

***Celebration of Life  
for***



***Winfred Holman Ashford***

***Wednesday, March 22, 2006***

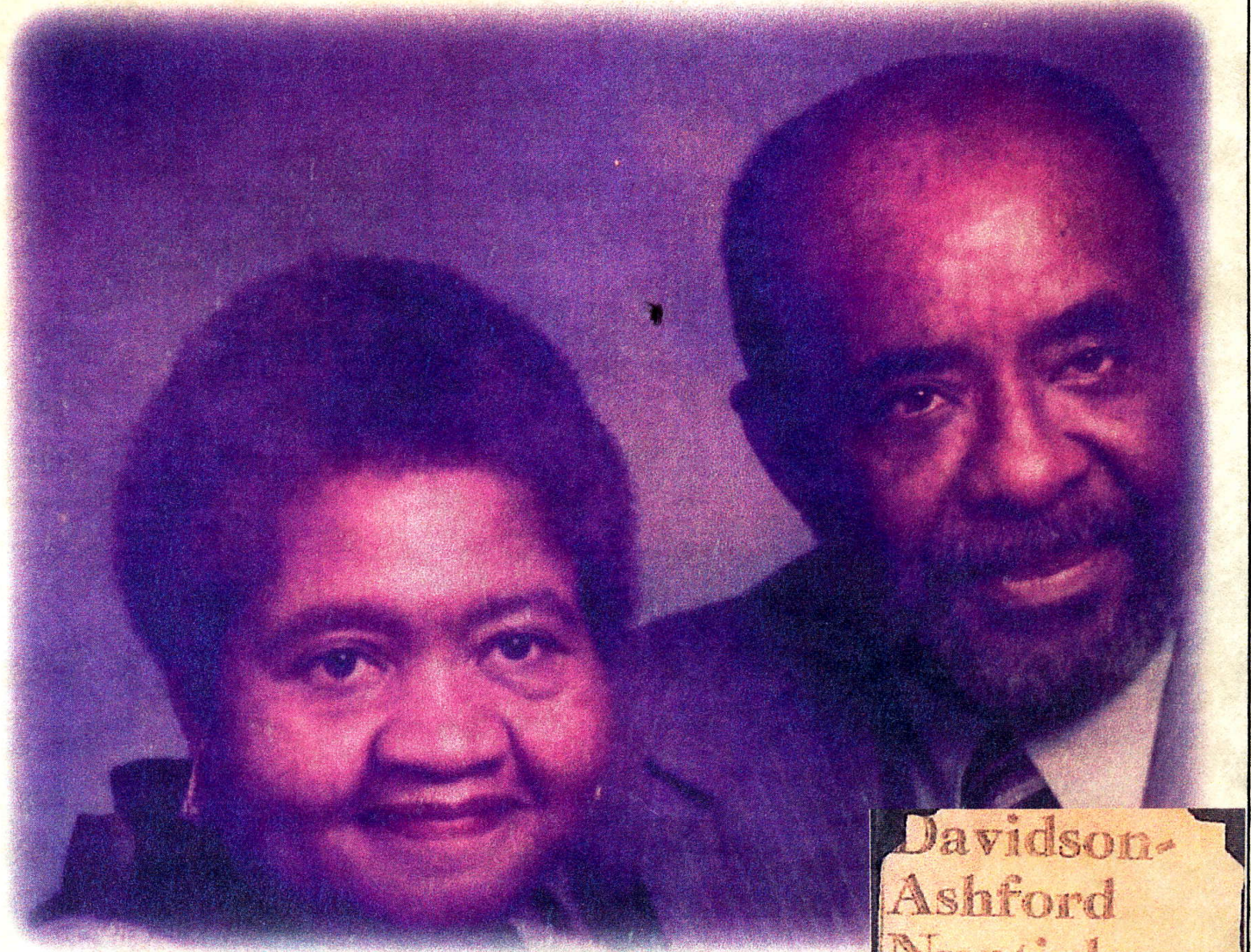
***St. Paul United Methodist Church***

***Birmingham, Alabama***

***Reverend Alfred Shackelford, Officiant  
Reverend Watt T. Washington, Eulogist***



# Winfred and Dora Ashford



*Together  
in marriage for  
57 years*

## Davidson- Ashford Nuptials

CENTREVILLE, Ala.—The recent marriage of Dora Mae and Winfred Holman Ashford was announced formally at a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Aug. 13.

The couple was married at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Glenn at Starkville, Miss.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Davidson of Centreville, and is a senior at the Alabama State Teacher College, Montgomery.

The groom is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Ashford of Kosciusko, Miss., a graduate of the State Teachers College, Montgomery, a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He now holds a position as teacher in the Baldwin County schools.

Serving as hostess at the reception were Misses Vivian L. Wesley, Valda M. Idly and the Misses Vera L. and Della Pater-

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# *The Measure of a Man*

*Not .....How did he die?*

*But .....How did he live?*

*Not .....What did he gain?*

*But ..... What did he give?*

*These are the things that measure the worth  
of a man as a man, regardless of birth.*

*Not .....What was his station?*

*But .....Had he a heart?*

*And .....How did he play his*

*God-given part,*

*Was he ever ready with a word?*

*Of good cheer to bring back a smile to  
banish a tear?*



# Obituary

**Mr. Winfred H. Ashford** was born April 7, 1922 to Reverend Benjamin H. Ashford Sr. and Mrs. Dovie Holman Ashford in Attalla County Mississippi. He confessed Christ at an early age, and united with Samuel Chapel Methodist Church in Itta Bena, Mississippi. He was a faithful member of St. Paul United Methodist Church where he served as Senior and Male Choir member, Chairperson of Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Trustee, Secretary of Administrative Council, and a member of United Methodist Men. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Riley United Methodist Center. He remained a dedicated United Methodist for the remainder of his life.

