

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE



*Otis Don Gates*

September 22, 1928 - December 22, 2006

SERVICE:

*Saturday, December 30, 2006*

*Wake: 10:00 AM      Funeral: 11:00 AM*

*JW James Memorial AME Church*

*911 South 6th Avenue*

*Maywood, Illinois 60153*

Pastors

Rev. Dr. Esther J. Mitchell

&

Rev. Dr. Lucille L. Jackson

Officiating

# Obituary

Otis Don Gates was born on September 22, 1928 in Como, Mississippi to the late Oscar and Lona Gates. He was the youngest of nine children.

Otis accepted Jesus Christ as his savior at an early age at Mt. Level Baptist Church in Como, Mississippi under leadership of the late Reverend Miller.

Otis married and divorced Jessie Mae Jones and to that union, two children were born, Donna Gail and Michael Anthony.

Otis later married Hazel Hairston and to that union, three children were born, Mark Donald, Reginald and LaVonzelle.

Otis retired from Dominick's Finer Foods as a Shop Mechanic.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories, his wife, Hazel Gates of Maywood, Illinois; two sisters, Maurice Coleman and LaVonzelle Gardner both of Memphis, TN; two daughters, Donna Gates-Bullard (Lawrence), Lavonzelle Minor (Clarence) of Maywood; two sons, Mark Gates (Norma) of Oswego, IL and Reginald Gates of Maywood, IL; three grandsons, Damon Gates Sr. of Memphis, TN, Michael L. Gates and Malik L. Minor both of Maywood, Illinois; one grand-daughter, Mrs. Stephanie Bullard-Shannon (Brian) of San Diego, CA and a great grandson, Damon Gates Jr. of Memphis, TN. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Anthony Gates and leaves a host of relatives and friends.