Homegoing Services
For "Boy"

# Hollis C. Bates

November 18, 1926 – August 23, 2019

Friday, August 30, 2019 | 12 pm | New Sunlight Baptist Church
1777 America Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
Psalm 23:4

On August 23, 2019 God sent His angels to escort our beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, cousin, mentor and friend to rest from his labor to reward. He will be deeply missed by those who moved in the circle of his love. Mr. Bates passed as he lived, surrounded by family and friends. He will be remembered for his generosity, good humor and enthusiasm for life.

Hollis was born in Peoria, Mississippi on November 18,1926 to Jessie and Alma Bates. He was a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Bates later met and married Irma Osby Bates and to this union three children were born; Michael, Loretta and Jacqueline. Hollis will be remembered by his children; Michael Conrad Bates of Lafayette, Louisiana and Jacqueline Bates Hines (Randall) of Sacramento, California, his sister; Arline Bates Thomas of McCombe, Mississippi, son in law; Gary Anderson of Sacramento, California, his grandchildren; Troy M.Bates, Brian E. Bates, Randi C. Hines-Rogel, Brandon S. Anderson, Michael L.. Bates and William M. Bates, great grandchildren; Aurieanna Anderson, Morgan Anderson and Garren Anderson. Also included in his circle of love are; Comet Harris, Connie Harris, and LaToya Campbell, Wilbur Piyue (Donna) Williams, Jan Bates and Everett Bates, Jr.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Jessie and Alma Bates, his wife; Irma Osby Bates, daughters; Loretta Elaine Bates Anderson and [redacted], daughter in law Albirta Handy Bates, three sisters; Elnora (Baby) Bates, Rosalyn ( Imy) Williams and Laura (Girla) McMullen, seven brothers; Ellis (Brown), Everett (Gent), Jewel, Alvin (Man), Percy (Butter), Willie (Sonny) and Francis (June) Bates.

# Order of Service

Presiding.....Rev. Christopher Plant

Opening Selection

Final Viewing

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Christopher Plant

Scripture Reading
Old Testament.....William Williams
New Testament.....William Williams

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Christopher Plant

Chant

Poem.....Connie Harris

Obituary Reading.....Tommy Harris

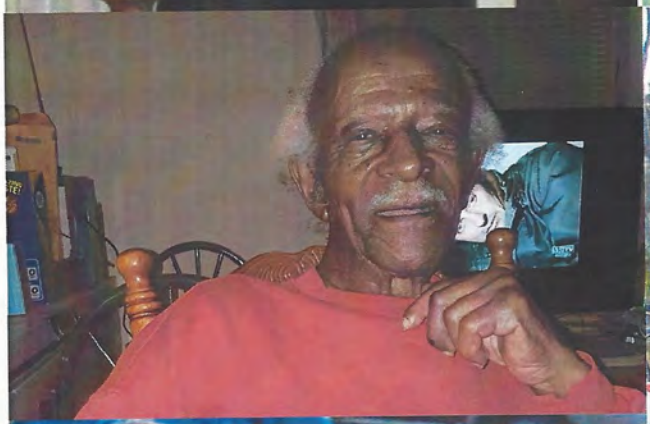
Selection

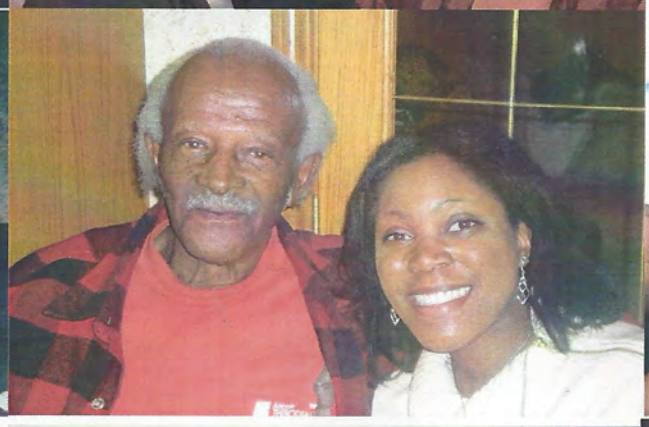
Expressions (2 minutes please)

