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She passed this life on Friday, July 19, 1985, 10:45 a.m. in the CCU Intensive Care Unit of the Baton Rouge General Hospital, Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA. She leaves to mourn her departure a husband, Rev. Charles Lloyd Washington, Sr., of Baton Rouge, LA; three children: Jeanetta Washington Dunlap of Rochester, NY; Charles Washington, Jr., Portland, TX; and Mrs. Estella Baxter of Corinth, MS; a brother, William Marcelle Baldwin, Jr., Chicago, IL; three grandchildren: Kenneth Wayne Washington, Jr., Maily Washington, and Charles Washington, III; a daughter-in-law, Lan Washington; a son-in-law, James L. Dunlap; one god-child, Portia Porter, Detroit, MI; a number of aunts, uncles, and a host of other relatives and friends. As was said of Abraham Lincoln at his death, "A giant oak tree has fallen in the forest of life and has left a lonesome place against the sky." Bertha Lee, we will miss you for a long, long time to come.

Charles Lloyd Washington

CARL THEODORE WETHERS

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith: . . ." (II Timothy 4:7)

Carl Theodore Wethers was the eldest of four children born to the union of the late Dr. William H. Wethers, Sr. and Mrs. Nan Estelle Woodruff Wethers. He was born in Woodville, MS. An early part of his boyhood was spent with his uncle and aunt, the late Bishop and Mrs. A. O. Camphor at Birmingham, AL. He felt that much of the inspiration for his entry into the Christian ministry stemmed from their teaching and guidance.

He was a product of Baton Rouge Schools. . . attended high school at Southern University; graduated from New Orleans University (now Dillard University) in 1923 with an A.B. degree. Completed all courses of study for the ministry at Gulfside School. He entered the ministry of the United Methodist Church in 1930. He served faithfully the following churches: Hughes, Baton Rouge (11 years); Roberts, Denham Springs (3 years), Morgan City-Berwick, (1 year); Grace-New Orleans (8 years); Warren, Lake Charles (3 years); Phillip Memorial, New Orleans (4 years); Camphor Memorial, Baton Rouge (6 years); superintendent of the Baton Rouge District (6 years); and St. Mark Church, Baton Rouge (4 years). The record will reveal that nine new churches were built under his pastorate or as district superintendent. He entered the "Retired" Relationship in 1972, and later served eight years as pastor of the Luther-Whitehall Charge. Following this assignment, which gave him 50 years in the active ministry, he served as "Interim Minister" for the First Presbyterian Church of Scotlandville for over a year.

He fought a good fight. . . as a member of the Ninth United States Cavalry in the United States Army as a member of the Medical Department. He broke the "color barrier" as the first Negro to serve on a Grand Jury in East Baton Rouge Parish, LA since Reconstruction. This was during the "Louisiana Scandals." He was one of a few Negro Letter Carriers in the Baton Rouge area. For many years he taught and served as Dean of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Gulfside Assembly in Waveland, MS.

He finished his course. . . on Friday morning, October 4, 1985, at 4:10 a.m., at Baton Rouge General Medical Center.

George W.C. Calvin, Sr.

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