FUNERAL SERVICE

Louis S. Gaines
First Baptist Church
April 20, 1966
3:00 P. M.

Organ Selections - Miss Pauline Gilliam, Organist

"How Great Thou Art"
"There's No Friend to Me Like Jesus"
"Jerusalem the Golden"
"Cast Thy Burden on the Lord"
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (Refuge tune)
"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
"No Shadows Yonder"

Opening Scriptural Sentence - Reverend Colon S. Jackson, Jr.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalms 46:1

Choral Selection - Adult Choir, First Baptist Church - Reverend Jack Alexander

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Minister of Music

Invocation - Reverend Jackson

Remarks - Reverend Jackson

The Reverend Louis S. Gaines was like Abraham, a man of faith and one who followed God's divine leadership.

He was like Moses for through his life and preaching he led men out of their spiritual bondage into a richer and fuller life.

He was like Joshua for he loved his country and would have willingly given his life to defend her freedoms.

He was like David because he loved good music especially the hymns of the church.

He was like Isaiah a man of compassion and concern for his people.

He was like Hosea for he knew the love of God and preached it as it was revealed in Christ.

He was like Malachi for he believed in bringing all his tithes into God's house.

He was like John the Baptist for he pointed men to the lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

He was like Matthew because he used his pen to preach the gospel.

He was like John the Apostle having experienced the reality of abiding in Christ and Christ abiding in him.

He was like Peter because he believed the gospel was for all men. He believed it to the degree that he continued to encourage the church to give more to mission causes.

He was like Paul for he could say, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, and finished the course; henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." He was like Paul in another way, for as this great apostle supported, prayed for, and encouraged his younger companion in the gospel, Timothy; so, Louis S. Gaines supported, prayed for, and encouraged this young preacher.

He was like Enoch, "He walked with God, and was not, for God took him."

Thus the world has been blessed by his presence and faithfulness, hell's population has been reduced because of his preaching, and Heaven's gates have been opened to receive another one of God's children.

Choral Selection - Adult Choir

"My Jesus, As Thou Wilt"
Scripture, Remarks and Prayers, Dr. E. Gibson Davis -

"The pastor has spoken feelingly of Louis' likeness to many of the worthies of the Old and New Testament. It might be said, too, that Louis Gaines was much like David. He felt his insufficiency at times as all good men must do, but he knew wherein his strength lay. He could apprise the feeling of David for the good man:

**Psalms 1**

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does he prospers.

The wicked are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Louis had the same feeling which David experienced in hours of tragedy and sorrow. How he loved the 23rd Psalm:

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The words of Jesus to his disciples on the very eve of His departure were ever dear to them, as they must be to all of us as we say goodbye to loved ones. (John 14:1-3)

Or the word of Paul in his letter to the church at Corinth: 1 Corinthians 15:53-38.

Through the tears and saddened emotions of this day there should come a joyous optimism, sustained by the faith that: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints (Psalms 116:15)."

Of a New Testament disciple by the name of Barnabas we have it written: "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and much people was added to the Lord!"

Much that was written of Barnabas could be written of Louis Gaines. He was a good man. The word goodness and the word God comes from the same root stem. That doesn't mean that he was a perfect man. There has never been but one perfect man in the world - that was the God-Man. As much man as though He were not God, and as much God as though He were not man.

But Louis Gaines was a man among men. He was a man like Barnabas who was forever helping someone else. Paul needed such a friend when he was unknown to the other apostles and to the church at large, and had it not been for Barnabas Paul might not have been heard from at all, or at least he would have had a much more difficult time in attaining the place in the church which he did.

Then Louis Gaines, like Barnabas, was good man to God. God was good to him, but he was good to God and for God's work in the world. No man can do the work in the church as God wants it done unless he be filled with the Holy Spirit. Louis Gaines was a spirit-filled man. His work was the kind of which no man need to be ashamed.

