

John L Poythress obituary

Death of Mr. J. L. Poythress.

The subject of this sketch was born in Mecklenburg county, Va., August 29, 1829. He married Miss Ann Nunn about 33 years ago. To them was born eleven children—eight girls and three boys. Three girls and one boy are dead. He professed religion in early life and joined the Methodist church. He afterwards joined Mt Zion Baptist Church. At his death he was a member of New Bethel Church. He died February 27, 1905, at the home of his sons in Vance county, and was buried at New Bethel Church.


Brother Poythress was a most excellent man. From the time he professed religion he was very zealous in the cause, some expecting him to preach. In his home life he was very gentle and patient as well as faithful to those looking to him for support and protection, always setting a good example before his family and neighbors, bringing up his children in the fear of the Lord.

He was a sufferer for years and it seemed as if he could not hold-out to do his work, but, sustained by divine grace, he lived a long time to bless his family, church and community by his blameless life, godly counsels and patient teaching and Sunday school and prayer meeting.

I have known Brother Poythress a long time and was his pastor for years. I think he was one of the purest and best men I have ever known. He was honest, gentle, loving and patient. His beauty was beautiful to behold. For four years he served his country in the war between the States. But now he is gone to his home in heaven, leaving to us his good name, which is better than great riches. He lived the Christian's life and died the Christian's death.

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