

In Loving Memory
of
William Gillespie Fort
June 6, 1919 - January 21, 2010



Saturday, January 30, 2010
1:00 P.M.
Mount Zion Baptist Church
Vaiden, Mississippi

Rev. John Gaddis, Officiating Pastor

Interment
Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery
Services Entrusted To:
Roberts & Sons Mortuary, INC.
Winona, Mississippi





OBITUARY

Somewhere beyond the night, another day has just begun,
For death is but to greet the dawn, and not the setting sun.
B. J. Hoff

William Gillespie Fort, son of the late Britain Fort and the late Hattie Richmond - Fort was born in Carroll County, Mississippi on June 6, 1919.

He professed a hope in Christ at an early age and joined the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. He was a deacon, Sunday school teacher, group leader, cemetery caretaker, and church custodian.

He united in Holy Matrimony to Willie Mae Walker on December 24, 1938. To this union, twelve children were born, six who preceded him in death.

He departed this life Thursday, January 21, 2010 at the Vaiden Community Living Center at the age of ninety. He leaves to celebrate and cherish the memories of his life: two sons, Lewis G. Fort (Wanda) of Temple, Texas and William Gillespie Fort, Jr. of Minneapolis, Minnesota; four daughters, Viola Smith (William) of Indianapolis, Indiana; Mary Jean Roberts (Albert) of Lakeland, Florida; Shirley Delores Thomas of Vaiden, Mississippi; Dorothy Jean Fort of Ridgeland, Mississippi; one brother, John Henry Fort (Lena) of Chicago, Illinois; fourteen grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding him in death is his wife, Willie Mae Fort; two daughters, Ella Ruth Vaughn and Ethel Mae Fort; four sons, E.C. Fort, W. B. Fort, Tyrone Fort, and Willie Lewis Fort; one grandson, William Martin Smith II.

ORDER of SERVICE

Processional.....Soft Music
What a Friend We Have in Jesus.....Choir
Scripture.....Rev. John Gaddis
Prayer.....Rev. John Gaddis
His Eye Is On the Sparrow..... Coretta Green
Acknowledgements..... Geraldine Sanders
Obituary..... Geraldine Sanders
Going Home to Jesus..... Shirley Weeks
Eulogy.....Rev. John Gaddis
Roberts & Sons Mortuary
Recessional.....Soft Music

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."
John 14: 1-4

PALLBEARERS

**Herman Ward
Willie Fort
Jeffery Fort**

**LaMarcus Fort
Charles Ward
Travis Pickens**

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

**Raymond Burkhead
Wiley Watson
Joe Parker**

**Spencer Harris
Jesse Elder
Bubba Cook**

FLOWER GIRLS

Granddaughters

USHERS

Mount Zion Baptist Church

Acknowledgements

The Fort family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, and other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced shown during our time of bereavement. May God Bless each of you.

Special Acknowledgement

To the Vaiden Community Living Center and Hospice Service; when we needed you, the Lord deployed you as angels. The Fort Family is greatly appreciative. Many thanks and may the Lord bless you abundantly.

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**The Family will receive friends following the
Interment Services at the
Mount Zion Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
Vaiden, MS**