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## Ammons Funeral Service Program

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# OBITUARY

## OBSEQUIES

Of The Late

# WILLIAM EARTHY AMMONS



*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I  
cannot change, the courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen*

St. Francis of Assisi

## College Hill Baptist Church

Jackson, Mississippi

**Thursday, May 4, 1972**

**11:00 A.M.**

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## OBITUARY

William Earthy Ammons, son of Sarah and Robert Ammons was born in West, Mississippi. He completed his early education in West and entered the junior and senior high school program at Alcorn. He continued his higher education to receive his bachelors degree in agriculture in 1933. He did postgraduate study at Tuskegee Institute, Hampton Institute, and Cornell University.

His first employment was as a public school principal and teacher of vocational agriculture at Shelby. In 1934 he became the first Negro male Extension Service worker paid by the Board of Supervisors in Hinds County.

In 1941 he was transferred to a similar position in Coahoma County. In 1943 he was selected for state-wide responsibilities. Receiving the distinction of another "first" for his race, he was appointed Contact Representative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in connection with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

From 1947-1952, Mr. Ammons served as Assistant Supervisor of Negro Extension Work in Mississippi. He was promoted to State Leader of Mens Work in 1952, and to State Leader of all Negro Extension Work in the state in 1963.

In 1965 he was appointed Special Staff Assistant with headquarters at Mississippi State University. He retired in May, 1971, after 35 years with the State Agricultural Extension Service.

Mr. Ammons was honored with the Certificate of Merit award by Alcorn A. & M. College in 1961. He was elected Alcornite of the Year by members of the Alcorn A. & M. College Alumni Association. He has been honored for distinguished service by state and national agricultural agents' associations, and is a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi, national honor society for Extension Service workers.

Active in the life of his community, he was a member of the College Hill Baptist Church in Jackson; and has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a Scoutmaster, and a member of the Farish Street Branch YMCA Board. He has long been active in the Jackson-Alcorn Club. He has served as a Board Member of the Alumni Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hattye Caldwell Ammons, a daughter, Earlene Ammons Guy, a granddaughter, Anna Maria Bishop, four brothers: Earl H. Ammons, Leo B. Ammons, Arnold J. Ammons and P. E. Ray Ammons, four sisters: Mrs. Tee Ammons Rogers, Mrs. Mildred McNair, Mrs. Susie Ammons Smith, Mrs. Madora Ammons Woodruff, four nephews, two nieces, cousins and a host of friends.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

If I Can Help Somebody ..... College Hill Baptist  
Church Choir

Scripture and Prayer ..... Father Thomas Tiller,  
Vicar, Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

Selection ..... Someone Greater Than You And I  
T. M. Moman, Jr.

Interlude ..... How Great Thou Art  
(Silent reading of Obituary)

Eulogy ..... Rev. R. E. Willis, Pastor,  
College Hill Baptist Church

Recessional

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## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Members of the Mississippi Extension Service  
Members of the class of 1933 Alcorn A. & M. College  
Deacons and Trustees of College Hill Baptist Church

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

### Nephews

Earl H. Ammons, Jr.  
Robert E. Woodruff, Jr.  
Carl D. McNair

### Brothers

Earl H. Ammons, Sr.  
P. E. Ray Ammons  
Leo B. Ammons

The members of the family of the late William Earthy Ammons wish to express sincere appreciation for the deep concern and acts of kindness shown them.

Interment—Garden Memorial Park  
Peoples Funeral Home In Charge

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