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Joe White Memorial Lamp

Dedicatory Ceremony

Monday, August 8, 2005
5:15 p.m.



Town Hall
Chatham, Virginia

Joseph E. White
(1937-2003)
Chatham's Lamplighter



"If the meek inherit the earth, then Chatham's Joe White must have a mansion in heaven."

- Tim Davis, Editor, The Star-Tribune

"I hope God has something for Joe to do in heaven, because Joe wouldn't be happy if he wasn't working."

- Bob Hanson, Director of Public Works, Town of Chatham

"Joe was a perfect gentleman – courteous, honest, and honorable. His passing is a very big loss to Chatham."

- Frances Hallam Hurt, Chatham Beautification Committee

"I don't think anybody can look at those Christmas lanterns and not think of Joe. He was such a part of Christmas. . . . I think we've lost one of the finest gentlemen in the town. Not only was he a very valuable employee, but also a very valued friend. He

didn't do a whole lot of talking in words, but Joe spoke volumes in his actions."

- Elton Pruitt, Former Mayor, Town of Chatham

"He was extremely dependable. He was quiet and gentle. He loved Chatham. The thing that impressed me was he felt like the town was his responsibility."

- Kitty Miller, Former Clerk and Treasurer, Town of Chatham

"He was such a Southern gentleman, so meek and mild. It was a pleasure to have known him. I feel like I've lost a member of my family. . . . He could never say no. He was just a giving person all of his life."

- Reba R. Motley, Former Employer

(The above quotations were compiled by Tim Davis, Editor, The Star-Tribune, for an article published on November 19, 2003. The photograph, by Henry Mitchell, shows Joe White during his first Christmas season as Chatham's lamplighter.)

Welcome

Robert Hurt, Virginia House of Delegates

Reflections

Reba Motley, Joe White Memorial Committee

Invocation

Otis Oakes, Town Crew and Cherrystone Baptist Church

Remarks of Sponsors

Gregg Vickrey, President, Chatham First
Langhorne Jones, Jr., President, Pittsylvania Historical Society

Acceptance of Gift to the Town of Chatham

George Haley, Mayor

Tribute

Frances Hurt, Joe White Memorial Committee

Unveiling of the Memorial

Frances Hurt

Robert Hanson, Public Works Director, Town of Chatham
Sherman Calloway, Crew Supervisor, Town of Chatham
Lewis Turner, Craftsman of the Memorial
Henry Mitchell, Designer of the Memorial

Conclusion

Robert Hurt