

Marshall P. Bates

Marshall P. Bates, 83, of Liberty, died Oct. 16, 2006, at Kindred Hospital in Chicago.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Tickfaw Missionary Baptist Church, with the Rev. Percy Veals, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery, Cook's Enterprise Funeral Home in McComb is in charge of arrangements.



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Mr. Bates was born April 8, 1923, in Amite County to Howard and Fannie Viola Hurst Bates.

He was self-employed. He established a baseball team, set up a baseball field and was owner and operator of Bates Sweet Shop. He provided meals to the elderly and transportation services to workers throughout the community. His family said, "He was always willing to help in any way that he could."

He traveled extensively throughout Louisiana and Mississippi. He was a member of Tickfaw M.B. Church in Magnolia. He attended Europe Bates School in Liberty.

Mr. Bates was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Robbie Mae Tate Bates; one son, Marvin Percy Bates; one sister, Olye Bates Scott; and four brothers, Claude, Ellis Ray, Bernell and Curtis Bates.

Survivors include nine children and their spouses, James Cockerham, Bobbie Lucas, John Henry Tate, Robert Lee and Myra Tate, Icy Louis and Jerry Walley, Ethel Marie Coleman, Marsha Neal and Gerald Richardson, Jasper and Ella Bates, and Milton Barnett Bates; a special daughter-in-law, Janice Bates; three grandchildren he raised as his own and their spouses, Shelia and Elverage Allen, Jennifer and Mark Gilmore, and Eric and Rena Tate; two sisters, Willie Pearl Daniels of Magnolia, and Inez B. Sutton and her husband L.W. of Prentiss; one brother, Larnell Bates and his wife Lorraine of Liberty; eight sisters-in-law, Pearl Bates, Ceola Williams, Bobby Jean Tate, Jessie Mae Tate, Lucille Tate, Mable Tate, Ruby Tate and Willie Mae Tate; a brother-in-law, Frank Tate Sr.; 39 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren; a family friend, Carol Robinson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.