

Order of Service



"Yea, Though, I walk, through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

-Psalm 23:4

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION..... Poplar Creek Church Choir

PRAYER..... Pastor McKinley Jones Jr.
*Blackburn Chapel Cumberland
Presbyterian Church in America
Huntsville, Alabama*

SCRIPTURE..... Brother Alvin Simmons
*Westside Church of Christ
Elkmont, Tennessee*

SELECTION..... Choir

REMARKS AS A CHURCH MEMBER.....
..... Deacon Anthony Townsend

WORDS OF COMFORT..... Reverend Janice Lewis
*Pastor of Oak Grove
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Athens, Alabama*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS..... Sister Deborah Gill

SILENT READING OF OBITUARY..... Soft Music

EULOGY..... Reverend Clarence Johnson

SOLO..... Deacon James Gill

CLOSING PRAYER..... Pastor Evangelist Emma White
*Redeeming Love Outreach Ministries
Decatur, Alabama*

MORTICIANS..... Peoples' Funeral Home

RECESSIONAL

Homegoing



Celebration



for

Brother James Yarbrough

Obituary



*"I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith."*

-II Timothy 4:7

James Yarbrough was born on January 13, 1924 in Limestone County to the late Mr. Emmett Yarbrough and Mrs. Ianthia B. Grizzard. He departed this life on Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at Decatur General Hospital - Decatur, Alabama.

He accepted Christ on August 19, 1997 and joined Poplar Creek Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Clarence Johnson. He remained a faithful member until death. He was employed by Champion Chevrolet for 19 years. James was married to the late Mrs. Birdie Mae Hicks.

During his childhood days, he attended Little Elk School and worked on the farm.

On May 5, 1943, he joined the United States Army. During his Military Service, some of the decorations and citations he received were the Bronze Arrowhead, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with a Silver Star.

He was honorably discharged on December 22, 1945. On November 12, 2001, Congressman Bud Cramer presented him with the medal of the Jubilee of Liberty Award in Huntsville, Alabama.

James was preceded in death by his son, Glendon Yarbrough and brother, Johnny F. Grizzard.

He leaves to cherish his memory **five daughters:** Lessie Ann Bellamy (*David*) of Detroit, MI, Celestine Baker (*Willie*), Delores Thatch, Margaret Owens, both of Athens, AL, and Gwen Thatch (*Warren*) of Decatur, AL; **three sons:** James Yarbrough (*Florene*), Leonard Yarbrough of Athens, AL and Tony Yarbrough (*Florence*) of Madison, AL; **five sisters:** Minnie Fletcher of Athens, AL, Mazine Shoulders of Detroit, MI, Lessie D. McDaniel of Tuscaloosa, AL, Willie Mae Douglas (*John*) of Belle Mina, AL, and Margaret Gray of Birmingham, AL; **one brother,** Earnest Yarbrough (*Sue*) of Louisville, KY; **two sisters-in-law:** Edna Hicks of Athens, AL and Louise Grizzard of Moulton, AL; twenty-six grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, **a very special aunt,** Mrs. Elizabeth Williams of Athens, AL and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and friends.

*We are so thankful for all the thoughtfulness
that made you so special.*

*So thankful to have had a daddy,
and granddaddy as warm and loving as you.
You taught us to value the right things in life,
and how to become someone others can trust.*

These lessons we'll never forget.

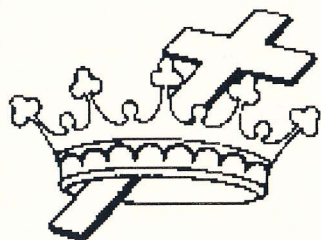
*In your eyes we saw the love that has
held our family close through the years.
In your voice we heard stories of the past.
Which we will treasure forever.*

*During your sickness, we saw your strength,
faith, and trust that you had in the Lord;
and now the time has come for you
to travel to your Heavenly Home.*

*We will Miss you;
Love Always,
Children and Grandchildren*

A
Homegoing Celebration
for
Brother James
"Skate"
Yarbrough

Sunday, October 2, 2005
Two O'clock in the Afternoon



Hoplar Creek
Missionary
Baptist Church
Athens, Alabama 35611

Elder Clarence M. Johnson
Pastor and Officiating

Flower Bearers
Nieces

Pallbearers
Nephews



Interment
Hoplar Creek Cemetery

Repast
Hoplar Creek Church
Immediately following the Entombment

Acknowledgements

We extend sincere thanks and gratitude
to all for your prayers, food, cards, comforting words,
visits and the many acts of kindness and expressions
of sympathy shown during this period of bereavement.

-The Family

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