

Celebration
of
The Life



of
John Alexander McDowell

Wednesday, December 16, 1992

2:00 P.M.

WESLEY TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Road - Salisbury, Maryland

REVEREND VAUGHN A. JOHNSON, *Pastor Officiating*

Obituary

John McDowell's life was one of dedicated service and perseverance. From the days of the depression when public school transportation was not available, he was determined to attend high school by living with different families and catching rides to school. In college he stayed on campus working many jobs to pay his tuition. This work ethic remained with him throughout his career. He would not accept the word "can't" from students or faculty or himself.

*Someone said, it couldn't be done
But he with a smile replied,
"Maybe it can't, but I won't be the one to say it,
until I have tried."*

He tried and tried and won many battles by producing high standards and leaves this as his legacy -

"Let the Work I Have Done Speak For Me."

John Alexander McDowell, educator, church man and civic leader, died Thursday, December 10, 1992 in the Lofland Park Life Care Center in Seaford, Delaware.

Born in Sharptown, Maryland, he was the oldest of three children born to the late Reverend Abraham and Ida McDowell.

McDowell received his elementary and high school education in Wicomico County. His high school diploma came from the former Salisbury High School, whose principal was Charles Chipman. In 1938, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, then named Princess Anne College.

In 1950, he received a Master of Science Degree in Education from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Further studies were done at the University of Maryland, College Park, Columbia University, Howard University and the University of Pennsylvania.

He was a teacher, principal and supervisor for the Worcester County Board of Education in a career spanning 39 years. He was supervisor of instruction for eight years before his retirement in 1978.

While living in Snow Hill, Maryland he was an active member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, where he headed many organizations and activities. After his retirement he moved his membership to Wesley Temple United Methodist Church.

McDowell was a life member of the National Education Association, the Maryland State Teachers Association, Worcester County Teachers and the American Association for Retired Persons. He was also a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

In the community, he was chairman of the Disaster Committee of the Red Cross, a member of the Blood Bank of the Eastern Shore Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of Shore-Up!, the MAC Center Task Force, the Stroke Club, where he leaves many friends. He was an active member of the Pi Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity of Princess Anne.

He was joined in holy matrimony to the late Grace Williams McDowell, a marriage of fifty years, until her death on October 17, 1988.

He is survived by one sister, Ruth McDowell, Nashville, Tennessee; one brother, James Hargis McDowell, Baltimore, Maryland; two nephews, Rodney and Larry McDowell, Cambridge, Maryland; a sister-in-law, Frankie Ledbetter, Chicago, Illinois; two aunts, Nola Warrington and Anne Lindsay; an uncle, Fletcher Lankford; a devoted nurse, Peggy Spence; four godchildren, Edward Dashiell, Jr., Charles Bailey, Jr., Scott Waters and Grace T. Hill; a companion, Nathaniel Whittington; numerous great nieces and nephews. Besides his many friends, he leaves two devoted friends, Charletta T. House and Harold Curry.

*Celebrate with us
the life -
the gifts -
the Christian legacy of
JOHN ALEXANDER McDOWELL
a gifted man -
a giving man -
A true, living treasure.
Lovingly submitted,
The Family*

The Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE "Largo"

VIEWING

PROCESSIONAL Clergy and Family

INVOCATION Minister

HYMN OF JOY pg. 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PRAYER

HYMNAL SELECTION pg. 314 "I Come To The Garden Alone"

LESSONS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament Lesson: 35th Chapter of Isaiah

New Testament Lesson: II Corinthians 5: 12-17

SOLO "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Bro. Nathaniel Whittington

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF CARDS, CONDOLENCES AND RESOLUTIONS

OBITUARY Mrs. Mae J. Peart

RELFECTIONS Visiting Clergy

Dr. Terrance A. Greenwood,
Board of Education, Worcester County

Dr. Claud C. Marion,
Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland,
Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD

Mr. Robert Maddux,
President of the Wicomico Stroke Club

MUSICAL SELECTION "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

EULOGY Rev. Vaughn A. Johnson

SOLO "May The Work I've Done Speak For Me" Mrs. Kelly Mitchell

RECESSIONAL

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

Honorary Pallbearers

Leon Brown
Dr. Robert W. Gaddis
Milbourne Hull

Harold Curry
Earl Handy
Walter Maddox

Active Pallbearers

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

Floral Bearers

Qu-ettes

Acknowledgements

Realizing that each tomorrow is not ours to understand and knowing that God never hurts and never wastes our pain, for every loss He sends to us is followed by rich gains. Today in our loss, our hurt and our pain, we recognize our gains in you, our friends and loved ones, for flowers, your cards, your whispered prayers and every deed of kindness have been a source of strength and comfort. We are eternally grateful.

– The Family of John Alexander McDowell

SPECIAL THANKS: The church family of Wesley Temple United Methodist Church for their support and concern, and the staff of Lofland Park Life Care Center of Seaford, Delaware, and the Home Care Assistants, Barbara Hammond, Ann Hankerson and Shirley Spence.

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