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Rev. Dr. Wydmon Melvin Adams was born Aug. 10, 1909, in Greenville, S.C. He was the fourth child born of the late Amos and Elizabeth Adams. He attended the elementary schools in Greenville, S.C. He later moved to Asheville, N.C., where he continued his education and at the age of 23, he was ordained at St. John A. Baptist Church. In 1930, he moved to Salisbury, N.C., where he continued his education at Livingston College.

He met and fell in love with Velma Hall and was married on Sept. 19, 1938, and to that union God blessed them with four children. Two sons, John W. James and Jerry Adams, and one daughter, Jeraldine Adams, preceded him in death.

He then received his doctor of divinity degree in June 1975 from the Universal Bible Institute in Alamo, Tenn.

Dr. Adams was a pastor for more than 70 years. During that time he has led many congregations to build and remodel. He had pastoral experiences at the following churches: Long Branch Baptist Church in Asheville, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Kannapolis, Macedonia Baptist Church in Concord, Pinegrove Baptist Church in Landis, Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church in Lenoir, New Bethel Baptist Church in Mocksville, Shiloh Baptist Church in Albemarle, Cunningham Baptist Church in Lexington, and St. John Baptist Church in Winston-Salem for 46 years.

Dr. Adams found time to get involved with other worthy organizations. He served as president of the Sunday School Convention of the Rising Star Missionary Convention, vice moderator and a member of the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem.

He and his wife, Velma, have worked faithfully side by side. Dr. Adams leaves to celebrate his life in unity, peace and love: his wife, Velma H. Adams of the Winston-Salem; daughter, Velma E. Martin of Newark, N.J.; three grandsons, Clarence, Nathan and Eddie Martin; two granddaughters-in-law, Karen and Dianne Martin; seven great-grandchildren, David Gillian, Nathan Charles, Breanne Elizabeth Faith, Brian Frederick Wydmon, Saval, Kayla and Kayona Martin; one sister, Geneva Hadden; one sister and brother-in-law, Myrtle and E. Green; three nephews, Rev. Albert Hadden, Jacob Simmons and Garry Simmons; three nieces, Ollie Wiley, Ann Hadden, Yvonne Simmons; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A home-going service for Dr. Adams was held March 11 at 2 p.m. at M.C. Benton Convention Center. Pastor Leonard N. Lewis officiated and Rev. John G. Gaston was eulogist. Interment was held Monday, March 12, at 11 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.