I never knew Louis Gaines to do a little thing. God's work is being done through the churches today by men like Barnabas.
Again, Barnabas was a Good Man in his Faith. Louis Gaines was such. He believed
the Bible. Many things in the Bible we are not privileged to know and understand
in this life, but Louis took the Word of God as he found it. He believed it was
indeed and truth the Word of God. He did not believe that there were two or three
Isaiahs. He knew there was one, and that one he tried to copy after, as the pastor
has said: "He was like Isaiah."
Lastly: Louis Gaines was a good man in his friendships. For nearly fifty years I
have known him as a faithful friend. He was faithful to his friends because he was
motivated by his friendship with the "'Friend that sticketh closer than a brother.'"
He did not neglect his friends. Many of us do that at times. I ran across these
lines some days ago which depict so many of us:
Around the corner I have a friend, In this great city that has no end, Yet days go by and weeks rush on, And before I know it a year has gone, And I never see my old friend's face, for life is a swift and terrible race. He knows I like him just as well, as in the days when I rang his bell - And he rang mine, we were younger then, and now we are busy, tired men. Tired with playing a foolish game, tired with trying to win a name. Tomorrow, say I will call on Jim, just to show I am thinking of him. But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes, and the distance between us grows and grows. Around the corner, yet miles away. A telegram - Sir! Jim died today! And that's what we get, and observe in the end: Around the corner, a vanished friend.
I should like to read a Parable by Temple Bailey. Will you suffer me to change the
word Mother to Father, for that expresses our friend and his life with his children:
The young father set his foot on the path of life. "'Is the way long?' he asked. And his guide said, "'Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning.'! But the young father was happy and he would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So he played with his children and gathered flowers for them along the way and bathed with them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them and life was good, and the young father said, "'Nothing will ever be lovelier than this.'"
Then night came, and storm, and the path was dark and the children shook with
fear and cold, and the father drew them close and covered them with his mantle and the children said, "'O father, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come,'" and the father said, "'This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage.'" And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead and the children climbed and grew weary, and the father was weary, but at all times he said to the children, "'A little patience and we are there.'" So the children climbed and when they reached the top, they said, "'We could not have done it without you, father.'" And the father, when he lay down that night, looked up at the stars and said, "'This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage, today I have given them strength.'"
And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth - clouds of war
and hate and evil - and the children groped and stumbled and the father said, "'Look up. Lift your eyes to the light.'" And the children looked and saw
above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them
beyond darkness. And that night the father said, "'This is the best day of
all, for I have shown my children God!'"
(Dr. Davis' Message - continued)

And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the father grew old, and he was little and bent. But his children were tall and strong and walked with courage. And when the day was rough they lifted him, for he was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And the father said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Father, even when you have gone through the gates."

And they stood and watched him as he went on alone, and the gates closed after him. And they said, "We cannot see him, but he is with us still. A father like ours is more than a memory. He is a Living Presence."

Someone has beautifully said: God gave us memory that we might have roses in December. Many of us have lovely garlands of roses today, and we shall have them in December.

It is not death to die, to leave this weary road;
Among the brotherhood on high to be at home with God.
It is not death to fling aside this sinful dust;
And rise on strong exultant wing to live among the just.
It is not death to close the eye long dimmed by tear;
And wake from glorious repose to spend eternal years.
Jesus, Thou Prince of Life, Thy chosen cannot die,
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife and reign with Thee on high.

Let us pray: Almighty God, Father of all mercy, we lift again our voices to Thee in praise for a noble life well lived. We recall with gratitude Thy loving kindness and tender mercies to this Thy servant. Thou didst enable him to fight the good fight of faith, and to obtain the victory. Tenderly uphold these who shall miss him most. Bless her who has walked with him these years. Bless and uphold her by Thy Spirit. And remember these sons and the daughter, and the grandchildren, as well as all who were near and dear to him by ties of blood or other relationships. May we learn to say in filial submission, "Not my will, but thine be done." Comfort them with the assurance that their loved one is at rest in Thee. Help these Children to attain all the ambitions he had for them. And lead us all through this sorrow to prepare for that home, where we shall all be united as a family above to part no more. In Jesus name. Amen.

