

HOME GOING CELEBRATION  
FOR



Deacon  
Collier  
Mastin, Sr.



June 7, 1941 - September 4, 2008

Service

Sunday, September 7, 2008  
Two o'clock p.m.



*Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church*

3020 Belafonte Avenue • Huntsville, Alabama 35816

Dr. William T. Gladys, Pastor  
Elder Jerry R. Russell, Officiating



## Obituary



**C**ollier Mastin, Sr. was born June 7, 1941 to the late Green L. Mastin and Vallie Fowler Mastin in Taft, Tennessee. He departed this life on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at his residence. He was employed at Raytheon in Fayetteville, Tennessee for 28 years.

He was preceded in death by three brothers: Hilra Mastin, A.C. Mastin, and Odia Mastin, Sr. and four sisters: Leona Mastin Moore, Beatrice Mastin Stone, Annie Laura Mastin Benson, and Margaret Mastin.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was a faithful member of St. Luke Primitive Baptist Church, where he sang in the choir and served as a Deacon. He was an active member of the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association. He served faithfully as a trustee and member of the Deacon's Council. Collier enjoyed his family (especially his grandchildren), his church, barbecuing, making peanut brittle, and farming. He had a heartfelt appreciation for life, laughter, and giving.

He is survived by a **devoted wife**, Gladys Graham Mastin; **four children**: Yolanda (*Pastor Timothy*) Wright of Fayetteville, Tennessee, Elder Collier (*Tonya*) Mastin, Jr. of Nashville, Tennessee, Shawn (*Sherry*) Mastin of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Courtney (*Danyetta*) Mastin of Huntsville, Alabama; **two brothers**: Arthur (*Odell*) Mastin of Albion, Michigan and Luther (*Mary*) Mastin of Hazel Green, Alabama; **three sisters**: Nay Dean Mastin and Annie Ruth (*Jesse*) Jackson, both of Lansing, Michigan and Mary Jane Atchison of Albion, Michigan; **mother-in-law**, Lois Graham of Huntsville, Alabama; **one aunt**, Sarah Fowler of Madison, Alabama; **two brothers-in-law**: Leo (*Julene*) Humphrey of Hazel Green, Alabama and Derrick (*Shannon*) Graham of Maryland; **ten sisters-in-law**: Annie Otey, Ethel Carter, Kathy (*Lorenzo*) Garner, Veronica (*Ernest*) Jones, Dorothy Graham, Linda (*Pastor Leroy*) Cole, and Jacqueline Graham, all of Huntsville, Alabama, Katie Mastin of Fayetteville, Tennessee, Sandra Mastin of Huntland, Tennessee, and Marie (*Charles*) Stewart of Hazel Green, Alabama; **five grandchildren**: Aaron Mastin, Adrian Mastin, and Andrea Mastin of Nashville, Tennessee, Seth Mastin of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and KaZhanna Mastin of Fayetteville, Tennessee; **a very devoted friend**, Clarence "Bubba" Hammonds; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



# Order of Service



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL ..... Ministers • Family

SELECTION ..... Choir

PRAYER ..... Pastor Harrison Burruss  
*St. Elizabeth Primitive Baptist Church  
Elkton, Tennessee*

SCRIPTURE ..... Pastor Curtis Jordan  
*Greater Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church  
Huntsville, Alabama*

SELECTION ..... Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS ..... Sister Linda Cole

OBITUARY ..... "Read Silently" ..... Soft Music

SELECTION ..... Choir



~REFLECTIONS~

Deacon Richard Hardin



Pastor Eugene Lewis

*Moderator Emeritus  
Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association*

Pastor Robert Rogers

*Moderator  
Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association*

SOLO ..... Pastor Timothy Wright

*Bellview Missionary Baptist Church  
Shelbyville, Tennessee*

EULOGY ..... Pastor Jerry Russell

*St. Luke Primitive Baptist Church  
Hazel Green, Alabama*

MORTICIAN ..... Nelms Memorial Funeral Home

RECESSIONAL ..... Ministers • Family • Friends

*Interment*

**Chandler Cemetery**

*Hazel Green, Alabama*

TEXT: II Timothy 4:6-8  
SUBJECT: "I fought a good fight"



# *Don't Grieve For Me For Now*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.

*I'm Free*



I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;  
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my time seems all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

## **PALL BEARERS**

*Nephews*

## **FLORAL BEARERS**

*Nieces*

## **HONORARY PALL BEARERS**

Deacons of Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association. Mothers of Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association

## **HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS**

## *Acknowledgements*

The family, in great appreciation, wishes to acknowledge your words of comfort, cards, flowers, visits, and other expressions of love, sympathy, and concern shown during the passing of our loved one. Each act of thoughtfulness will always be a cherished memory. Thanks for sharing your love.

-The Family

## *Special Thanks from the Family To*

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at the

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Dr. Howard Burris & Staff  
at the

Sarah Cannon Research Clinic

Dr. Robert Baird & Staff  
at the

Colon & Rectal Clinic

Wiregrass Hospice Staff

The St. Luke Primitive  
Baptist Church Family

The Indian Creek  
Primitive Baptist Association

Employees at Raytheon Corporation

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