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What Is A Dad

A dad is a person
Who is loving and kind,
And often he knows
What you have on your mind,
He is someone who listens,
Suggests and defends—
A dad can be one
of your best friends!
He is proud of your triumphs,
But when things go wrong
A Dad can be patient,
And helpful and strong
In all that you do
A dad's love plays a part.
There is always a place for him
Deep in your heart—
And each year that passes,
You're even more glad
More grateful and proud
Just to call him Dad.

The Children

Donald, Melvin, Larry & Elaine

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Deacon Gary Mack Douglas, Sr. wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and their many expressions of love and kindness. We have been touched by your kindness and your concern and we ask that you continue remembering us in your prayers.

The Family

*Special Thanks to Rev. Julius Abraham,
Mrs. Lauretha Best & Mrs. Virginia Harden*

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Homegoing Celebration For



Dea. Gary Mack Douglas, Sr

Saturday, August 6, 2005—11:00 A.M.

Original First African Baptist Church
Statesboro, Georgia

Rev. Julius Abraham, Presiding
Rev. Bennie Brinson, Eulogist
Rev. Frankie Owens, Pastor

Interment— Bulloch Memorial Gardens

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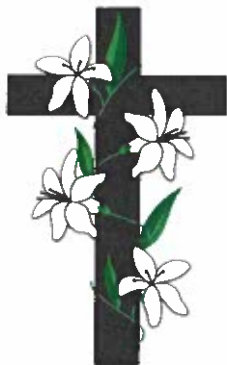
Deacon Gary Mack Douglas, Sr., age 88, died on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at 4:45 A.M. after a brief illness at East Georgia Regional Medical Center, Statesboro, Georgia. He was born on October 26, 1916 to the late Mr. Gary Douglas and Mrs. Rilla A. Jones Douglas in Burke County, Georgia. Deacon Douglas moved to Bulloch County, Georgia in 1946.

He attended Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama and later received his Bachelors of Science in Agriculture at Georgia State College (Savannah State University). He began working for the State Agriculture Extension Service as an agriculture teacher. He taught World War II veterans and farmers how to can foods. His teaching career extended from Jefferson County, Georgia to Statesboro, Georgia. In 1955, he began teaching Industrial Arts and Agriculture at William James High School in Statesboro. In 1970, he continued to teach Agriculture at Statesboro High School. He taught until 1973 when he became Assistant Principal at William James Middle School until his retirement in 1984.

He was a World War II Veteran and an original charter member of American Legion Post #28. In 1946, he joined Original First African Baptist Church in Statesboro under the leadership of Rev. Murphy. He became a deacon in 1952 and worked in the church as Bible Study teacher and Church School Superintendent. He served the church faithfully until his death.

On December 31, 1938, he was joined in Holy Matrimony to Zadie Lundy. To this union, five children were born. One son, Gary M. Douglas, Jr. preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn a loving wife of 66 years, Mrs. Zadie Lundy Douglas, Statesboro; three sons, Donald Douglas, Augusta, Georgia; Charles Melvin Douglas, Sylvania, Georgia and Larry Turner Douglas, Sr., San Pablo, California and one daughter, Juliet Elaine Douglas, Atlanta, Georgia; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandson; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Presiding.....Rev. Julius Abraham

Processional

Invocation.....Rev. Frankie Owens
 Selection.....Original First African Baptist Church Choir
 Scriptures

Old Testament.....Rev. Patrick Jones
 New Testament.....Bishop Larry Jones

SoloMin. Jean Owens

Moments of Reflection.....Rev. Frankie Owens & Group

Tribute.....Rev. Julius Abraham

Selection.....Original First African Baptist Church Choir

Acknowledgements Sis. Lauretha Best

Obituary.....*Read Silently*

EulogyRev. Bennie Brinson

Solo.....Bro. Phillip Burke

Recessional.....Original First African Baptist Church Choir

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons ~ Original First African Baptist Church

Pallbearers

Gary M. Douglas, III	Garriel M. Douglas
Larry T. Douglas, Jr.	Torry D. Douglas
Charles Preston	Larry Preston

Floral Attendants

Nieces

Deaconess ~ Original First African Baptist Church