

Pallbearers

Allen Bates
Russell Bates
Charles Torrence

Elzy Torrence
Mathew Torrence, Jr.
Gabe Williams

Flower Bearers

Women for Christ
Of
First Baptist Church of Highland Park

God saw the road was getting rough;
The hills were hard to climb.
He gently closed those loving eyes,
And whispered, "Peace be thine."
The weary hours, the days of pain;
The sleepless nights are passed.
The ever-patient, worn-out frame
Has found "Sweet rest at last."

Acknowledgment

The Family of the late Ivory L. Bates wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the many acts of kindness extended to them during their time of sorrow.

The Family

Professional Services Entrusted To:
Fort Lincoln Funeral Home
Brentwood, MD

Homegoing Celebration

of

Ivory L. Bates

Sunrise – January 31, 1931

Sunset – March 31, 2000



Saturday, April 7, 2000

12:00 noon

First Baptist Church of Highland Park
6801 Sheriff Road
Landover, Md. 20785

James J. McCord, D.D., D. Hum., Interim Pastor

Obituary

I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith... Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give at that day.

II Timothy 4:7

Ivory L. Bates, one of eight children born to the late Charlie and Lillie Bates, was born in Liberty, Mississippi. He departed this life Friday, March 31, 2000 at the Heartland Health Care Center of Hyattsville, Maryland.

Ivory was educated in the Mississippi Public School System. He earned a Proficiency Certificate in Industrial Arts from Alcorn College in Lorman, Mississippi.

Ivory worked in the building trade for many years, and later became a postal worker. He retired from the U. S. Postal Service in 1996.

Ivory married Evelyn Torrence on June 20, 1961. God blessed them with a wonderful daughter.

He joined the Tickfaw Baptist Church of Liberty, Mississippi at an early age. Shortly after moving to Prince George's County in 1970 he joined First Baptist Church of Highland, Park where he remained faithful until his health failed.

He served his country for two years in the United States Marine Corps.

He is survived by a loving and devoted wife, Evelyn; one daughter, Tara; his mother, Lillie of Alexandria, VA; three brothers Clifton, Bernard, and Flozell all of IL.; four sisters, Carrie of VA, Wilma and Vivian of IL., and Velma of AZ; two sisters-in-law, Helena and Irene; eight brothers-in-law, Welton, Charles, Elzy and Mathew, of Louisiana, George, Charles, Napoleon, and Lafayette of Ohio; and a host of relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Officiating:

Processional

Hymn of Praise.....*Precious Lord*.....Consoling Choir

Scripture.....Deacon Ernest Henderson

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....*Amazing Grace*.....Consoling Choir

Tributes.....Deacon Charles Torrence, Brother-in-law
Sydney Hall, Neighbor
Representative from the Postal Service

Acknowledgments/Church Paper.....Deaconess Mary Henderson

Obituary.....(Read Silently)

Selection.....*His Eye Is On The Sparrow*...Mrs. Mary McCord

Eulogy.....Pastor

Benediction

Recessional.....*Calvary*.....Consoling Choir

Interment.....Fort Lincoln Cemetery
Brentwood, Maryland

The Family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall immediately following interment.