

Active Pall Bearers
Male Ushers,
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

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Honorary Pall Bearers
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Comprehensive Genealogical Services
Tuesday Morning Breakfast Forum
Nephews and God Sons

Honorary Floral Bearers
Nieces and Cousins

Flee As a Bird to Your Mountain

*Flee as a bird to your mountain,
Thou who are weary of sin;
Go to the clear-flowing fountain,
Where you may wash and be clean;
Fly, for temptation is near thee,
Call and the Savior will hear thee;
He on His bosom will bear thee,
O thou who art weary of sin,
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Author: Mary Dana Shindler*

While in worship service, we ask that you put all electronic devices on **VIBRATE** or **SILENT** and refrain from taking photographs and videos as well.
Thank you for your cooperation.

*The family acknowledges with great appreciation all expressions of kindness and support.
Your love has helped us during this difficult time. May God bless you.*

The Harris-Herron Family

Arrangements entrusted to:
Alexander Funeral Home
1424 Statesville Ave., Charlotte, NC 28206

Family and Friends of



Reverend Doctor Vernon Mack Herron

*Celebrating
His Departure from This World
In Moments of Worship*

*May 22, 2015
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3400 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, NC 28216
Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Senior Minister*

Celebration of Life

In Loving Memory of Reverend Doctor Vernon Mack Herron

10:00 am Visitation ~10:15 am Alpha Phi Alpha Omega Ceremony ~ 12 Noon Celebration

ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Nomine Patri, Et. Filii, Et Spiritus Sancti

Prelude		Hymn Medley
Invocation		Ministerial Staff
Hymn of Affirmation # 508	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	Choir and Congregation
Scriptural Readings		
	Old Testament: Psalm 23	Dr. Lincoln C. Lee, Pastor Silver Mount Baptist Church
	New Testament: II Timothy 1:8-11	Rev. Dabble Garner
Prayer of Comfort		Dr. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Selection		Choir and Congregation
Reflections (<i>3 minutes</i>) (<i>3 persons max.</i>)		<i>Mr. John H. Frison, Sr., Family Friend</i> <i>Mrs. Sarah Stevenson</i> <i>Community Leader, Tuesday Morning Breakfast Forum</i> <i>Dr. William Harris, Nephew</i>
Acknowledgements		<i>Dr. Vernease Herron Miller</i>
Obituary (<i>read silently...instrumental music</i>)		
Selection	<i>It Pays To Serve Jesus</i>	
EULOGY		Pastor Jones
Recessional Hymn #193	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>	Choir and Congregation
Committal and Interment	☪ ☪	Oaklawn Cemetery
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Reverend Doctor Vernon Mack Herron

Dr. Vernon Mack Herron was born in Charlotte, (Mecklenburg County) North Carolina 7 October 1928 and died 16 May 2015. He was the great-grandson of Richard and Minerva Herron who constituted the first known structured Herron Family of African descent in the Piedmont region (Dixie) of Charlotte, North Carolina in 1870. Vernon was the fourth child of the late Samuel Joe Herron, Sr. and the former Mamie Grace (McPherson) Harris. Both parents preceded him in death. Noting previous marriages of both parents with issues, Vernon was also preceded in death by five brothers, Robert, Alonzo, Samuel Jr. Herron, James and Willie Harris; and four sisters, Arlene, Eloise, Curtis, and Jessie Maye Herron.

"Vernon Mack," as he is affectionately called, received his elementary and secondary education in the Charlotte's public schools. He attended Myers Street and Second Ward High schools. His initial religious education was obtained through the Ebenezer Baptist Church where he received the believer's baptism under the pastorate of the late and beloved Rev. Dr. Henry Morris Moore. After sixty five years of membership in the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vernon united with the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church 9 October 2005, where he continued his Christian journey in discipleship, fellowship and faith.

Dr. Herron was an active civil rights leader who marched with Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. in 1965 from Selma to Montgomery, AL. He was honored to have carried Mrs. King's handbag on that march.

He completed his undergraduate study at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was awarded the Master of Public Administration degree (MPA) from the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA and Master of Divinity degree (M. Div.) from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina. He received the Doctor of Ministry degree (D. Min.) from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA.

For forty-seven years, Vernon was married to the former Louise Christine Oliphant who preceded him in death. To this union three girls were born: Vernease Marcelinia, Leila McPherson, and Frenshetta Louise.

Vernon was initiated into the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity through Beta Rho chapter at Shaw University 1950. He became a life member (709) in 1971 and served as recording secretary of the National Convention in 1979. A chartered founder of two chapters: Eta Mu Lambda (266) at Gastonia, NC and Theta Mu Lambda (288) at Joliet, IL., brother Herron held membership in two additional chapters, the Alpha Omicron Lambda chapter(136) at Pittsburgh, PA and Zeta Omicron Lambda chapter (247) at Philadelphia, PA. Brother Herron received Zeta's "Man of the Year Award" in 1979 where he served as liturgist and chaplain in former years and wrote a Handbook For Special Occasions In The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Dr. Herron was ordained into the gospel ministry 29 July 1951 and held pastorates in four Baptist Churches: First Baptist Church, Dallas, NC; Hopewell Baptist Church, Jeannette, PA; Friendship Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA; and Second Baptist Church, Joliet, IL. He also served as Assistant to the Minister of the Shiloh Baptist Church of South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania after holding membership in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Germantown, Pennsylvania. In 1968, Dr Herron was commissioned a missionary by the former American Baptist Home Mission Society. He served on the national staff of the American Baptist Churches- Board of National Ministries at Valley Forge, PA. He also worked with the Division of Social Justice and Welfare of the National Council of Churches. His missionary work enabled him to travel extensively speaking in Africa, Europe and West Indies. Dr. Herron was a practicing genealogist in his retirement responsible for the identification and marking of numerous slave cemeteries. He authored three books in genealogical research.

He is survived by three daughters: Vernease Marcelinia Herron Miller (Keith); his health care giver Leila McPherson Herron Waters; and Phoenix Louise Herron(formerly Frenshetta); three grandchildren: Angelita Marie Wynn, Alexander Herron Waters and Keith D. Miller, II; three great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and many extended family members and friends.