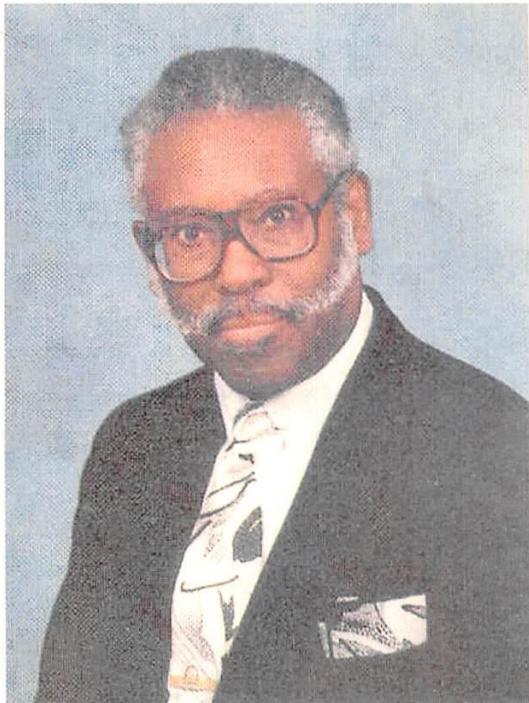


"In Loving Memory"
A True Man of God



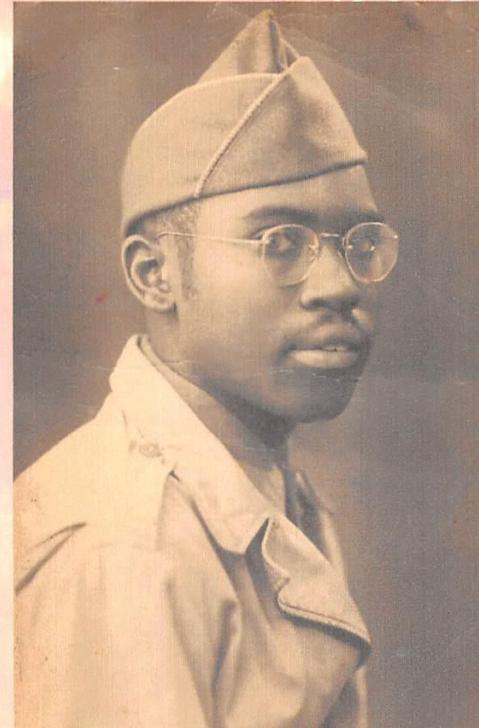
Acts 20:28

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Home Going Service for
"A Shepherd"
Hayward Cleophus Leach

Sunrise
May 29, 1925

Sunset
August 16, 2006



Tuesday, August 22, 2006

Visitation: two hours before noon

Service: one hour before noon

Kennedy Heights Church of Christ

5930 Redbank Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45213

Unconditional Love

*God called his child to glory to sit with Him on high
We held his hand, we touched his face and kissed his spirit goodbye
The pains of your life are past, labor and sorrow ceased
Life's long warfare closed – at last, thy soul has found peace*

*Daddy Dear, we loved you, but the Lord loved you best
We commit your body to the grave peacefully at rest
Your spirit is rejoicing, your joy will never end
You'll live with God in glory, an eternity to spend*

Composed by - The Family



The Acknowledgement

Because you cared, you came to share beautiful flowers and words of prayer
Because you cared, you sent us food, words of comfort and cards because you knew
this time would be hard.
Because you cared, we were rarely alone, calls and visits reached our home.
Because you cared, we are grateful indeed,
you have been supported and a friend in a time of need.
Because you cared, we are praying too, for God's richest blessing for each of you.
With our sincere appreciation and thanks!

~The Family of Hayward Leach

Couriers
Family and Friends

Flower Couriers
Family and Friends

Interment

Crown Hill Memorial Park
Mt. Healthy, Ohio

*Repast will be held at Kennedy Heights Church of Christ immediately following the
interment.*

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"To God Be The Glory"
3939 Reading Road @ Paddock
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"Because Love Is Never Lost" - 513-307-5388

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God has laid you see.

I took his hand when I heard Him 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 found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joys

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savored much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and peace to thee, God wanted me now, He set me free.



God's Garden

God Looked Around His garden and He found an empty place,

He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face

He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain,

He knew that you would never get well on earth again

He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb,

So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine".

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,

For part of us went with you- The day God called you home.

A Shepherd's Service

Presiding Dr. David Lane

Song Directors James Kent

Ronald Wilkins

A Shepherd's Psallo ... "*Mansion, Robe and Crown*" ~ Kennedy Heights Congregation

A Shepherd's Psallo "*His Eye Is On The Sparrow*" ~ Jackie Porter

A Shepherd's Supplication Dr. William Martin

A Shepherd's Script

Old Testament Reading

Shelley Moore

New Testament Reading

Charles Willis

A Shepherd's Psallo "*Precious Lord*" ~ Jackie Porter

A Shepherd's Resolution James Jasper

A Shepherd's Life Denise Bykes

A Shepherd's Psallo "*Learning To Lean*" ~ Richard Rose

Minister, Gray Road Church of Christ

A Shepherd's Story John T. Edmerson

Minister, Kennedy Heights Church of Christ

Major McMillian, Friend

James Wilkins, Co-Laborer

A Shepherd's Summary Dr. David Lane

'Take Us Up Now' "*I'll Fly Away*" ~ Kennedy Heights Congregation

Celebrating His Spirit

Hayward Cleophus Leach was born May 29, 1925 in Lawrence County, Alabama. He was the last surviving sibling of five children born to the loving union of the late Carl Leach and Vera Snider Leach. Older brothers, William and Carl Jr., younger sisters, Angie Mae and Mattie, all preceded him in death. Hayward felt blessed to have seen six generations of his family. He departed this earthly life on the morning of August 16, 2006.

Hayward was added to the Lord's body at an early age as the direct result rudimentary gospel preaching of the late Brother Marshall Keeble, also having the distinction of being a fourth generation Church of Christ member.

Hayward was united in holy matrimony to the late Cladis C. Brandon on November 4, 1946. This union lasted nearly 50 years and was blessed with six children.

Hayward was graduated from the Lawrence County School System. As the son of a Church of Christ Minister and aspiring to follow in his father's footsteps, he attended the Nashville Christian Institute (NCI) in Nashville, Tennessee.

He was stationed in Europe during World War II and received an honorable discharge from the United States Army after serving for three years.

Hayward retired from Kahn's Meat Packing Company after over thirty years of employment.

He was a faithful member of the Madisonville Church of Christ. When the church relocated to the Kennedy Heights Community, he was pleased to have had the distinguished honor of being one of the first elders at the Kennedy Heights congregation where he served for eighteen years. Hayward was devoted to teaching adult and new convert bible classes for many years, and was tireless in evangelistic efforts to win souls for Christ.

Hayward leaves the memory of a humble spirit, steadfast hope, defense of the gospel, diligent study of the holy scripture, faithful assembling and sincere love for the Lord's Church as a legacy to be continued by his daughters, Ann Burnett (Ronald), Stephanie Lane (David), Joyce Allen (Ronald), Brenda Willis (Charles); sons, Howard and Charles Leach; twelve grandchildren, Kycha, Joell, Damon, Tammy (David), Sonja, Alisha, Denita, David, Marco (Loni), Stephen, Derrick and Davette; fifteen great-grandchildren. He also leaves four sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He fondly reminisced childhood memories during visits from nieces, Vera Brown and Carlean Stephenson. He will be fondly remembered as the "encyclopedia uncle".

Psalms 16:9

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

John 14:1-4

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

II Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Revelations 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.