

# Homegoing Celebration

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**In Loving Memory  
of  
Bro. Curtis S. Bates**



**1928 ~ 2004**

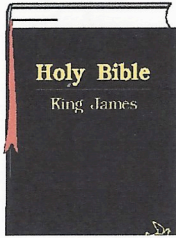
**Sunday, February 29, 2004**

**11:00 A. M.**

**Tickfaw Missionary Baptist Church  
Magnolia, Mississippi**

**Rev. Percy L. Veals, Pastor/Officiating**

# Obituary



Bro. Curtis S. Bates was born May 10, 1928 to the late Howard Bates and Fannie Viola Hurst Bates. He departed this life Monday, February 23, 2004 around 1:00 a.m. in New Orleans, Louisiana.

At an early age, Curtis joined the Tickfaw Missionary Baptist Church, Magnolia Mississippi where he remained until death.

Curtis attended Europe Bates School (Liberty, Mississippi), Booker T. Washington High School (New Orleans, Louisiana), and Pike County Trade School (Magnolia, Mississippi). He also served his country, and was an Army Private First Class in the Korean Conflict.

Curtis was united in holy matrimony to Jessie B. Sims, and to this union, one child was born — Sharon Renee Bates.

Later in life, Curtis united with his friend and companion, Dorothy M. Jenkins Bates, and to this union, one child was born — Samuel Terry Jenkins both of whom reside in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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

He was preceded in death by his mother, Fannie Viola Hurst Bates; father, Howard Bates; sister, Olye Bates Scott; daughter (Sharon Renee Bates Kitchen); and three brothers Claude, Ellis Ray, and Bernell Bates.

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## In Memory of Our Loving Brother



Willie Pearl

If tears could build a stairway  
And memories were a lane  
We would walk right up to heaven  
And bring you back again.

But know we know you want us  
To mourn for you no more,  
To remember all the happy times  
Life still has much in store.



Inez

Our hearts still ache in sadness  
And secret tears still flow,  
What it meant to love you,  
No one can ever know.

Since you'll never be forgotten,  
We pledge to you today  
A hallowed place within our hearts  
Is where you'll always stay.



Larnell

We Love you,  
Your Sisters and Brothers  
*Willie Pearl, Inez, Larnell, and Marshall*



Marshall



## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional ..... Ministers and Family

Mistress of Ceremony ..... Sis. Helen Cannon Boykins

Selection ..... Choir  
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Scripture .....

Old Testament ..... Appointee  
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

New Testament ..... Appointee  
John 14: 1-7

Prayer ..... Rev. Emanuel Powell

Selection ..... Choir  
"I'll Fly Away"

Tributes:

As a Church Member ..... Dea. Stafford Scott

As a Friend ..... Bro. Curtis Osbey, Jr.

As a Classmate ..... Sis. Christine Williams

As an Uncle ..... Sis. Linda R. Sutton

Open Remarks .....  
(Two Minutes, Please!)

Solo ..... Sis. Albertine Holden  
"No Tears in Heaven"

Acknowledgements ..... Sis. Claverlee Jackson

Solo..... Sis. Bundell Guyton  
St. Mark Baptist Church — Glynn, Louisiana

Words of Comfort ..... Minister

Obituary ..... Sis. Helen Cannon Boykins

Eulogy..... Rev. Percy L. Veals, Pastor

Card of Thanks ..... Sis. Jessie Jackson

Viewing of Remains  
Craft Funeral Home In Charge

Recessional .....

Interment ..... Tickfaw Missionary Baptist Church  
Magnolia, Mississippi  
Rev. Percy L. Veals, Pastor

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Hence forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. II Timothy 4: 7-8.*



### **I Will Always Be With You**

The day has come to say good-bye  
Hold your head up, try not to cry.  
I'm not gone for good,  
You will see me again.  
I have gone home to my Father  
Where my life just begins  
Don't ever think the Lord is being unfair,  
He tried to make everyone well aware.  
When I was born in this world  
I was not yours to own,  
My life with you was only a loan,  
I have graduated from earth  
With the highest degree,  
I majored in life and death  
And now I am free.  
Accept my fast certificate  
With honor and be proud of me,  
Always remember this was meant to be.  
I love you and I know you love me,  
I will always be with you, spiritually.  
You have been there for me,  
Now I must travel alone,  
I will be waiting to greet you  
When's your time to come home.

### **Memorable Moments**



#### **Active Pallbearers**

Milton Bates  
Jasper Bates  
Curtis Osbey, Jr.  
Clyde Harness  
Willie Bates  
Alonzo Bates



#### **Honorary Pallbearers**

La Rue Sutton  
Larry Sutton  
Lawrence Sutton  
Marvin Bates, Jr.  
Gerald Wallace  
Glen Smith

#### **Flower Bearers**

Nieces and Mission Sisters

### **Card of Thanks**

The family of Bro. Curtis S. Bates would like to thank the many friends and neighbors for every act of kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our loved one. Our most gracious appreciation and thanks to the medical staff at the Veterans Memorial Hospital, Pastor Veals, other ministers, musician, and friends for their words of comfort, prayer, and songs. Thanks for the many florals, prayers, phone calls, food, and every act of love. Thanks to Craft Funeral Home for their efficient service. May God bless each of you is our prayer.

The Bates Family

#### **Repast**

Howard Bates Estate  
Bates School Road — Liberty, Mississippi