

Homegoing Service
for



Marvin Johnson

August 7, 1922 - May 13, 2011

Thursday, May 19, 2011

11:00 a.m.

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

1284 Macedonia Road

Batesville, Mississippi

Reverend Zannie Leland, Officiating

Obituary

"You light a lamp for me. The LORD, my God, lights up my darkness." (NLT)

Psalm 18:28

Marvin Johnson was born August 7th, 1922 to the union of Alfred Johnson and Sallie Morris Johnson in Batesville, Mississippi. To this union seven children were born: Vernon, Glennie, Fairy Bell, Marvin, Andrew, Richard, and Lloyd. Other siblings include: Nezzie Jackson, Rosetta Britton, Willie Johnson, Harvey Johnson and Marvin Harris.

Marvin accepted Christ at an early age and joined the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. He served on the Deacon Ministry and was Church Treasurer for 54 years until his death. He took great pride in his financial prowess and accounting for every nickel of the church's money.

As part of the "Greatest Generation", Marvin enlisted in the United States Army Air Corp on January 29, 1943 and received an honorable discharge on January 13, 1946. He served with the 1872nd Engineer Aviation Battalion as a Construction Machine Operator in World War II. This was a defining moment in his life and he often recounted his tour of duty in the Pacific Theater which included the Philippine Islands, jungles of New Guinea, and Japan.

When his tour ended he returned to Batesville, pursued farming and was also employed at Poloron and Thermos. He was a proud landowner and farmer. He retired from farming due to his health and enjoyed driving to the hilltop store, visiting friends and never missed a day of "slowly" driving throughout the community surveying the state of affairs of the Macedonia community with his eagle eye. Marvin departed this life on May 13, 2011 after a gradual decline in his health over the past 2 years.

He was joined in holy matrimony to Alice Ruth Lyons and they were married 61 years. To this union six children were born: Michael, Cheryl, Kenneth, Reginald, Cynthia and Edgar.

He leaves to cherish his memories a devoted wife, Alice Ruth and children Michael (Bonnie), Cheryl (Eugene), Kenneth (Gloria), Reginald, Cynthia (George), Edgar Byron (Joyce) and Idella Ware (Glen). He leaves one sister, Glennie Houston; eight grandchildren: Jason, Brian, Marlisha, Brittany, Tyler, Destin, Daphne and Glen Jr.; 2 great grandchildren, Tybiah, Mekea (Daphne) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Mr. "Flint", as he was known by many friends, will be sorely missed.