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# Funeral Services

for



Elder Elijah Charles Childers, Sr.

Saturday, July 26, 1997 — 3:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church  
R.F.D. Statesboro, Georgia

Elder Joe Young — Eulogist  
Rev. Lewis Wilson — Pastor

Interment - Friendship Cemetery



*A Final Tribute - A Service by Payton's Mortuary, Statesboro, Ga.*

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# Obituary

## A Time To Be Born

Elder Elijah Charles Childers was born to the late Joe and Pearlne Garbett Childers on July 31, 1901 in Statesboro, Bulloch County, Georgia.

## A Time To Plant

He was educated in the public school system of Bulloch County. At an early age, he joined Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Bulloch County and in his remaining years he joined the New Sandridge Holiness Church, Statesboro, Georgia, and there he worked faithfully.

## A Time To Unite

He met and was united in holy matrimony on December 14, 1925 to the late Mary Jane Rawls. To this union eleven children were born, with Mary Jane and a son, Elijah Charles Childers, Jr., preceding him in death.

## A Time To Depart

On the morning of July 21, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the Chatham Nursing Home, Savannah, Georgia, our beloved saint mounted the wings of a snow white dove and silently flew to the arms of Jesus for a much needed rest and peace.

## A Time To Mourn

He leaves to cherish his memory ten children: four loving and faithful daughters, Mrs. Ruby Jane Childers Black, Mrs. Mary Ruth Fennell and Mrs. Hattie Mae Childers Rodney, all of Savannah, GA and Mrs. Katie Mae Johnson of Statesboro, GA; six strong and loving sons, Joseph Samuel Childers and Willie Clarence Childers, both of Statesboro, GA, Julian Joshua Childers, Robert Lee Childers, and Johnny Lee Childers, all of Savannah, GA and James Alexander Childers of Decatur, GA; a "special son to love" Larry Daniel Childers of Statesboro, GA; a sister Theodosia Childers Smith of Buffalo, N.Y.; two brothers, Theodore C. Childers of Oliver, GA and Izell Childers of Americus, GA; eight daughters-in-law, Mrs. Janet Denson Childers, Mrs. Leone Howard Childers and Mrs. Mary Lou Campbell Childers, all of Statesboro, GA, Mrs. Betty Ann Green Childers, Mrs. Ollie Reid Ross Childers and Mrs. Frazier Price Childers, all of Savannah, GA Mrs. Esther Leal Childers of Decatur, GA and Mrs. Ann Tremble Childers of Baltimore, MD; one son-in-law, Richard Samuel Rodney of Savannah, GA; 3 sisters-in-law, 1 brother-in-law; 60 grandchildren, 120 great-grandchildren, 21 great-great-grandchildren, several other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

PRESIDING ..... Overseer N. C. Walthour, Sr.

SELECTION ..... Payton's Chorus

INVOCATION ..... Elder Lonnie Coppock

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament ..... Elder Charlie Robinson

New Testament ..... Elder Verdie Banner

SELECTION ..... Payton's Chorus

TRIBUTES..... Mr. Bernest Walker

SOLO ..... Evangelist Carey Coppock

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS..... Ms. Armetta Young

SELECTION ..... Payton's Chorus

EULOGY ..... Elder Joe Young

VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

## Honorary Hallbearers

Deacons of the Apostolic Faith

## Active Hallbearers

Grandsons

Charles Stowbridge

Samuel Childers

Patrick Johnson

Willie James Childers, Jr.

Kenneth Johnson

Eddie Fennell, Jr.

## Floral Attendants

Granddaughters

Martha Childers

Darrria Hines

Grace Childers

Andrea Renae Jones

Carolyn Reid

Lynette Tatum

Janie Stowbridge

Bernette Johnson

Vernette Johnson

Diane Childers

## Acknowledgments

Our appreciation is extended to all of our family and friends that have shown us kindness and sympathy during our bereavement. We pray God's richest blessings to you.

The Family