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Cother Lee Hodge

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Mr. William E. George
Mr. Earl Dabbs
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Members of the Georgia Funeral Service
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Mr. Alton Griffen
Mr. Willie Lawrence

Mr. Willie Wright
Mr. James Kilcrease
Mr. Michael Boston

Floral Attendants

Friends of the Family

Ushers

Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church Usher Board
Thankful Baptist Church Usher Board

Acknowledgements

We are deeply grateful to each of you for the many expressions of love, sympathy, and concern shown to us during this most difficult time. There are no words sufficient to express our sincere gratitude. We pray God's blessings upon you, and ask that you keep us in your prayers.

The Hodges Family

Services Entrusted To:
Hodges Funeral Home
Metter, Georgia
Y'lonne Hodges, Manager
Percy Hodges/Jerry Gibson, Licensed Morticians

In Loving Memory
of
Mr. Cother L. Hodges



Monday, January 30, 1995
1:00 P.M.

Georgia Army National Guard
Fortner Road
Metter, Georgia

Interment: St. Matthews Church Cemetery

Rev. Joseph Calhoun, Presiding
Rev. T. J. Simmons, Eulogist

Obituary

Cother Lee Hodges was born in Candler County, Georgia, on November 10, 1920 to the late Mr. John Wesley Hodges and Mrs. Gertrude Whipple Hodges.

He was educated in the public school system of Candler County, and upon reaching adulthood, he enlisted in the United States Army. Mr. Hodges served overseas during World War II, and after being honorably discharged, he returned to Metter, Georgia to live.

An active civic leader in his community, Mr. Hodges was a member of and held offices in several organizations, including the Metter Development Corporation, the Candler Improvement Corporation, the Candler County NAACP (past President), and the Metter Masonic Lodge #401.

He served as a member of the Deacons Board of the Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church in Metter, Georgia and was Church Treasurer. He was also Chairman of the Trustee Board. He was the former secretary of the new Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Association.

Mr. Hodges was an independent businessman. He was a farm-owner, as well as the owner of Pleasant View Nursing Home in Metter, Georgia, which he operated as licensed administrator for seventeen years. He was also the owner of Hodges Funeral Home in Metter, Georgia.

On Wednesday, January 25, an angel of mercy slipped softly into his room at the Candler County Hospital and quietly led his spirit away to ease his pain and suffering from an extended illness. He leaves to cherish many fond memories the following loved ones: his wife, Mrs. Juanita B. Hodges of Metter, Georgia; one son, Mr. Percy L. Hodges of Metter, Georgia; three daughters, Dr. Malinda Hodges White of Silver Springs, Maryland, Ms. Yvonne Hodges of Nashville, Tennessee, and Ms. Ommie Ruffin of Flint, Michigan; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Eula F. Hodges of Metter Georgia; one step-father-in-law, Elder Dehard Dekle of Statesboro, Georgia; four grandchildren, Mrs. Yvonne H. Copeland of Lithonia, Georgia, Ms. Ylonne Hodges and Ms. MaLinda Hodges, both of Metter, Georgia, and Mr. Bilal White of New Haven, Connecticut; one grandson-in-law, Mr. John Copeland of Lithonia, Georgia; three sisters, Mrs. Gracie Beck of Sacramento, California, Mrs. Juanita Lanes of Metter, Georgia, and Mrs. Zella McRae of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Mr. John W. Hodges, Jr. of Moreland, Georgia; one aunt, Mrs. Della M. Johnson of Metter, Georgia; one uncle, Mr. William A. Hodges of Cincinnati, Ohio; five additional grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, four brothers-in-law, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

In Memoriam

I have finished now with this house of clay.

Please kindly and carefully lay it away,

And let me rest from this life of pain;

Toiling in sunshine, storm, and rain,

Trying to help the sick and poor,

And turning no needy from my door

I strive to do my Master's Work

Never a duty did I shirk

Many times I was misunderstood,

When I had done the best I could.

I am tired now, so let me rest.

Don't cry, don't you know God knows best?

Please, no sad hearts, no hung down heads,

Don't weep for me, for I am not dead.

I have another house you know.

Where only God's redeemed can go,

I do not need this house of clay

So, tenderly carefully, lay it away.

Order of Service

Processional Choir
"Soon and Very Soon"

Selection Choir
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Scriptures:

Old Testament Elder James Johnson
New Testament Rev. William Eason

Prayer Rev. John L. Leggett

Solo Mr. Rayford DeLoach
"What Are They Doing In Heaven Now"

Remarks:

Long-time Family Friend Mr. William George
Pastor, St. Mary's Primitive Baptist Church .. Rev. R.N. Gooden
Tallahassee, Florida
Pastor, Bethel Primitive Baptist Church Elder N. E. Rogers
Statesboro, Georgia

Acknowledgements Mrs. Faye West
Solo Ms. Yvonne Hodges

Eulogy Rev. T. J. Simmons

Recessional Choir
"I'll Fly Away"

Interment

Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones
Oh, so happy and so bright,
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed:
I am now at peace forever,
Safely at home in Heaven at last.*

*To Those I Love
and
Those Who Loved Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let go --
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be thankful for our beautiful years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess,
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I travel on alone.
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away for life goes on,
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear --
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome Home".*