**Brother Ashford** completed High School at Oxford Training School in Oxford, MS. He later joined the U.S. Army where he served as a Chaplain's Assistant and a Corporals Clerk. He received the following educational training: A.A. Degree from Mary Holmes Jr. College, West Point, MS; B.S. Degree from Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL; M.Ed. Degree from Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL; Advanced Studies from University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK; Ed.S. Degree from Auburn University, Auburn, AL and Higher Education from University of Alabama (ABD).

**Mr. Ashford** served as an educator for 39 years. His professional experience was as follows: Classroom teacher in Baldwin County Alabama School; Principal of Kinterbish High School, Cuba, AL; Visiting Instructor of Rust College, Holly Spring, MS; Director of Rogers Laboratory School, Mississippi Valley State University; Principal of Trinity High School, Athens, AL; Assistant Professor/Director of SEMBA of Alabama A&M University in Normal, AL; and Student Personnel Administrator of Lawson State Community College in Birmingham, AL. He retired the summer of 1987.

**Brother Ashford** was affiliated with the following organizations which included Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, National Education Association and the Alabama Retired Teachers Association.



## ***Winfred Holman Ashford's Educational Philosophy***

*Each individual in our society has the right to live a rich, full and productive life; to affect this the individual must have guidance, motivation and access to education and training; commensurate to his ability and aspiration. This is society's responsibility.*

**Mr. Winfred Holman Ashford** leaves to cherish his memory a **loving and devoted wife** of 57 years and 7 months, *Dr. Dora Davidson Ashford*. **Two children:** *Winfred Orlando Ashford* of Athens, AL and *Cheryl (Darryl Sr.) McMillan* of Birmingham, AL. **Five grandchildren:** *Brian Christopher Ray Ashford* and *Michael Brandon Ray Ashford* of Montgomery, AL; *Justin Holman, Darryl Jr.* and his only granddaughter, *Ashton McMillan* of Birmingham, AL. **Sister:** *Mrs. Mary A. Harrison* of Chicago, IL. **Brother:** *Dr. Benjamin Ashford* of Miner City, MS. **Daughter-In-Law:** *Tondalaire Ray Ashford* of Montgomery, AL. **Three Sisters-In-Law:** *Mrs. Bettye Davidson (William) Bailey*, Huntington Station, NY, *Mrs. Audrey T. (Otha—Deceased) Davidson*, Rochester, NY, *Mrs. Johnnie R. Ashford* of Nashville, TN. **Brothers-In-Law:** *Retired Staff Sgt. James (Mildred) Davidson* of Petersburg, VA and *Dr. John P. Davidson (Dr. Ann Owens —Special Friend)* of Tuskegee, AL.

*A host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.*

Mr. Ashford is pre-deceased by a brother, *Mr. Edward A. Ashford*.  
Two sisters, *Mrs. Ruth A. Harrington* and  
*Mrs. Dorothy A. McFarland*.





# Order of Service

*The Reverend Alfred Shackelford, Presiding*

Prelude ..... Musician

Processional ..... The Family

Opening Hymn ..... Choir  
*"How Great Thou Art"*

Old Testament ..... Dr. Clinton Hubbard, Jr.  
Imani United Methodist Church

New Testament ..... Rev. Richard Stryker  
St. Thomas United Methodist Church

Prayer ..... Rev. Charles H. Lee  
District Superintendent  
Tuscaloosa District

## *Expressions*

"As A Friend" ..... Mr. Timothy Barnes

"As Church Member" ..... Mr. Everharding Pruitt

"As Co-Worker" ..... Mrs. Jannice Orange

"As My Brother" ..... Mrs. Mary A. Harrison

Solo ..... Mr. Tommy Lockhart  
*"If I Can Help Somebody"*

Eulogy ..... Rev. Watt T. Washington

Parting Hymn ..... Choir  
*"Because He Lives"*

Recessional ..... Mr. Ashford's Legacy  
The Family

*Special thanks to Mr. C.H. McDaniel Sr., Mr. Harvey Craig, Mr. Ernest Campbell Jr. and Mr. Samuel Hardy for your kind support and love.*

*~ W. Orlando Ashford ~*





## Family Portraits





## *Acknowledgement*

There's a very special thanks within our hearts for each of you because you cared and showed it in thought and deed. You so willingly came to assist in our sorrow, grief and distress. You gave us comfort when we needed it the most. For now we'll just say "Thank You" and offer a sincere prayer that God will always bless you and keep you forever in His Care.

## *The Family*

*Lord*

*Make me an instrument of Thy Peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
Where there is injury, pardon,  
Where there is doubt, faith  
Where there is despair, hope,  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that  
I may not so much seek  
To be consoled, as to console;  
Not so much to be understood as  
To understand; not so much to be  
Loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying, that we awaken to eternal life.*

*St. Francis of Assisi*

**Pall Bearers**  
*United Methodist  
Men*

**Flower Attendants**  
*United Methodist  
Women and Friends*

**Interment**  
*Elmwood Cemetery*

Arrangements Entrusted To  
**Peoples Funeral Home**  
12060 Hwy 31 South  
Tanner, AL 35671