#### Pallbearers

James Fordham Ronald Jenkins Herbert Mazack Wilbur Nelson William Nelson Willie Smith

#### Honorary Pallbearers

The Session of Salem Presbyterian Church The Presbyterian Men Safety Cab Company of Charleston, SC

#### Floral Bearers

The Ushers of the Church

#### *Acknowledgeme*nts

Friends are earthly blessings when they respond in moments of despair. Our family will be forever grateful to God for giving us faithful friends during the passing of our loved one.

Your expressions kindness and thoughtfulness were sources of strength and divine consolation.

May God grant unto each of you His richest blessing.



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## Honoring

MR. BENJAMIN MIKELL  $1930 \sim 2009$ 

Salem Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 5591 Maybank Highway Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina Reverend Robert L. Capers, Minister

~Interment~ Salem Presbyterian Church Cemetery McCullough Dam Road Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina



Saturday, October 31, 2009 12:00 Noon

## Obituary

As life brings such hope and joy to those involved, it brought the same to the late Augustus Mikell and Rosa Jenkins Mikell on November 30, 1930, when Benjamin Mikell was born. "Ben" as he was known to all, departed his earthy life on Saturday, October 24, 2009, at Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina.

As a young child, Ben was always giving of himself and time, while performing good deeds. He was reared in the McCollough Dam area of Katy Hill by his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Jenkins, who was affectionately known by many as "Big Mama". At other times he spent in Birdnest with his paternal family.

Ben received his early education at the Nine Mile Fork School on Wadmalaw Island and his secondary education at Burke High School. He served in the United States Army for a few years and was honorably discharged. He became employed at Domino Sugar Shipping Company in North Charleston, SC, and later for thirty-five years he served diligently as a taxi driver for Safety Cab Company of Charleston, SC and owner of his own taxi cab until his health failed.

At a young age, Ben joined Salem Presbyterian Church, where he attended Sunday School regularly. In his later years he met and was united in marriage to Ms. Georgetta Gadsden of North Charleston, SC on April 30, 1988. He renewed his membership to the church under the leadership of his cousin Elder Alfreda Jenkins and under the pastorate of the Reverend Robert L. Capers. He was also a member of the Presbyterian Men Organization, and on Sunday, June 15, 2003, he was honored as Salem's Father of the Year.

Ben was a very free spirited and lovable man; he greeted everyone with a warm smile. He had fun wherever he went, and his laughter was contagious. He was a lover of children; his neighbor's little girl has made him gifts for the holidays and has called him "Mr. Mitchell, her special name. Ben loved his work as a taxi driver. This is what one of his customers wrote: "I knew Mr. Ben from being my cab driver when I was working. I had to be to work at 5 in the mornings. He was never late picking me up, and if the store was not open when I got to work, he waited on me until someone came. I was never left alone when He took me to work. He will truly be missed."

To forever cherish all of Ben's precious memories and celebrate his beautiful life are his devoted and charming wife, Mrs. Georgetta G. Mikell: his three sons, James Sams (Henrietta) of Wadmalaw Island, SC; Maurice Gadsden and Barney Gadsden (Wanda) of North Charleston, SC; his loving sister and brother in-law, Evangelist Sara Randolph (Paul) of North Charleston, SC; his devoted aunts, Ms. Adell Mikell and Mrs. Estelle White of Wadmalaw Island, SC; his ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his close and devoted cousins, Mrs. Alfreda Jenkins (James) of Johns Island, SC, Ms. Veronica Jenkins Rogers of Charlotte, NC, Ms. Emily Jenkins Turner of Jacksonville, NC, Mr. Garry Chisolm (Geneva) of Wadmalaw Island. SC, Mr. Walter Ray Taylor (Teresa) of North Charleston, SC, Ms. Rena Smith of Wadmalaw Island, SC, Mr. Roges Brown of Wadmalaw Island, SC, Mr. James Brown of Wadmalaw Island, SC, Mr. Walter Brown of Charleston, SC, Mr. Ralph Brown of Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Edward Mikell, Mr. Tommy Mikell, Mr. Louis Mikell and Ms. Jean Mikell, all of Wadmalaw Island, SC; and a host of other close cousins and an endless ocean of best friends, including the entire staff and employees of SAFETY CAB COMPANY of Charleston, SC.



### Order of Service

# Reverend Robert L. Capers Presiding

Organ/Piano PreludeMr. Garry Chisolm Mrs. Pearl Hoskins
Processional"We're Marching To Zion"
Call to OrderRev. Robert L. Capers
Hymn"It Is Well With My Soul"
Invocation
Scripture Readings Old TestamentEcclesiastes 3: 1-9 Evangelist Sara Randolph
New Testament
DuetMrs. Geneva and Ms. Ashley Chisolm
TributesEvangelist Sara Randolph Elder Alfreda Jenkins
SoloElder John Butler, Jr.
EulogyReverend Robert L. Capers
Viewing of Remains
Recessional"I'll Fly Away"
Committal ServiceAt the Gravesite
Repass(Immediately Following)Fellowship Hall

#### Special Poem

Life is but a stopping place,
a pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road
to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys, different paths along the way, We all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay.

Our destination is a place far greater than we know, For some, the journey's quicker, for some, the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward, And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.

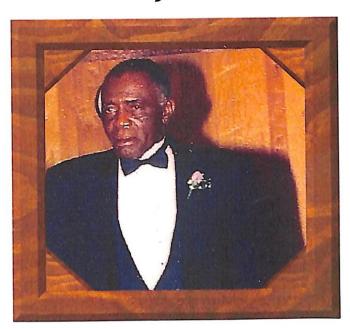
Eternally yours, Georgetta, Children, Grands and Greatgrands.



God looked around His garden
And found an empty space.
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your smiling face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always take the best.

AFFECTIONATELY SUBMITTED, The Mikell Family

# M~E~M~O~R~I~E~S...... Salem's Man of the Year Award



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