Choral Selections - Adult Choir
"The Solid Rock" - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" - "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

Organ Recessional
A Epitaph by Bishop Ralph Cushman - Dr. Davis

If I should die some day, dear heart -
And it must be I will -
Just dig me deep,
Where I can sleep,
A place upon the hill.

Where stars come nightly to look down,
And sunshine gladdens day;
Within the sod
Where I've known God,
There lay my dust away.

And build us there a trysting place,
And come there with a will;
Forget not, sweet,
And we shall meet
In spirit on the hill.

And sometime write this epitaph
Upon some simple stone;
Beneath this sky
I loved to lie,
A pilgrim facing home.

Cherishing memories that are forever sacred; Sustained by a faith that is stronger than death; And comforted by the hope of a life that shall endless be, We commit to the earth all that is mortal of this, our friend and loved one. As we have borne the image of the earthy, So shall we bear the image of the heavenly.

Benediction -
In the passing of Louis S. Gaines on April 18, 1966, North Carolina Baptists lost a distinguished Christian gentleman and effective leader.

Louis Shoup Gaines was born January 22, 1898, in Springfield, Ohio, son of Edmund Pendleton and Mary Louisa Shoup Gaines. Educated from high school in Springfield, from Denison University, Granville, Ohio, and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1921-1922.

Louis Hart Gaines became his wife on June 22, 1921. Five children were born to them: Edmund W. Gaines, now deceased; George T. Gaines of Statesville; Robert Bruce Gaines of Lumberton; David H. Gaines of Fayetteville; and Mrs. Dorcas Ann Gaines Clarke of Southern Pines. On October 3, 1944, he lost his wife in death. On October 15 of the same year, his son, Edmund, was killed in action in World War II. He married Bess Jackson Gaines on November 27, 1945.

Mr. Gaines was a pastor of rare ability. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio, on January 30, 1922. He served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Paris (1922-1927) and First Baptist Church of Williamsburg (1927-1931) in Kentucky. North Carolina pastorates included Hayes Barton in Raleigh (1931-1939), First Baptist in Lexington (1939-1943) and First Baptist in Fayetteville (1943-1962). He retired from the pastorate on June 30, 1962.

Louis Gaines was a denominational leader. He served as president of the Ohio State Baptist Young People's Union, and as a member of the Board of Managers of Western Recorder and Home Mission Board representative from Kentucky. In North Carolina he served as home mission board member (twelve years), member and chairman of the General Board, four terms on the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder (second of which he was chairman), and as Second and First Vice-Presidents of the Baptist State Convention.

Demanding pastoral duties and denominational activities never kept Louis Gaines from involvement in community responsibilities. He was a member of Rotary International for thirty years, and president of the Lexington Club. He was a member of the American Red Cross Board for thirty years. He served as president of the USO Board of Fayetteville, of which he was a member for eighteen years. He served as a member of the Mayor's Interracial Committee for the city of Fayetteville.

During World War II, he served for a short while in the United States Army. He was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding service in community affairs as a member of the Fayetteville-Fort Bragg Advisory Committee in 1941-1942.

Articles written by Gaines were published in various periodicals. He served the Baptist Sunday School Board as book reviewer for many years.

A life-long friend said at his funeral, "Much that was written of Barnabas could be written of Louis Gaines. For, like Barnabas, he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, and much people was added to the Lord." He continued, "I never knew Louis Gaines to do a little thing."

The Barnabas press said of him, "His ministry has been characterized by scholarship, humility, and service. With quiet devotion he has served his people well. He always his first concern to the people of his church and community."

The secular press spoke of him as "a friendly and thoughtful gentleman, a man at once of great dignity and of a deep and kindly humor. . . a preacher of force and insight, imbued with the ability to battle the cause of the spiritual world against the fleshly world with a rare consideration of the feelings of those with whom he at times found himself opposed on issues."

His ministerial colleagues found him humble, friendly, gentle, serene, poised, efficient and effective. Many of his younger clerical brothers saw him as the epitome of the polished Christian gentleman and forceful leader they wished to be. Heavy responsibilities rarely kept him from ministerial and associational fellowships, where no task was too small to receive his most careful attention.

