

In Loving Memory of



Clifton Augustus Bates, Sr.
February 14, 1920 - March 17, 2006

Celebration of Life Services:
Friday, March 24 2006
Visitation: 10:00 am
Services: 11:00 am

Shiloah Baptist Church
9201-9211 South Justine Street
Chicago, Illinois 60620

Pastor Ronald Webb, Officiating

pallbearers

Jason Abrams
Clifton Bates, III
Kermit Bates, Jr.
Michael N. Johnson, Jr.

Vincent Abrams, Sr.
Glen R. Bates
Anthony Jackson

Honorary Pall Bearers

Allen Bates, Jr.
Miles Bates
Joshua Johnson

Larry Bates
Brandon Currey
Michael Johnson, III

Acknowledgements

The family of Deacon Clifton Bates gratefully acknowledges with sincere appreciation your comforting expressions of sympathy rendered through cards, flowers, calls visits and every act of kindness during their time of bereavement.

Arrangements Entrusted To:

W.W. Holt Funeral Home

A Community Family Serving With Honesty and Dignity
175 West 159th Street * Harvey, Illinois 60426
Phone: 708 -331- 0310 * Fax: 708 - 331- 0320

*God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills 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 Lamb of God
Has found sweet rest at last*

*"For the hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will
sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will
not cease." Job 14:7*

Obituary

Clifton Augustus Bates, Sr. was born on February 14, 1920 in Peoria, Mississippi. He was the second of nine children born to the union of Charlie Clifton and Lillie Higginbotham-Bates. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, one brother, Ivory and one sister, Hazel.

Clifton moved to Chicago at an early age where he met and married LaDonna Brack, and to this union five children were born.

Clifton was employed with the Chicago Housing Authority, where he retired after 30 years of service.

Clifton accepted Christ at an early age. Later, he joined the Shiloh Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Woodrow W. Taylor. He remained very active in Ministry, serving as a member of the February Calendar Group, Sunday Church School and on the Deacon Board. Clifton was a faithful member of Shiloh, driving himself to church every Sunday until his health began to fail. During his illness Clifton remained faithful to Shiloh and Pastor Webb by listening to the recorded tapes of the services weekly. He also enjoyed watching the televised services of Pastor Fredrick K. Price, Pastor Jeremiah Wright and Pastor James T. Meeks.

Clifton made his transition to be with the Lord on Friday, March 17 at 7:00pm in his home of 45 years surrounded by his family.

Clifton leaves to cherish his memory five children: Minister Lorrin-Charles (Valerie) Bates, Clifton Bates Jr., Claudia Bates, Russell (Tammy) Bates and Alicia (Michael) Moten; Twelve Grandchildren, Ten Great-Grandchildren; four sisters: Velma Lewis, Wilma Arams, Carrie (George) James and Vivian Bates; two brothers: Pastor Bernard Sr. (Irene), Flozell Bates; Sis. In-Law Evelyn Bates; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Celebration of Life Service

Processional

Visitation

Worship in Music

Scripture

Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer

Worship in Music

Remarks

Family Tribute

Acknowledgement/Resolutions

Obituary

Worship in Music

Message of Comfort and Strength

Prayer

Recessional

Choirs

Rev. William Orange
Psalms 90:1-10
I Corinthians 15: 50-58

Rev. William Orange

Willie Fields Sr.
"Going to a Better Home"

Deacons
Sunday Church School
February Calendar Group

Minister Lorrin-Charles Bates
Michael Johnson Jr.
Anthony Jackson

Kimberly Johnson
"I Won't Complain"

Rev. Ronald Webb

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Interment

Mt. Hope Cemetery
11500 S. Fairfield

Repast to follow interment
Shiloah Baptist Church
9211 S. Justine Street

