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### Rufus "Jabo" Benton, SR

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# Father You Showed Us!

Father we know that ya loved God's fields,  
and pastures;

You were in direct contact with Him each  
time you plowed a row, or planted seeds.

We know your mind whispered prayers while  
ya were in the field appreciating His Greatness;  
And I know he whispered answers back to you.

We love you for being just who you are and  
not trying to be anything else but yourself.

You showed us valor by being a man who  
never complained about every storm that arised.

You showed us strength by being strong-willed  
with mother's wit.

You showed us joy by the laughter and humor  
ya shared with others.

Ya loved us for who we are, nothing more  
or nothing less.

The master our views hearts and we are sure  
yours is made of a rare jewel.

May we meet again in the  
day of Resurrection.

Love Mece, Spooky, & Unie

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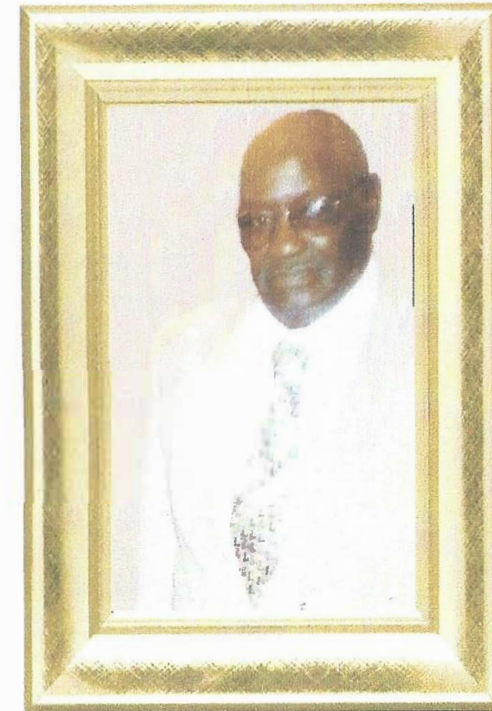
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# Homegoing Services

## For

Sunrise  
October 8, 1938

Sunset  
December 3, 2006



## Mr. Rufus "Jabo" Benton, Sr.

Saturday, December 9, 2006 - 12:00 P.M.

*Ben Samuel Hill's Chapel*

of  
*Hill's Mortuary, Inc*

*58 Packinghouse Road*

*Statesboro, Georgia 30458*

*Rev. Lee Hunter - Pastor | Officiating*

*Interment - Friendship Memorial Cemetery, Sylvania, Georgia*

# Order of Service



Psalm 27:1

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of My Life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

*Viewing . . . . . Hill's Mortuary Chapel*

*11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Public Viewing)*

*Processional . . . (Family Viewing - 12:00 p.m.) . . . . .*

*Presiding . . . . . Rev. Paul Benton*

*Invocation . . . . . Rev. Joe Herrington*

## Scriptures

*Old Testament . . . . . Rev. Raymond Williams*

*New Testament . . . . . Rev. Raleigh Cail, Jr.*

*Solo . . . . . Sheila Scott*

*Words of Comfort . . . . . Rev. Robert Reese*

*Obituary . . . (2 minutes Please) . . . . . Read Silently*

*Selection . . . . . Hill's Mortuary Choir*

*Eulogy . . . . . Rev. Lee Hunter*

*Acknowledgements . . . . . Hill's Mortuary, Inc.*

## Recessional



### Bearers

*Bobby Smith, Jr.  
Nathaniel Gordon  
Ronald Cail, Sr.*

*Andy Smith  
Jesse Watkins, Sr.  
Bruce Black*

## Acknowledgement

*The family of the late Mr. Rufus "Jabo" Benton, Sr. would like to extend to each of you their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many acts of kindness you've shown during the time of bereavement of their love one. " May God forever smile of each of you "*

# Obituary



*Mr. Rufus Frank "Jabo", Sr. was born on October 8, 1938 to the Late Mr. Paul and Willie Lou Benton in Screven County, Georgia.*

*"Jabo" joined Springhead United Methodist Church at an early age along with other intermediate family members!*

*"Jabo" loved the Lord and labored on his Heavenly Father's earth for Smith Farms since 1959. Jabo was outgoing and high-spirited and enjoyed people.*

*He departed this life on December 3, 2006 in an eternal sleep at his residence.*

*He was united in holy matrimony to Ms. Carolyn Long on October 25, 1960. To this union two children were born. One son and one daughter.*

*He leaves to cherish his loving memories to Mrs. Carolyn Long Benton of 46 years; one son, Rufus Benton, Jr. (Margie) of Acworth, Ga.; daughter Ms. Tomicia Benton of Statesboro, Ga.; four grandchildren, Adrienne Williams and Alexis Benton (daughter's children) Madison and Mason Benton (son's children); three sisters, Rosa L. Marshall, New York, N.Y., Mattie Early, New York, N.Y. and Nellie Williams, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; three brothers, Ivory Benton, Savannah, Georgia, Rev. Lee Hunter (Curlencer) Statesboro, Georgia, Rev. Paul Benton (Regina) Statesboro, Georgia and one adopted brother Lee Johnson (Verna) Statesboro, Georgia; two special brother-in-laws Emory Long New York N.Y. (Carmen) and Willie Ben Bower (Beatrice) Statesboro, Ga.; one special sister-in-law Martha Benton Zeigler; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins that are well remembered in love.*