

OBITUARIES

Rebecca Laseun Wickware Ford

September 16, 1980 -
July 28, 2007

Henderson, TX. - Funeral services for twenty-seven year old Rebecca Laseun Wickware Ford, were held at 1:00PM Thursday, August 2, 2007 at Woodville CME Church, Rusk, Texas with Rev. Joe Radford officiating.

Mrs. Ford was a graduate of Rusk High School. She attended Tyler Junior College and Kilgore Junior College and was a student working toward becoming a physical therapist. She was a member of Woodville CME Church. Her place of residence was Henderson, Texas. She passed away July 28, 2007 in Rusk County.

Preceding her in death were her father, Ravay Wickware, two neices, one nephew, two grandfathers and one grandmother.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband Markeith Ford of Henderson; Mother Cuba Hargraves and Step-father Reverend George Hargraves of Mt Vernon; one Brother, Ravay Wickware, Jr. of Mt. Vernon; two Sisters, Rachael Anderson of Mt. Vernon and Patricia Deveraux of Tyler.

Pallbearers were: David Wickware, Larry Kenedy, Barrett Foreman, D. J. Foreman, Edrick Foreman and Terrick Foreman. Honorary Pallbearers were: Fredrick Wickware, William Fuller, Jr., Theo Williams and Darrell Williams. Interment was at Woodville Cemetery with Harmon Funeral Home of Daingerfield in charge of the service.

J. Neaul Haynes. He was appointed pastor of the McDonald COGIC in 1969, and served faithfully as their pastor until he retired in 2004, due to declining health. Elder Davis was a man of strong personal and spiritual convictions. He was compassionate and very committed to the work of the Lord. He was a man of great faith and constant prayer. His motto was "If you take care of God's business, He will take care of yours." May will remembered for his quick wit and humorous nature.

He leaves to cherish his memory and rich legacy: a faithful and dedicated wife of sixty-one years, Dimple Davis, Palestine; seven sons: Roy C. Davis, Jr., of Fort Worth; James A. Davis (Tessie) and Carl E. Davis (Patricia) all of Palestine; Marvin L. Davis (Linda) of San Antonio, Samuel A. Davis (Connie) of Tyler; Paul L. Davis of San Antonio, Charles H. Davis (Beatrice) of Arlington; two daughters: Cynthia M. Ridge (Michael) of Duncanville; Gladys Fay Bell (Jeffery) of Grand Prairie; two brothers, Lawrence Davis of Detroit, Michigan; and Vernon Davis of Chicago, Illinois; sixteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren; a host of neices, nephews and many other relatives.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his Mother Ardie D. Thacker, a devoted wife Rosie Skinner, mother-in-law Rostene Green; sons Joshua, Stancy, and Jeremy Skinner; daughters Camille Green and G'Undra Skinner all of Alto, Texas; grandchildren Tyrus, Sharenza, Tyran, Kim Joshua, Jr., Yoshira, Careza, Jardarion, Jaydon, and Londyn; sisters and brothers-in-law Margie Skinner, Carolyn (Gabe) Frazier of Alto, Gloria Skinner of Houston, Brenda (Tommy) Griffin Longview, Crystal Sterling, Shreveport, Louisiana; brothers and sisters-in-law, George (Della) Skinner, Houston; Charles Skinner (Sara "Pig" and Elmo Thacker, all of Alto; sisters-in-law, Peggy Green, Pamela Black, Paula Pope, brothers-in-law, Vern and Willis Green; special niece who he raise as his own, Jalane Gree; special friends Greg (Betty) Duplichain and family, Ronesha Smith, Laquisha Foster, and tyrone Johnson; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. Pallbearers were: Robert Jenkins, Howard Richardson, Earnest Mitchell, Jerry Morgan, Jason Duplichain, Jeffery Duplichain, George Skinner, Jr., and Jerry Moore. Honorary pallbearers: Weeping Mary Baptist church Deacons, Alto ISD School Board Members.

Interment was at St. Thomas AME Cemetery under the directions of O.T. Allen & Son Funeral Home.

L. C. Brooks

Sept. 21, 1927- June 21, 2007

Funeral Services were held June 25, 2007 for Mr. L. C. Brooks at Mt. Nevelton CME Church with Rev. Bruce Lyons officiating. He was born September 21, 1927 to Cecil (Norris) Brooks and Sammie L. Brooks in Troop, Texas. Mr. Brooks passed away Thursday June 21st in Jacksonville, Texas. He was a carpenter by trade. He was an active member of Mt. Nevelton serving as a Sunday School superintendent for more than twenty years, adult bible study teacher, and chairman of the deacon board.

He leaves to treasure his memory, a devoted spouse, Lessie Allen Brooks; one son Edward (Buck) Brooks, one daughter Arvella Brooks Franklin; four brothers Cecil (Norris) Brooks; Sammie L. Brooks, Bullard, Verlie C. (Lorain) Brooks, Jacksonville; James (Lucinda) Brooks of Bullard; one sister Clara Dewberry of Hawkins; seven grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Preston Brooks, James McCumi, Karl Brooks, Harliam Brooks, Edron Brooks and Jerry Brooks.

Interment was at Mt. Nevelton Cemetery Bullard under the directions of Community Funeral Home.

A Home-Going Celebration for G. L. Skinner

August 3, 1949 - June 16, 2007

Funeral Service for G. L. Skinner was held Friday, June 22, 2007 at Weeping Mary Baptist Church, Alto, Texas with Ministers Isaac Wiley, Herman Martin, Declois Johnson, Lionel Whitaker and Chester Whitaker officiating.

He was born August 3, 1949 to the late G. W. Skinner and Ardie D. Thacker. He entered eternal rest Saturday, June 16, 2007 at his home in alto, Texas.

He attended Booker T. Washington, Fidelity Manor of Houston, Texas and Alto High School.

He united in Holy Matrimony with Rosie Skinner for thirty-four years. to this union, five children were born.

G.L. was employed many years at rusk State Hospital until he joined the team at Duplichain Contractors where he remained employed until his health failed. He was a faithful member of Weeping Mary Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, assistant superintendent of Sunday School, Youth Sunday School Teacher, Bible Study Teacher, Choir President, WMBC Brotherhood, Committee Officer for the Area Christian Brotherhood, member of the Ministerial Alliance. He served on the Alto Independent School District School Board from 1999 to 2007.

The Life and Legacy of Elder Roy C. Davis, Sr.

Oct. 31, 1914 - July 12, 2007

Elder Roy C. Davis, Sr., was born on October 31, 1914 to Mr. Danile Webster Davis and Mrs. Maggie Shropshire Davis in Palestine, Texas. He was educated in Palestine Public Schools. Before entering full time ministry, he was employed by Rogers Chevrolet, Safeway and Brookshire Food Stores.

He served in the US Army for four years during World War II, where he received five Bronze Stars. After active duty he became a member of Grace Temple COGIC. November 6, 1945 he was united in Holy Matrimony with Dimple Proctor of Fairfield. To this union nine children wer born.

He and his family remained faithful members of Grace Temple with him serving as Deacon Board President, Sunday School Superintendent, YPWW President, musician, treasurer, and Sunday School Teacher. He also served as financial secretary for the Palestine for the Palestine District fo many years and was appointed assistant superintendent by Bishop

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