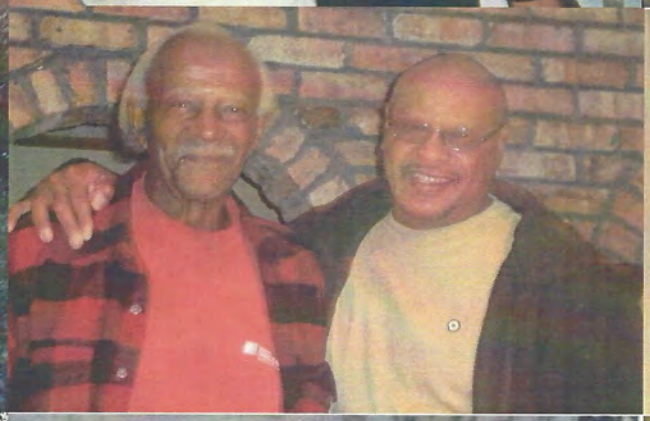
Hymn of Preparation

Eulogy.....Rev. Christopher Plant

Recessional Hymn





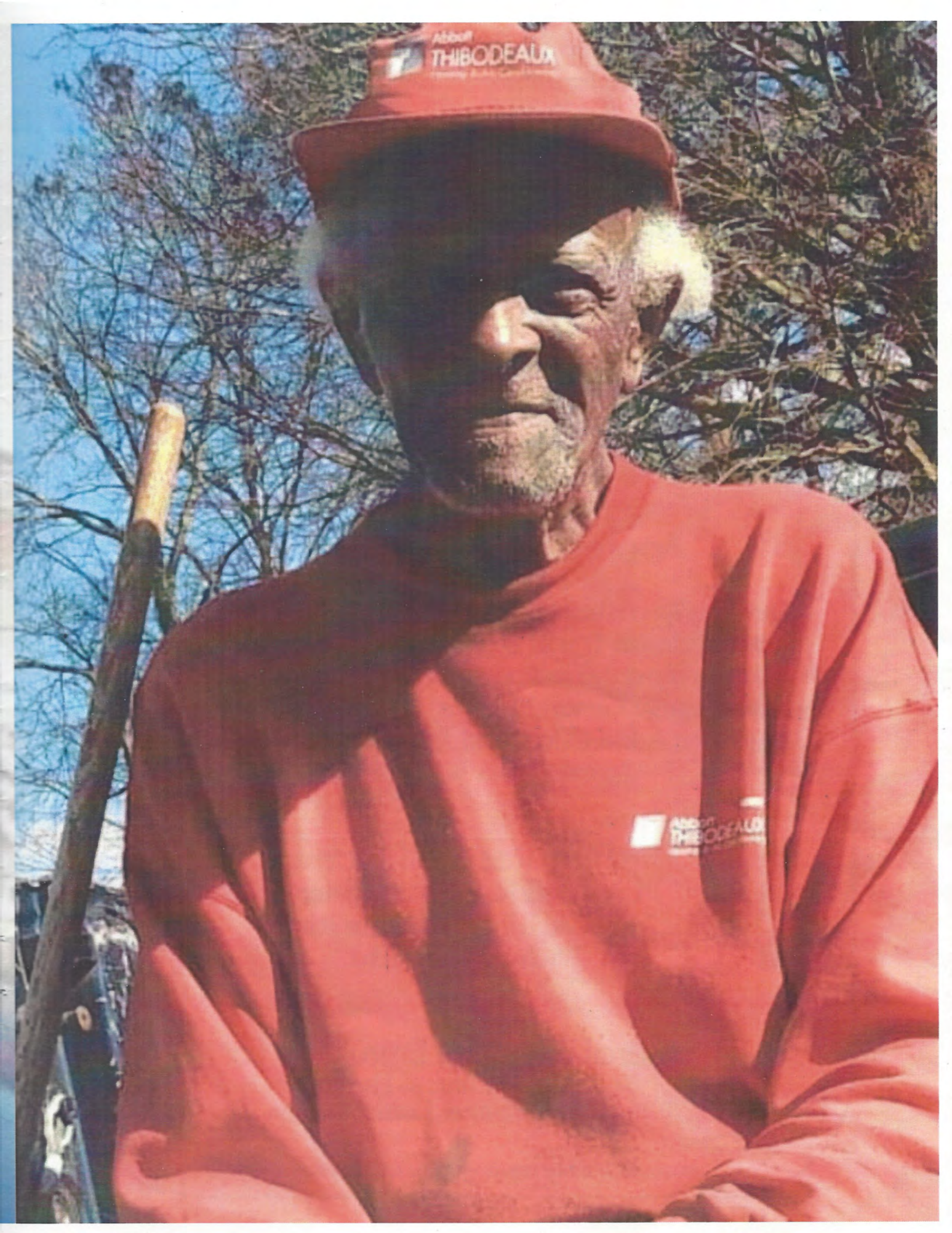


# When I'm Gone

*When I come to the end of my journey*
*And I travel my last weary mile*
*Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned*
*And remember only the smile*
*Forget unkind words I have spoken*
*Remember some good I have done*
*Forget that I ever had heartache*
*And remember I've had loads of fun*
*Forget that I've stumbled and blundered*
*And sometimes fell by the way*
*Remember I have fought some hard battles*
*And won, ere the close of the day*
*Then forget to grieve for my going*
*I would not have you sad for a day*
*But in summer just gather some flowers*
*And remember the place where I lay*
*And come in the shade of evening*
*When the sun paints the sky in the west*
*Stand for a few moments beside me*
*And remember only my best.*
*Love Daddy*

# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.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## Active Pallbearers

Michael L.Bates
William M.Bates
Brian Anderson
Comet Harris
Marvin Johnnese
Brandon S.Anderson

## Honorary Pallbearers

Michael Bates
Troy Bates
Terry Harris
William Williams
Gary Anderson
Randy Hines
Everett Bates

## Appreciation and Thanks

Our family wishes to extend gratitude to you for your thoughtfulness. It will be cherished, for it is helping us through this most difficult time in our lives. Special thanks to Baton Rouge General Hospital and ICU Staff, and his Caregivers; Adria Odom and Jamie Thompson. May God forever bless and keep you.

## Final Resting Place

Louisiana National Cemetery
303 West Mount Pleasant Road
Zachary, Louisiana

## Funeral Services Entrusted To:

Desselle Funeral Home
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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