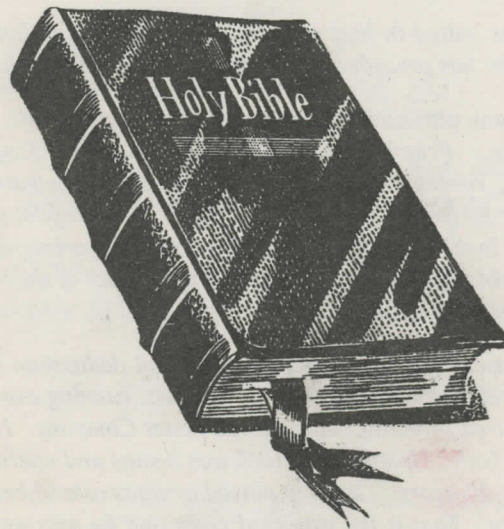


*Celebrating the Life and Times
of
Freeman Carter Gates, Sr.*



*Friday, July 7, 1995
11:00 a.m.*

**THE PILGRIM REST CHURCH
of Memphis**

491 E. McLemore Ave. ~ Memphis, Tenn

**THE REVEREND DR. ALFRED DeWAYNE HILL
Minister/Officiating**

Reflections

FREEMAN CARTER GATES, SR., son of the late Oscar and Lona B. Gates was born in Como, Mississippi on August 17, 1921.

He received salvation early in life at the Mt. Level Baptist Church in Como, under the leadership of the late Reverend C.L. Miller. After moving to Memphis, TN, he united with the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Dr. C.M. Lee.

Freeman was united in holy matrimony in 1944 to the former Miss Claudell Coleman, who has preceded him in death. He was the father of five children.

There are many attributes that one may possess in this life, but the greatest of these is love. Freeman was truly a child of the King. His Christian commitment, reverence and dedication was demonstrated by his services rendered for forty-nine years at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. He was a faithful and loyal member; served as general superintendent of the Sunday Church School department for many years; member of the official board - with a dual role as deacon and trustee.

Freeman possessed a strong bond of love and dedication to his family, "... good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over." After 30 years, Freeman retired from International Harvester Company. He was founder and co-owner of Gates Upholstery, which was owned and operated by him and his wife for over 30 years. The shop played a major role in being able to educate their children. That is the way God gives and he asks us to give - so far as human limitations will permit. Freeman gave freely of himself to his family, eagerly and with a super abundant overflowing willingness.

He will always be remembered by his children for bringing them to Sunday School every Sunday morning, and always insisting on a bible verse or a prayer before meals and at bedtime. His legacy is shared and supported by his beloved children - Freeman Carter Gates, Jr. (Paris) of Bloomfield Hills, MI., Carol G. Marable, Regina G. Cox, Louisa Luellen (Jerry) and Stanley Gates (Phyllis) all of Memphis, TN.; ten adorable and loving grandchildren; four sisters - Ruby Mitchell, Mildred (Arthur) Edwards, Maurice Coleman, all of Memphis and LaVonzell (Irving) Garner of Tampa, FL; one brother - Otis Gates (Hazel) of Maywood IL.; 2 brothers-in-law, Russel and Edward Coleman; 1 sister-in-law, Mary Drain.



Some people say a great man is one who is wealthy and powerful, but our measure of a great man is how he treats his family. On our scale our "Freeman Daddy" was truly our hero. Freeman departed this life on July 3, 1995.