The Rev. Solomon Napoleon Jacobs, ‘48

Solomon went peacefully to be with his Father on Friday morning, January 20, 2006. He was born in Panama City, Panama on November 21, 1920, and graduated from Bishop Payne Divinity School in 1948. He was ordained to the Priesthood in May of 1949, and served as rector of churches in Panama, Nicaragua and Omaha, Nebraska (1949-1958), Cleveland, Ohio (1958-1970) and Washington, D.C. (1970-1974). He then served as chaplain supervisor at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington D.C. from 1974 until his retirement from active ministry in November of 1985.

Following his retirement, he worked as an interim priest of the diocese of Washington, and served for three years (1995-1998) as part-time associate clergy on the staff of the Washington National Cathedral. He also served as a Cathedral Chaplain, and as a volunteer chaplain at the Washington Hospital Center. In 2000 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Virginia Theological Seminary, which had merged with Bishop Payne Divinity School.

He was active in the civil rights movement during the 1960’s, doing voter registration and participating in school integration protests in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Atlanta, Georgia. Throughout these years, he was actively involved with the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, the Union of Black Episcopalians, and other church-based activist organizations. Solomon is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lynette Henry Jacobs; three children, Gregory A. Jacobs of Boston, MA, David G. Jacobs of Matthews, NC, and Lisalyn R. Jacobs, of Arlington, VA; two daughters-in-law, Beverly C. Jacobs and Rosalyn A. Jacobs; five grandchildren, Charlotte E., Stephanie N., Eric A., Evan A. and Ethan A. Jacobs; and many cherished family, friends, and neighbors.

The Jacobs family will receive friends and family on Tuesday January 24, from 2-4 PM, and 6-8 PM at the Pineville Chapel of McEwen Funeral Service, 10500 Park Road, Charlotte, NC, 28210, 704-544-1412. The Funeral Service will be on Wednesday, January 25, at 10:00 AM at St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cathedral Chaplain’s Fund (Washington, D.C.), the Mental Health Association of Prince George’s County (Maryland), the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

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