

## Helen S. Haygood

Helen S. Haygood, 89, of Chicago and formerly of the Peoria community in Amite County, died Jan. 22, 2007, at South Shore Nursing Home in Chicago.

Services will be noon Tuesday at Tickfaw Baptist Church with the Rev. Percy Veal, pastor, officiating, and burial in the church cemetery. Cook's Enterprise Funeral Home of McComb is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Haygood was born Aug. 18, 1917, in Peoria, daughter of Willie and Minerva Bates Stewart.

She united with Tickfaw Baptist Church at age 13 under the pastorage of the Rev. Moses Parker. She graduated from Europe Bates Grammar School, which was named after her great-grandfather. She graduated from high school at Pike County Training School in Magnolia.

She later attended Jackson College in Jackson and taught school in Amite County for seven years.

She moved to Jackson, married Thomas Haygood, and they raised three daughters as she began her career as a beautician.

Mrs. Haygood moved to Chicago in 1950 and continued her education while she worked as a beautician at Laura's Beauty Shop on West 63rd Street for more than 32 years. She attended numerous hair care and beauty trade shows to keep abreast of styles and trends.

Mrs. Haygood was considered the matriarch of the family. She was always willing to offer assistance and advice. Family members were often heard to say, "Go ask what Helen thinks about this."

Among her many interests were sports, cooking and crocheting.

Mrs. Haygood joined Shiloh Baptist Church more than 50 years ago. She served on the committee for building a new church, worked in the nursery and was a member of the Dorcas Circle and the August Club ministry.

She was unable to attend services after she became ill, but she always showed an interest in the church's programs. She remained loyal to and concerned about the members of Shiloh.

Mrs. Haygood was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five brothers, Willie Howard, Herbert, Charles, Leroy and Garrett Stewart; and three sisters, Mary E. Robins, Laura Thompson and Callie Mae Patterson.

Survivors include one daughter, Jean Johnson of McComb; three sisters, Wilhelmina Holden of Chicago, Etta A. Lee of Darien, Ill., and Edna J. Scott of Magnolia; four grandchildren, Denise Johnson Stovall and her husband the Rev. L. Charles Stovall of Dallas, Kevin Johnson of Atlanta, Diane Johnson Seaton and husband Edward of Ottawa, Canada, and Steven Johnson and wife Tasha of Bowie, Md.; two great-grandchildren, Leonard Charles Stovall II and Deanna Stovall; three stepdaughters, Wilma Walker, Ruby Taylor and Mattie Pearl Vaughn, all of Jackson; two step-grandchildren, Barbara Christopher of Chicago and Tyrone Taylor of Jackson; five step-great-grandsons, two step-great-great-grandsons, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Buck Graham Sr.

Buck Graham Sr., 84, of Liberty died Jan. 24, 2007, at Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center.

Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Peoples Undertaking Co. in McComb. Services will be noon Tuesday at Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church. The Rev. Jehu White will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Graham was born Jan. 20, 1923, in Calhoun City, son of Roach and Doll Culpepper Graham.

He was a longtime resident of Amite County. He was a sanitation employee for the town of Liberty.

He was a member of Mount Sinai M.B. Church, where he served on the usher board for many years.

Mr. Graham was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Beatrice Graham; three sisters and one brother.

He is survived by five sons, E.L. and Willie Lewis Graham, both of Chicago, Sammy and Derrick Graham, both of Jackson, and Buck Graham Jr. of Gloster; five daughters, Deloise Ivy and Mary Ann Harrell, both of Liberty, Cinderella Byrd and Linda Graham, both of Jackson, and Ora Lee Ventry of Los Angeles; 28 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, five sons-in-law, five daughters-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives, church family and friends.



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