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### Wille Bill Hodges

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# *Funeral Services*

*for*



FRANK'S PRINTING SERVICE — STATESBORO

**MR. WILLIE BILL HODGES**

**MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1976 — 3:00 P.M.**

**Old Bethel Primitive Baptist Church**

**R.F.D., Statesboro, Georgia**

**Elder Willie Beal, Pastor**

**Elder J. J. Grant, Officiating**

**Burial— Eastside Cemetery**



Payton's Mortuary in Charge of Arrangements

## Obituary

Mr. Willie Bill Hodges was born in Bulloch County, Georgia, January 12, 1901, to the late Thomas Hodges and Miss Claudine Love. He departed this life Wednesday, June 16, 1976, at Bulloch Memorial Hospital, Statesboro, Georgia.

At an early age, he joined the Old Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, where he served faithful until his death.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a loving wife, Mrs. Annie Hodges, Statesboro, Ga.; one son, Gillham Hodges, Statesboro, Ga.; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Mercelle Olliff, Statesboro, Ga.; two stepsons, Thomas Jackson, Statesboro, Ga., and Benjamin Jackson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; three sisters, Ms. Ethel Swans, Savannah, Ga., Mrs. Luetishia Williams and Mrs. Vongie Lee Dansby, both of Columbus, Ohio; three brothers, Freddie Hodges, Boston, Mass., Lehman Hodges and Julius Hodges both of Columbus, Ohio; 16 grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.



There's an open gate

At the end of the road

Through which each must go alone.

And there is a light we cannot see

Our Father claims His own,

Beyond the gate our loved one

Finds happiness and rest

And there is comfort in the thought

That a loving God knows Best.

## Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

PRESIDING ..... Rev. W. D. Kent

INVOCATION ..... Rev. James Canty

SCRIPTURE ..... Rev. R. H. White

HYMN ..... "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

REMARKS (three minutes please)

AS A CHURCH WORKER ..... Dea. John Zeigler

AS A FRIEND ..... Roosevelt Mincey

AS A NEIGHBOR ..... Robert Jackson

HYMN ..... Rev. Dehard Dekle

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Mrs. Wilma Holloway

SOLO ..... Mrs. Wilma Holloway

EULOGY ..... Rev. J. J. Grant

VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

### Pallbearers

Grandsons



The members of the family wish to express thanks to their many friends and relatives for their many acts and expressions of kindness extended to them. This kindness will always be remembered with deep gratitude.