In spite of his insistence to the contrary, among his fellow ministers and in the community he was affectionately known as "Dr. Gaines." Perhaps this best speaks of the honor and esteem in which he was held. In his life and ministry he was exceptional in being able to lift up Christ without allowing self to dim the view.

The dedicated service of Louis S. Gaines earned for him the "well done" of our Savior. Those of us who knew him well are the better for it.

E. C. W.
"A church begins in the heart of God. But that church must take form in the hearts of men and women dedicated to His will." Our church, through the first quarter-century of its history, has been abundantly blessed by the providence of God, and our people under divine guidance have been privileged to realize many achievements in His Name.

The path of progress is not always smooth. For us the pathway of the years has gone uphill and down, but every hill of difficulty has been a spur to success, and every conquest has welded our spirits into a finer fellowship in Christ. Today, in happy retrospect, we pause to thank our Heavenly Father for His goodness, to renew our Covenant of fellowship with each other, and to pledge again our faith in Jesus Christ, the spiritual Head of the church.

The Past is Prologue to the Future. As "Christ loved the church and gave himself for it" (Ephes. 5:25), let us steadfastly set our faces to the years ahead and nerve our spirits to respond with courage to every leading of the will of God.
DR. LOUIS S. GAINES
IN MEMORIAM

These Minutes, by vote of the New South River Baptist Association, meeting in Annual Session, October 19, 1966 at Salemburg, are respectfully dedicated in memory of Dr. Louis S. Gaines, who for nineteen and one-half years served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C. During this ministry over twenty-one hundred members were received into the fellowship of the church. Other pastorates in North Carolina include First Baptist Church, Lexington, where he served for ten years, and Hayes Barton Church in Raleigh.

During these years as pastor in North Carolina, he faithfully and unselfishly served in numerous denominational positions of our State and Southern Baptist Convention. He was a member of the Home Mission Board for twelve years; he also served on the Annuity Board and was a Book Reviewer for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the North Carolina Baptist Convention he served as chairman of the General Board; four terms on the Biblical Recorder Board; two terms as chairman of the Biblical Recorder Board and First and Second Vice-President of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

His civic activities in Fayetteville include twenty-five years on the Board of Red Cross, Vice-President of the Rotary Club, President of the U.S.O. Board (a member of the board for eighteen years), and four years as a member of the Mayor's Interracial Committee.

Dr. Gaines was well-known as counsellor and friend to individuals of every walk of life.

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Rev. Louis S. Gaines, Baptist Leader, Dies

FAYETTEVILLE — Rev. Louis S. Gaines, a leading Baptist official of the state and a former Fayetteville pastor, died Monday morning at his home here of a heart attack. He was 68.

He had served as vice president of the Baptist State Convention, as chairman of the Biblical Recorder board, and as North Carolina representative on the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Relief and Annuity Board.

Born in Springfield, Ohio, he came to Fayetteville in 1943 and became pastor of the First Baptist Church, a pastorate he held until June 30, 1963.

He served as a student pastor in Brownstown Ind., and had held pastorates here and at the First Baptist Church of Paris, Ky., the First Baptist Church in Williamsburg, Ky., Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh and the First Baptist Church in Lexington.

He was a veteran of the Army in World War I and was a member of the USO board of directors.

The Rev. Mr. Gaines is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bessie J. Gaines; three sons, George T. Gaines of Statesville, R. Bruce Gaines of Lumberton and David H. Gaines of Fayetteville; one daughter, Mrs. William M. Clarke of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the First Baptist Church here Wednesday at 3 p.m. Interment will be in Cross Creek Cemetery. Dr. E. Gibson Davis and Rev. Colin S. Jackson will officiate.
Dr. Louis Gaines, Former Local Minister Succumbs

Dr. Louis Shoup Gaines, retired Fayetteville minister and a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lexington, died at 4:15 a.m. today at his home, 515 Forest Road, after suffering a heart attack.

He had been in declining health with a heart condition for several years but had been able to be out recently and death was unexpected.

