

Funeral Set For Leader Of Baptists

The funeral for Dr. Robert Mack Pitts Sr., 76, of 2800 Gilmer Avenue, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church and former president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Shiloh Baptist Church. Burial will be in Cedar Grove Baptist Church cemetery in Davie County.

Dr. Pitts died Friday at Kate Bitting Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

He was president of the state convention from 1959 to 1965. The organization, the largest Negro church group in the state, included more than 300,000 Negro Baptists, representing 1,500 churches.

S. C. Native

He also had been chairman of the executive committee of the General Baptist State Convention and moderator of the Winston-Salem and Greensboro Baptist Association. He organized the local Baptist Ministers Conference several years ago.

He was born in Newberry County, S. C. to Jack and Martha Elizabeth Reader Pitts. He had been preaching since 1916.

He was pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church here for 40 years and also was pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Davie County at the time of his death.

Wife Survives

Dr. Pitts was a trustee of Friendship College, a director of the National Baptist Association of America, first vice president of the Lott Carey Convention, former president of the Emancipation Association, treasurer of the Rowan Baptist Association and of the Rowan Sunday School Convention and treasurer of the Baptist Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nancy Hanes Pitts; three daughters, Mrs. Zella Mae P. Williams of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Elizabeth P. Robinson of Winter Haven, Fla., and Mrs. Fannie P. Ryan of Wilmington; three sons, the Rev. R. M. Pitts Jr. of Charleston, S. C., Anderson Pitts of Baltimore, Md. and Calvin Pitts of Winston-Salem; a sister, Mrs. Rosa Carpenter of Philadelphia, Pa. and two half brothers, Thomas Mangrum of Pineville and Johnny Mangrum of Mecklenburg County.

The body is at Ryan Funeral Home.

Wilmington News

Wilmington Star-News

Wilson Daily Times

Winston-Salem Journal

Winston-Salem Sentinel

Norfolk: Va. Pilot

neg 101
JUL 29 1969

Carolina

CLIPPING SERVICE
1115 HILLSBORO
RALEIGH, NC 27603
TEL. (919) 833-2079

JOURNAL
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C

BP

AUG-14-86

291
day, August 14, 1986



R. PITTS



N. PITTS

□ The late Dr. Robert M. Pitts, former pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, and his wife, Nancy H. Montrose Pitts were cited posthumously by the city of Winston-Salem for their many years of Christian and community service. Pitts died in 1969; Mrs. Pitts died in March.

Pitts held doctorate degrees from Shaw University and Benedict College. He was president of the Baptist State Convention from 1959 to 1965 and organized the local Baptist Minister's Conference.