

*This is shared in honor of all the families who had loved ones promoted to Glory in 2010. Let us remember, God said in His Word, in 2 Corinthians 5:8 - We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. How glorious to know, they spent Christmas with Jesus this year!*



# My First Christmas In Heaven



I see the countless Christmas Trees around the world below, with tiny lights,  
like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear, for I am spending  
Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, but the sounds of music  
can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description,  
to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart,  
but I am not so far away.

We really aren't apart. So be happy for me, dear ones.

You know I hold you dear, and be glad I'm spending Christmas,  
with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above.

I send you each a memory of my undying love.

After all, "Love" is the gift more precious than pure gold.

It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do,  
for I can't count the blessings or love he has for each of you.

So, have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.

*Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

# *In Tribute to Wilma Atkins Farrington*

On November 17, 2010, our hearts were saddened, yet gladdened, by the death of our beloved Sunday School Teacher, Mrs. Wilma Farrington. I say “our” in a literal sense -- Mrs. Wilma taught Sunday School for most of the congregation of Smith Grove Baptist Church! In some cases, three generations had the same Sunday School Teacher. She not only taught the children, she also got involved in their lives in a very real way -- exhorting, admonishing, and praying -- she truly loved her children!



We have no doubt where our precious Mrs. Wilma now resides, and surely she is gloriously rejoicing in the presence of her Lord and Savior, as well as all the countless individuals she led to Christ who went to Heaven before her.



Wilma Atkins Farrington, 96, went home to be with her Lord November 17, 2010.

Funeral services celebrating her life were held 1:30 PM Sunday November 21, 2010 at Smith Grove Baptist Church with Pastor Chuck Peters officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

A native of Guilford County, Wilma was born to the late Lillie Leacy Frazier Atkins and Jesse Willard Atkins. She was a homemaker most of her life, but worked for Kress in Greensboro and the former P&N Dime Store in Kernersville. She was a longtime member of Smith Grove Baptist Church and taught Sunday School for over 60 years. She was so devoted to her teaching at the church, she only missed a period of four years when her children were young.

She was married to the late John Alex Farrington, and also was preceded in death by her grandson Brian Jordan, sisters Lottie Westmoreland and Dorothy Shields, and daughter-in-law Mary Farrington.

Survivors include her daughters Marlene Holt and Gary of Colfax, and Geraldine Jordan and Pinkey of High Point; sons John Wayne Farrington and Betty of Nederland, Texas and Jesse Farrington of Colfax; grandchildren Janese Ballard, Debbie Moore, Andrea Nelson, and Dawn Thornburg; five great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; sister Forrest Tucker of Colfax.