Dr. Gaines, 68, was pastor of Lexington's First Baptist Church from Sept. 1, 1933 until December 1, 1943, when he went to Fayetteville as pastor of the First Baptist Church there. He was widely known and highly respected in the Lexington area.

He retired from the ministry on June 30, 1963, and had continued to make his home in Fayetteville. During his ministry he served churches at Bronstown, Ind., as a student minister, First Baptist at Paris, Ky., First Baptist at Winsburg, Ky., and Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh, in addition to the churches here and at Fayetteville.

He was born Jan. 22, 1896 in Springfield, Ohio to the late Edmond Pendleton Gaines and Mary Louisa Shoup Gaines. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Fayetteville Rotary Club. He was on the Red Cross board of directors for 25 years and was a former chairman of that board. He was past chairman of the board of the Biblical Recorder and a former North Carolina representative on the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bessie J. Gaines of the One; three sons, George T. Gaines of Statesville, Bruce J. Gaines of Lumberton and David Gaines of Fayetteville; one daughter, Mrs. William M. Clarke of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and 13 grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Fayetteville, with the pastor, the Rev. C. S. Jackson, and Dr. E. Gibson Davis of Spartanburg, S. C. officiating.
Dedication Of Library Scheduled

A service dedicating the Louis S. Gaines Memorial Library will be held Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church on Anderson and Old Streets.

Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and a long-time friend of the Rev. and Mrs. Gaines, will be the dedication speaker.

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He was on the board of the American Red Cross, a member of the USO Board, of which he also served as president, and was a member of the Mayor's Inter-racial Committee for the City of Fayetteville. He was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding service in community affairs as a member of the Fayetteville-Ft. Bragg Advisory Committee in 1961-62.

The memorial library, made possible by the gifts of many hundreds of individuals, is located in the east wing of the Educational Building of the First Baptist Church. It has 500 square feet of floor space, and contains approximately 3,750 volumes, consisting of reference works, fiction, biography, and other non-fiction works for adults and children.

The Rev. Glen Holt, pastor, said the public is invited to attend the dedication service.
FAYETTEVILLE — The Rev. Louis S. Gaines, 68, former pastor of the First Baptist Church here and one-time vice president of the State Baptist Convention, died here Monday.

The Rev. Mr. Gaines was pastor at First Baptist until 1963, and had been a resident here since 1943. He was member of the USO board of directors, a representative on the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and a veteran of World War I.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. E. Gibson Davis and the Rev. Colin S. Jackson. Burial will be at Cross Creek Cemetery.

Surviving are wife, Mrs. Besse J. Gaines; three sons, George T. Gaines, of Statesville, R. Bruce Gaines, of Lumberton, and David H. Gaines, of Fayetteville; one daughter, Mrs. William M. Clarke, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and 13 grandchildren.
Dear friends,  

I thought you might like to read a copy of your monument service, so I am enclosing one for you since you could not be present.

Our church has started a memorial fund looking forward to building "The Gaines Memorial Library." This is appropriate since Louis loved books and spent a lot of time with them.

It is my prayer that I will be faithful and live on in grace and dignity according to my talent and zest. This seems to be the most effective means of honoring those whom we have loved and lost for a while and of restoring our own balance and courage.

I trust that you are well and happy these days.

Sincerely, Ross Gaines

Gaines, Louis Shoup  


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Other:

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The Rev. Louis S. Gaines of 515 Forest Rd. died at his home at 4:45 a.m. today of a heart attack.

He was born in Springfield, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1898. He was the son of the late Edmund Pendleton Gaines and Mary Louise Shoup Gaines. Mr. Gaines had been a resident of Fayetteville since 1943 when he came here as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, a position he held until June 30, 1963.

He was a student pastor of Brownstown, Ind., for a number of years, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Paris, Ky., pastor of the Williamsburg, Ky., First Baptist Church, Hayes Barton Baptist Church of Raleigh and the First Baptist Church of Lexington.

World War I Vet

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War I. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, the Rotary Club, a member of the Red Cross board of directors for 25 years and served as chairman for several years.

