- Robert (Heck) Rufus
- Eddie Louis Rufus

THE PROGRAMME

The Reverend Samuel Jones, Officiating

The Processional

The Selection Choir

The Scripture Rev. Alice Fouse

The Prayer Rev. William Jones

The Selection Choir

The Acknowledgements

And Resolutions Mrs. Olivia Crews

The Solo

The Obituary (Read Silently) Soft Music

Words of Comfort Rev. Percy Lee Jr.

Reflections (three minutes, please)

The Community Rev. Walter Fouse, Jr.

The Church-at-large Mr. Donald Lee

The Family Mrs. Suzetta Franklin

The Eulogy Rev. Samuel Jones

Viewing of Remains

The Benediction

The Recessional

Uncle Tobe was an avid photographer. Included are shots from his treasured collection.



My devoted great-grand niece-

"In May of 1992, I relocated from Chicago, Illinois to Stanton, Tennessee. The first face I saw as I began residence with my family was My KARIE as I called her. She stayed by my side from May 1992 until May 21, 1996".



Lisa called and asked me to take pictures at her graduation ceremonies.



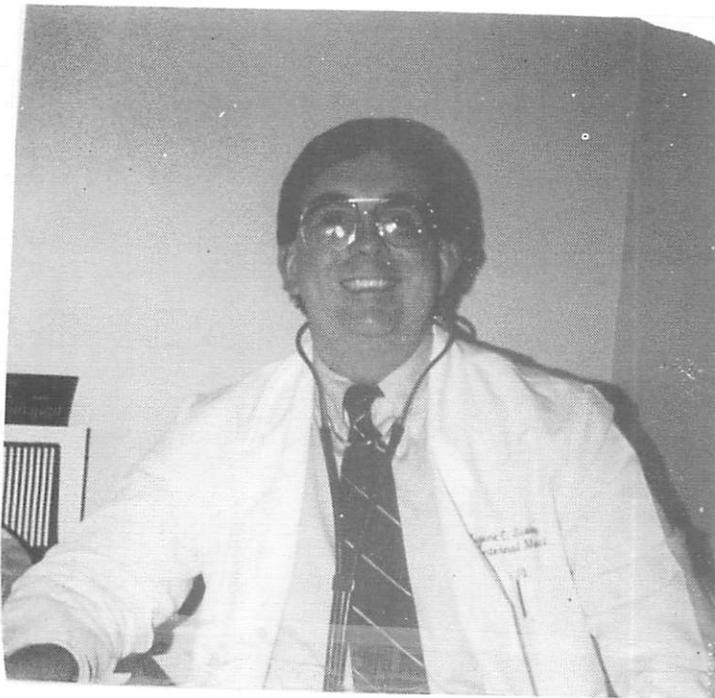
My trip to the Opryland Hotel to attend the wedding of my great-grand niece, Dr. Kerri Woodberry Rabb.



Just sitting around enjoying children. They all call me "Uncle Tobe".



Some of my family members at a family reunion.



My favorite physician, Dr. Scobey who provided excellent medical care.



My beautiful friend Ella Suddeth who always remembered me during holidays.

God saw you were getting weary,
so he did what he thought best.
He came and stood beside you,
And whispered, "come and rest".
You bade no one a last farewell,
Not even a Goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.

We will always Love and Cherish you.

The Family

Active Pallbearers
Nephews and Grandchildren

Honorary Pallbearers
Stewards and Stewardesses

Floralbearers
Nieces and Granddaughter

Interment
Prospect C.M.E. Church #2

The Acknowledgement

The family of the late Tobe Rufus gratefully acknowledges the many conveyances of kindness extended. Your prayers, presence, food, cards, telephone calls and monetary gifts are especially comforting as we experience our grave loss. May God continue to endow each of you with his most gracious blessings.