

## Active Pallbearers

Bobby Green, Jr.  
Douglas Cotton  
Aaron Lynch

Stanley Green  
Bobby Joe Lynch  
Jerome Cotton, Jr.

## Honorary Pallbearers

Members of The Lynch, Cotton, Proctor, & Murphy Families

## Interment

Dancer Cemetery

## Family Acknowledgment

### "Thank You"

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or say quietly in a chair;

Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you prayed a sincere prayer, or came to pay call;

Perhaps you sang a cheerful song, it so, we heard it all.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say,

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Perhaps you prepared a tasty dish, or maybe furnished a car;

Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, by word or deed or touch,

Whatever was the kindly part, we thank you, oh so very much!

-The Family of Samuel J. Lynch, Sr.

WILL THOSE DRIVING IN THE PROCESSION KINDLY  
TURN ON YOUR HEADLIGHTS FOR SAFETY!



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## Homegoing Celebration

for

Mr. Samuel Jackson Lynch, Sr.

Sunrise

February 21, 1931

Sunset

June 9, 2007



-Service-

Saturday, June 16, 2007  
11:00 A.M.

DORSEY-KEATTS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL  
602 N. Ross Street  
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Reverend Louis C. Carr, Officiating/Pastor  
Reverend Arthur Carter, Jr., Eulogist

*"23rd Psalms"*



The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He Maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul;  
He leadeth me in the path of  
Righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the  
Valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
In the presence of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
My cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life:  
All I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Mr. Samuel Jackson Lynch, Sr.*



A 1984 graduate of Dunbar High School  
and also a Native of Mexia, Texas,  
Samuel Lynch, Sr served in the  
United States Army during the Korean conflict.  
His basic training was spent at Ft. Leonard Wood Missouri.  
Samuel served 17 months in German  
the first two was with the USAR,  
Southern command Guards in Munich HQ and  
3 months with 97th General Hospital.  
The last 12 months were spent with the  
302nd field hospital in Landstuhl and Baumholder  
as an army room technician and generator operator.  
After service, Samuel graduated from the  
Tennessee A & I State University  
and  
University of Georgia—Athens  
with a  
B.A. & M.A. degrees Respectively

"23RD PSLAMS" • MR. SAMUEL JACKSON LYNCH, SR.

"OPEN GATE" • THE LIFE OF SAMUEL JACKSON LYNCH, SR. • ORDER OF SERVICE

"FOOTPRINTS" • "WHY GOD MADE TEACHERS" • "HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST" • "I'VE GOT MY WINGS"



*“Open Gate”*

There is an open gate at the end of the road,  
to which each of us must go alone.  
And there is a light that we cannot see,  
our Father calls his own.  
And there beyond the gate of love.  
One finds happiness and rest.  
And there is a comfort in the thought  
that a loving God knows best.

*The Life of Samuel Jackson Lynch, Sr.*  
*1931—2007*

Mr. Samuel Jackson Lynch, Sr., was born on February 21, 1931 in Mexia, Texas. He was the youngest of five children born to the union of Temer Leon Lynch and Parthenia Cotton-Lynch. His parents, Temer and Parthenia Lynch; and his siblings, Wade, Matilda (Murph), Thelma (Skeet) and Charles all preceded him in death.

Mr. Lynch attended Dunbar Elementary School and graduated from Dunbar High School in June 1948.

He received a B.A. degree from Tennessee A & I State University in June 1958, and a M.A. degree in Foreign Languages from the University of Georgia-Athens in 1972.

Mr. Lynch taught French, Spanish and German for almost thirty years in several school districts including schools in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Mexia and Rowlett, Texas. He was an educator from 1960 to 1995 until his health diagnosis in August 1995. After his health failed he returned to his childhood home in Mexia, Texas at 153 N. Kollman Road. This was the residence of Eliza J. Proctor his aunt and a retired educator until she passed away on March 1, 2002 in a nursing home facility in Mexia.

Mr. Lynch became totally incapacitated, mentally and physically and was placed in the Groesbeck L.T.C. in February 2007 by his son, Samuel J. Lynch, Jr with doctor’s advice. He could not care from himself any longer and required full time nursing care.

He leaves to cherish his memory one son, Samuel Jackson Lynch, Jr., one grandson, Samuel Jackson Lynch, III; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

{We will deep miss you Paw–Paw!}  
- The Family

*Order of Service*

-Prelude-

- Processional ..... Soft Music
- Selection ..... Sis. Tamara Ashton
- Scriptures:  
Old Testament ..... Reverend Cedrick Porter  
New Testament..... Reverend Cedrick Porter
- Prayer ..... Reverend Cedrick Porter
- Selection ..... Sis. Krystal K. Fleming
- Resolutions..... St. Luke United Methodist Church
- Remarks.....(Limit, two minutes, please)
- Silent Reading of Obituary..... Soft Music
- Selection
- Eulogy ..... Reverend Arthur Carter, Jr.
- Final Glimpse ‘til Glory..... Funeral Home Staff
- Processional ..... Soft Music

-Prelude-



“I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me,  
though he were dead, yet shall he live:  
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”

-St. John 11:25-26

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“FOOTPRINTS” • “WHY GOD MADE TEACHERS” • “HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST” • “I’VE GOT MY WINGS”

## *"Footprints"*

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One belonging to him and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. LORD you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most trouble some times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me. The LORD replied, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you, never, ever, during your trials and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

## *"Why God Made Teachers"*

When God created teachers,  
he gave us special friends  
to help us understand His world  
and truly comprehend  
the beauty and the wonder  
of everything we see,  
and become a better person  
with each discovery.

When God created teachers,  
he gave us special guides  
to show us ways in which to grow  
so we can all decide  
how to live and how to do  
what's right instead of wrong,  
to lead us so that we can lead  
and learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers,  
in His wisdom and His grace,  
was to help us learn to make our world  
a better, wiser place.

## *"He Only Takes The Best"*

God saw you were getting tired,  
and a cure was not to be;  
He put his arms around you  
and whispered, "Come With Me"  
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer  
and saw you fade away.  
Although we loved you dearly;  
we could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
a determined spirit is at rest;  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
"He Only Takes The Best."



## *"I've Got My Wings"*

Don't weep for me for I have gone on  
To a better place, my new home  
Leaving behind unwanted things  
For now I've got my wings  
I tried to do what Jesus said  
Just so I could stay ahead  
Just as simple as the school bell rings  
I am thankful I've got my wings  
I loved everyone and tired to do my best  
Just in case I was put through a test  
But whatever I gave or did bring  
I wouldn't trade it for my wings  
My wings are for me to fly away  
And to wait to see you some day  
I wouldn't trade them for anything  
I am happy I've got my wings  
So don't weep for me, keep a song to sing  
So you can say like me, "I've Got My Wings."

-Samuel J. Lynch, Sr.