

Curtis S. Bates

Curtis S. Bates, 75, of New Orleans and formerly of Magnolia, died Feb. 23, 2004, at his residence in New Orleans after a lengthy illness.

Visitation is 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Craft Funeral Home in McComb. Services are 11 a.m. Sunday at



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Tickfaw Missionary Baptist Church in Magnolia, with the Rev. Percy Veals officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Bates was born May 10, 1928, in Liberty to Howard and Fannie Viola Hurst Bates.

He was retired and was a member of Tickfaw M.B. Church. He attended Europe Bates School in Liberty, Booker T. Washington High School in New Orleans and Pike County Trade School in Magnolia. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he served as a private first class in the Korean War.

Survivors include his friend and companion, Dorothy M. Jenkins of New Orleans; a son, Samuel Terry Jenkins of New Orleans; three stepdaughters, Van Lynn and Norma Jean Jenkins, both of New Orleans, and Debra Jenkins of Tennessee; a stepson, Norwood Jenkins II of New Orleans; two sisters, Willie Pearl Daniels of Magnolia and Inez B. Sutton of Prentiss; two brothers, Larnell Bates of New Orleans and Marshall Percy Bates of Liberty; two brothers-in-law, the Rev. E.D. Scott of McComb and L.W. Sutton of Prentiss; a son-in-law, Michael Kitchen of Magnolia; two granddaughters, Joy La'Rae Bates and Dea Rena Tobias, both of Magnolia; two step-grandsons, Terry Jenkins and Norwood Jenkins III, both of New Orleans; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.