He was a member of the U.S.O. board of directors. He was vice president of the State Baptist Convention, past chairman of the Biblical Recorder board, North Carolina representative on the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Relief and Annuity Board.

Mr. Gaines is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bessie J. Gaines.

Portrait Of Late Minister Presented

A portrait of the late Dr. Louis S. Gaines, pastor of the First Baptist Church here for a number of years, was presented to the church Sunday by his family.

A letter from the family was read to the congregation by Jack Alexander, minister of music and the only remaining member of Dr. Gaines' staff when he served the church.

The letter said the portrait was presented for the church's memorial lounge "as a token of the faith we confessed together."

The family said that Dr. Gaines "counted it a privilege and was glad for the opportunity to serve as your pastor, spiritual leader and friend."

John L. Kennedy, moderator, who accepted the portrait for the congregation, said, "This portrait placed in the Memorial Lounge of this church will be a fitting memorial to the nineteen and a half years that he served as pastor of this church."

Dr. Gaines died on April 18. Family members present for the ceremony included Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gaines of Statesville, R. Bruce Gaines of Lumberton, and David H. Gaines of Fayetteville; one daughter, Mrs. William M. Clarke of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral Services

Funeral services will be conducted at the First Baptist Church Wednesday at 3 p.m. Interment will be in Cross Creek Cemetery. Dr. E. Gibson Davis of Spartanburg, S. C., and the Rev. Colon S. Jackson will officiate.

Active pallbearers will be Phillip Langdon, D. P. Russ, Eugene Brantley, Kenneth Harris, Walter Slover, John Martin Jr., Roy White and Horace Inman.

The minister of the New River Baptist Assn. and deacons and former deacons of the First Baptist Church will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Dr. LOUIS S. GAINES

Mrs. George T. Gaines of Statesville, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce Gaines of Lumberton, Dr. and Mrs. William M. Clarke of Southern Pines, and Mr. and Mrs. David H. Gaines of Fayetteville. There are 13 grandchildren in the family.
This Christmas, while our hearts are heavy with sorrow and suspense, we greet you in the Name of our Lord Christ, Who came into our troubled world bringing light, joy and life eternal. Therefore, our sorrow is not the forlorn sorrow of those who are without hope in Christ. In memory of our Dear Ones, and for Christ's sake and His Gospel's we carry on with serene spirit and good hope. We are deeply grateful for the many kindnesses of our Gracious God and His good people. And in 1945 the well-being and well-doing of our friends will be our chief concern for His Name's sake.

LOUIS SHOUP GAINES
EDMUND, GEORGE and MARJORIE, BRUCE, DAVID, DORCAS

In Memoriam
LOIS ELIZABETH HART GAINES
March 2, 1899 - October 3, 1944

'There is no time that we could set For parting. We who must remain Are never ready for such pain. Even our prayer would be: 'Not yet! Not yet, dear God - another day With us let our beloved stay.' We must believe, when falls the blow That wisely, God has willed it so.'

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"Oh, use me, Lord, use even me
Just as Thou wilt and when and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see;
Thy love, Thy joy, Thy presence share."
(Lines found in Lois' Bible)

LOIS ELIZABETH HART GAINES
Daughter of Dr. Wilfred Thomas Hart and Anna Case Hart
Born in Ravenna, Ohio—March 2, 1899
Married—June 22, 1921
—to—
Rev. Louis Shoup Gaines
Entered into Rest—Tuesday, October 3, 1944
Fayetteville, North Carolina

2Lt. EDMUND WILFRED GAINES
B-17 (Flying Fortress) Pilot

Son of Louis Shoup and Lois Hart Gaines
Born July 30, 1922—Seymour, Indiana
Commissioned December 5, 1943—Blytheville, Arkansas
Wounded in Action over Germany—August 24, 1944
Returned to Duty—September 12, 1944
Reported Missing in Action over Germany—October 15, 1944

We fervently pray and hopefully trust that Edmund is alive, unhurt, and well, and that we will be Providentially permitted to welcome him home again with glad thanksgiving to God.