

1899

1984

*Pallbearers*

Grandsons

*Interment*

Bethlehem Cemetery  
Bolivar, Tennessee

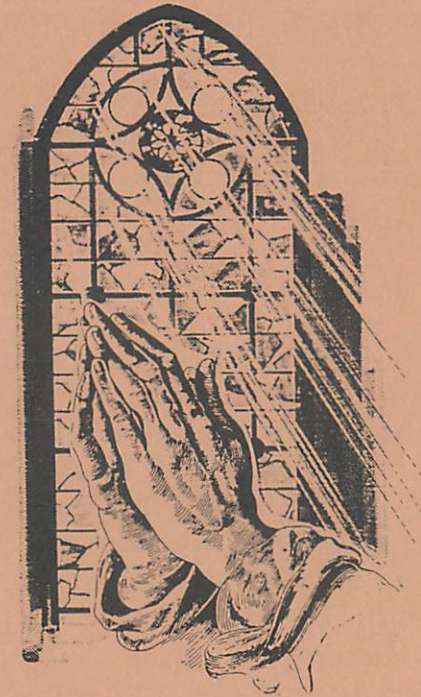
*Arrangements*

Dixie Funeral Home in charge  
Bolivar, Tennessee

*Acknowledgments*

The family wishes to thank their many friends for every act of kindness shown during their time of bereavement. May God bless and keep each of you.

*Funeral Services*  
for  
*Bro. Exilon Wilkes*



*Wednesday, November 14, 1984*  
*1:30 P.M.*

*Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church*  
*Bolivar, Tennessee*  
*Rev. James Kearney, officiating*

## Obituary

Bro. Exilon Wilkes was born March 17, 1899, to the late Joseph Wilkes and Thinnie McKinnie Wilkes in Whiteville, Tn. He departed this life Friday, November 9, 1984, at Bolivar Community Hospital.

He was one of sixteen children. All preceded him in death. He attended public school in Hardeman County and was a retired farmer.

He professed a hope in Christ at an early age and joined Bartlett Chapel C.M.E. Church in Whiteville, Tn. Later, he joined the Bethlehem M.B. Church where his membership remained until his death.

He was united in matrimony to the late Margie Rivers Wilkes. To their union fourteen children were born, 7 preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory; 5 daughters, Mrs. Elmarine McKinnie and Mrs. Hertha Pirtle of Bolivar, Tn., Mrs. Clarissa Pirtle of Jackson, Tn., Mrs. Doretha Pirtle of Newbern, Tn., and Mrs. Katherine Harris of Tampa, Fla.; 2 sons, Mr. James Wilkes of Bolivar, Tn., and Mr. Noble Wilkes of Jackson, Tn.; a loving cousin, Mrs. Ophelia Wilkes; 3 sons-in-law; 2 daughters-in-law; 6 sisters-in-law ; 1 brother-in-law; 39 grandchildren; 84 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

Processional

Hymn ..... Choir

Scripture ..... Rev. A. Becton

Prayer ..... Rev. A. Becton

Remarks ..... Dan Spencer

Acknowledgments

Obituary ..... Read silently

Solo ..... Ruth Boyd

Eulogy ..... Rev. James Kearney

Song ..... Choir

Viewing Remains

Recessional

*A chapter completed*

*A page turned*

*A life well-lived*

*A rest well earned*