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Mr. Arris Durden

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Pallbearers

Mr. Romadell Durden
Mr. Carl Durden
Mr. W. J. Durden
Mr. Lucius Williams
Mr. Luther Dale Byrd
Mr. James McPherson

Floral Attendants

Ushers and Friends

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Arris Durden would like to acknowledge our deep appreciation and gratitude to our many relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy.

Your assuring words, phone calls, visitation, kindness and prayers will remain as a beacon of light.

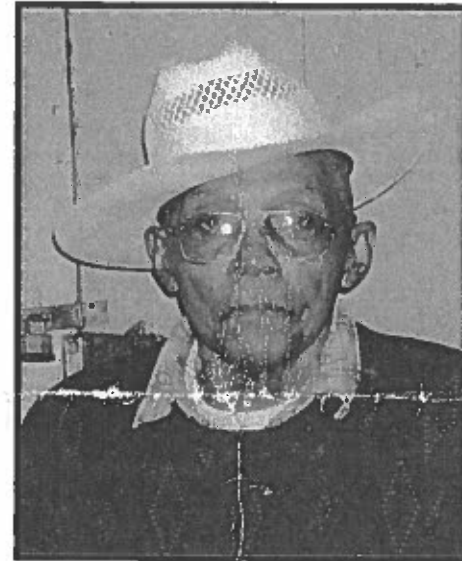
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Celebrating The Life Of Mr. Arris Durden



Saturday, August 2, 2008
3:00 P.M.

Sams Creek Missionary Baptist Church

Metter, Georgia
Rev. Johnny Levant, Pastor

Minister James Durden, Presiding
Reverend John Leggett, Eulogist

*Interment ~ Sams Creek Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Metter, Georgia*

Obituary

"Trust in the lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct thy path."

Proverbs 3:5

Life is more solemn than death, to live more serious than to die. The objective of Christ's death was life! Mr. Arris Durden was born August 2, 1915 to the late Mr. George and Mrs. Melissa Durden in Emanuel County, Georgia. Mr. Arris was raised in a loving and close knit family which included nine siblings: Lillie, Ruby, Merdis, Sula, Ross, J.R., Alfonso, Ellie Eason and George, Jr.

At an early age he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized at Sams Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Metter, Georgia. He was married to the former Minnie L. Byrd. To this union six children were born. His wife and two of their children, Alma Jean and James Thomas, preceded him in death.

Mr. Durden entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, July 30, 2008. He leaves to cherish his memory: two sons and one daughter-in-law, George and Sallie Durden and Harvey Durden all of Miami, FL; two daughters, Francene Durden and Lillie Byrd both of Miami, FL; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Merdis and Alonzo Williams of Stillmore, GA and Ruby Mitchell of Waterbury, CT; twelve grandchildren: Carolyn Mosley (Sol) of Twin City, GA; Karen Taylor of Jacksonville, FL; Gregory Byrd of Miami, FL; Andrea Salmon (Cy) of Miami, FL; Christine Durden of Miami, FL; Stanley Byrd of Miami, FL; Valerie Tavares (Rodrick) of Miami, FL; Karla Richardson (Carl) of Dallas, TX; Mitchell Durden (Vienna) of St. Petersburg, FL; Latrice Ryals (Turray) of Warner Robbins, GA; Shannon Durden of Miami, FL and Calvin Durden of Miami, FL several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Presiding.....Minister James Durden

Processional

Selection

Scriptures.....Old & New Testaments.....Minister James Durden

Invocation.....Minister

Selection

Reflections (Three Minutes, Please)

As A Neighbor

As An Uncle.....Sandra Brooks

As I Knew Him

Selection.....Culbreth Family

Acknowledgements.....Staff of Whitaker Funeral Home

Obituary (*Read Silently*)

Selection.....Faye West

Eulogy.....Reverend John Leggett

The Parting View

Recessional

Interment

*The family will receive friends and share repast at the
Sams Creek Community Center, Metter, Georgia*