

*Homegoing Celebration  
In Loving Memory Of  
Mr. James "Bo" Gamble*



*Friday Morning, August 5, 2011  
Eleven O'clock  
Believers Holiness Convention Center  
4301 US Highway 52 North  
Coward, South Carolina  
Reverend Glannie E. Fisdale, Officiating*



## *Obituary*

**Mr. James "Bo" Gamble** was born on September 21, 1947 in Lake City, SC. He was the son of the late Mr. Hazel Gamble and Mrs. Mary Jane Brown Gamble. He departed this life on Friday, July 29, 2011 at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, SC after a brief illness.

**James**, affectionately known as "**Bo**" was educated in the public schools of Lake City, South Carolina. Early in life, He joined St. John Holiness Church. Later, he became a member of New Mt. Camel AME Church where he was President of the Broadcast Ministry and member of the Activity Committee. He then married the late Johnnie Pearl Gamble and to this union two children were born. His daughter Tabitha Gamble-Thompson preceded him in death.

**James** was employed with Marshall's Marine Boat Company of Lake City, SC for several years. "**Bo**" had an extreme passion for gospel music. Early in life, he was a member of a quartet group called The Sensational Royal Lights of Lake City, SC. Because of his love for quartet singing, he later became a gospel promoter and manager. He managed local talents such as The Gospel Pearls of Hemingway, SC, The Gospel Creators of Manning, SC and God's Sons of Florence, SC. **James** was an exceptional manager, he was most known for his talents as a gospel promoter.

**James** was the founder of the Blockbuster Gospel Event held annually for 38 years in the month of May. He became known as "Mr. Blockbuster". Because of this annual event and his abilities to book and host the best gospel artist in the country, he was awarded The Atlanta Gospel Fest Music Award For The Promoter Of The Year For 2010. He was also awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for his lifetime commitment of producing the largest blockbuster concert in the nation for Gospel Quartet groups around the world.

In 1997, he was joined in holy matrimony to Etta S. Gamble.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: a loving and devoted wife of fourteen years, Etta S. Gamble; four daughters, Betty (Christopher) Burgess of Florence, SC, Deneice (Kendall) Washington of Hemingway, SC, Tammy Stevens of Raleigh, NC and Tierra Stevens of Columbia, SC; one son, Darien Scott of the home; one son-in-law, Donald Thompson of Mullins, SC; one sister, Diane (Billy) Cooper of Los Angeles, CA; six brothers, Ernest (Christine) Gamble, William (Josey) Gamble, Curtis Gamble, Rommel (Wendy) Gamble all of Lake City, SC, Jimmy Gamble and Hayward Gamble both of Baltimore, MD; four grandchildren, Shania Dickson of Florence, SC, Tyneia Stevens and Ralph Woodberry, Jr. of Raleigh, NC and Breatha Copeland of Charlotte, NC; five sisters-in-law, Alberta (Isaac) Lewis of Georgia, Azilee (Donald) Graham of Cades, SC, Laura (George) Elmore of Andrews, SC, Elouise White of Delray Beach, FL and Ruthena Stevens of Hemingway, SC; one brother-in-law, Leander Stevens of Jersey City, NJ; eight godchildren, Anthony, Kevin, Amy and Vicki Brown, Aaron, Mark Davis, Raven Williams, Brianna Dickenson, Kionre Epps; special friends, Bobby and Della Brown of Lake City, SC; his assistant and very dear friend, Debbie Blue of Loris, SC and a host of other close relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Bishop Darrell McFadden, Presiding

**Processional** ..... "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

**Opening Hymn** ..... "There's Not A Friend"

**Invocation** ..... Jr. Bishop Dr. Linwood Cooper  
(Pastor of Trinity and St. Mark Believer's Holiness Churches)

**Chorale Response** ..... "Thank You Lord" ..... Choir

**Solo** ..... Deacon Roger Epps

## **Scriptures:**

Old Testament ..... Sr. Bishop Dr. Odell Fulton  
(Pastor of Sandridge and St. John Believer's Holiness Churches)

New Testament ..... Pastor Ethel Mae Graham  
(Redeem Outreach Ministry)

**Selection** ..... God's Sons of Florence, SC

**Tribute** ..... Sis. Debbie Blue

## **Remarks (Two Minutes, Please):**

Class Leader ..... Sis. Vera Waterman

Family ..... Bro. James Wilson

Friend ..... Sis. Samelia Barr, WPDT-105.1

Marshall's Marine ..... Bro. Stuart Altman

Colleague ..... Sis. Barbara McLaughlin  
(National Association of Gospel Promoters and Managers)

Special Tributes ..... Sis. Shaniac Dickson (Granddaughter)

Sis. Tyneia Stevens (Granddaughter)

**Solo** ..... Sis. Jennifer Wilson

**Acknowledgements** ..... Sis. Jacqueline Bishop

**Resolution** ..... Lic. Dr. Bernice Cooper

**Preparational Selection** ..... New Mt. Carmel Mass Choir

**The Message Of Hope** ..... The Rev. Glannie E. Tisdale  
(Pastor of New Mt. Camel AME Church, Hemingway, SC)

**The Lord's Prayer** ..... Choir

**Selection** ..... Gospel Legends of Columbia, SC

## **Recessional**

## **Parting View**

### **Committal-Benediction-Interment**

Poston Cemetery, Williamsburg County, Hwy North,  
Cades, South Carolina

**Repast**— Immediately after the Interment, the family will receive friends in the  
fellowship hall of the Believer's Holiness Convention Center, Coward, SC.

**Floral Bearers**  
Family and Friends

**Casket Bearers**  
Family and Friends

### **The Final Flight**

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 end 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 too I will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My Life's been full, I savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one' 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.

### **In Appreciation**

The Family of the late **Mr. James "Bo" Gamble** express sincere appreciation to each of you who remembered us in your prayers, who called or visited, who sent flowers, cards and anyway extended a loving heart to us. These kind gestures from our many friends have brought comfort to our hearts.

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