

Casket Bearers
Deacons of St. Mark P. B. Church

Floral Bearers
Mothers of St. Mark P. B. Church

Ushers
St. Mark P. B. Church
Little Ezekiel M. B. Church

Expressions of Gratitude

The Family of
"Brother DJ Townsend"
Wishes to express a heartfelt and sincere appreciation
for all the many acts of kindness and expression of love shown
during the illness and passing of our loved one.
May God continue to bless each one of you.

Interment and Committal
Thatch-Mann Cemetery
Athens, Alabama

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:
People's Funeral Home
12060 US Hwy 31
Athens, Alabama
(256)232-1600

Homegoing Celebration *Of* *Brother DJ Townsend*

Arrival
May 31, 1931



Departure
February 23, 2010

Sunday February 28, 2010
12:00 p. m. (Noon)
St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church
740 West Sanderfer Road
Athens, Alabama 35611
Elder Kenneth Owens, Pastor, Officiant

Obituary

"A Man Among Men"

Brother DJ Townsend was born on May 31, 1931 in Limestone County, Alabama to the late Floyd and Locktee Malone Townsend. He transitioned from his earthly home to his heavenly home on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Alabama.

Although a devout believer in God from an early age, brother Townsend confessed hope in Christ much later in life in 2001. He joined St. Mark P. B. Church under the leadership of Elder Kenneth Owens and was a loyal and faithful member of the church until the end of his life. Even when he was no longer able to attend church on a regular basis because of his illness, brother Townsend religiously watched the taped church services that were sent to him weekly and he had "church" in his home at those times.

On June 17, 1958 he was united in holy matrimony to Sister Eloise Townsend and to this union six children was born.

DJ leaves to cherish and forever hold dearly his loving memories: a wife, Eloise Jones Townsend of Athens, Alabama; six children: Clinton (Marcia) Townsend of Panama City, Florida, Allison Townsend of Houston, Texas, Jerry Townsend of Athens, Alabama, Flora (Kevin Harris) Townsend of Houston, Texas, Dwight (Shirley) Townsend of Athens, Alabama and Cortrina (Calvin Howell) Townsend of Athens, Alabama; four brothers: (Elijah Townsend of Athens, Alabama) and three (3) who proceeded him in death (James, Leon, Mason); 5 sisters: (Alberta Martin of Pacific Grove, California) and four (4) who proceeded him in death (Roberta, Paralee, Lillie, Vester): one special sister who also proceeded him in death (Jed Lee): eight grandchildren: (Carmen, Shiya, Thierry(Zane), Jari(Tori), Nakia (Brandon), Deontae, Fernando and Diamond); three great-grandchildren: (Trinity, Tristyn, Jaiden): one sister in law (Lizzie Malone of Athens, Alabama) and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Devotion.....Deacon Orsten Washington

Mother Stella Green and the
Selection.....St. Mark P. B. Church #1 Choir

Scripture.....Psalm 23.....Elder Lewis Malone

Acknowledgements.....Sister Marie McLin

Brother Jimmy Holman and the
Selection.....St. Mark P. B. Church #1 Choir

Eulogy.....Elder Kenneth Owens, Sr.

Closing Prayer.....Deacon Earl Green

Mortician.....People's Funeral Home

Recessional

The Best

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around you and whispered, "Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.