

Mr. Powell was born Dec. 9, 1941, in McComb. He was the son of Ruby Powell of McComb and the late Felix Raymond Powell Sr.

He was a light assembler for Siemens Inc. and a member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Mississippi Association of the Deaf, Capitol City Association of the Deaf and Southwest Organization of the Deaf. He moved to Pearl 20 years ago from Jackson.

He is survived by his mother; his wife, Clara Ruth "Ruthie" Powell of Pearl; one son, David Samuel Powell of Pearl; and one brother, Ole Powell of Eagle River, Alaska.

Alma T. Bates

BATON ROUGE, La. — Alma T. Bates, 97, of Baton Rouge, died March 26, 1995, at Baton Rouge General Hospital.

Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Thursday at Young's Funeral Home of Summit and from 10 a.m. Friday at Tickfaw Baptist Church in Magnolia until services there at 11 a.m. Friday, with the Rev. Percy Veal officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Bates was born April 20, 1897, in Baton Rouge. She was the daughter of Willie Thomas and Rosaline Patterson Thomas.

She received her elementary and high school education in public schools in Amite County and New Orleans before attending Alcorn State University and the University of Mississippi. She

taught school in Mississippi for many years and was a member Tickfaw Missionary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jesse Bates; five children, Ellis, Everett, Jewell, Ellenora and Percy H. Bates; and six brothers and sisters.

She is survived by three daughters, Roselyn Williams of Baton Rouge and Laura McMullen and Arline Bates Thomas, both of McComb; four sons, Hollis C. Bates, Willie J. Bates, Alvin K. Bates and Francis M. Bates, all of Baton Rouge; four daughters-in-law, Doris Bates and Thelma Bates, both of Baton Rouge, Ellenora Bates of New Orleans and Erma Bates of Oakland, Calif.; one sister, Ruby Brown of Baton Rouge; one brother-in-law, James Brown of Baton Rouge; 44 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Dollie B. Matthews

Funeral arrangements were incomplete today for Dollie B. Matthews, who died this morning at Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center.

Catchings Funeral Home of McComb is in charge of arrangements.

Fred Long

Funeral arrangements were incomplete today for Fred Long, with Hartman Funeral Home of McComb in charge.