



WADE GRIFFIN SR.

Mr. Wade Griffin Sr., age 72 of Kennard, passed away Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at Memorial Health Systems of East Texas in Lufkin, went to go be his Heavenly Father on the wings of Angels, ending all pain and suffering. Mr. Griffin was born January 12, 1935 in Kennard to Arthur B. Griffin and Linnie Mae Lockett he was their first of two children.

Mr. Griffin accepted Christ at an early age and united with New Hope Baptist Church in Kennard. Mr. Griffin served as secretary of Sunday school, Sunday school teacher, choir member, chairman of the deacon board. Mr. Griffin attended and received his education at Kennard Colored School.

Mr. Griffin married in Holy Matrimony to Cliffertine Mitchell, November 27, 1954, this union was blessed with seven children. Mr. Griffin worked for Contract Pulpwood and retired in 1970.

Survivors include his wife Cliffertine Griffin, of Kennard; two sons Wade Griffin, Jr., of Kennard and Clifton D. Grif-

fin, of Lufkin; five daughter Linda (Jimmy) Mask, of Lufkin, Patsy (Clyde) Gilmore, of Dallas, Wadette (James) Malone, Charlotte Hamilton, all of Lufkin, Cossandra Patton, of Tadmor; three brothers Willie Z. (Thelma Faye) Mitchell Sr., of Kennard, Robbie (Mary) Griffin, Cornelius (Ruthie) Jergo, all of Houston; two sisters Maxine (Wallace) Lewis, of Houston, Owena Byrd, of Lufkin; daughters-in-law Norvella Bean, of Houston, Kalisa Griffin, of Lufkin; sister-in-law Mattie Jergo, of Tucson, Ariz.; aunt Margie Lockett, of Lufkin; uncle Harvey (Bertha) Griffin, of Crockett; wives brothers and sisters-in-law Robbie (Beverly) Mitchell, Bobby Calhoun, Rayford (Barbara) Mitchell; sisters and brothers-in-law Ruth (Frank) Billingsley, Doris (Irvin) Buntton, Diane Mitchell, Delores Mitchell; 13 grandchildren Stephanie, Clyde Jr., Tameka, Jeffery Jr., Shayla, Tiffany, Marcus, Reginald Jr., Brittany, Ja'Korus, Sharitha, Julius, Chy'ene; 13 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents Arthur B. Griffin and Linnie Mae Lockett and Charles L. Jergo; son-in-law Jeffery Patton, Sr.; granddaughter Ashley Patton; aunts Helen Lockett and Ozell Calhoun; uncles Alton Lockett and Henry Griffin, Jr.; grandparents Henry and Carrie Griffin, Sr. and Vester and Ozell Calhoun.

Funeral Services for Mr. Wade Griffin Sr. were held Saturday, September 22, at 11:00 a.m. in the New Hope Baptist Church-Kennard with Rev. William T. Purvis officiating. Interment followed in New Hope Cemetery-Kennard.

Active Pallbearers were Clyde Gilmore Jr., Marcus Patton, Julius Patton, Robbie Mitchell Jr., Jeffery Patton Jr., Reginald Hamilton Jr., Reginald Hamilton Sr. and Ja'Korus Denning.

Honorary Pallbearers were Wade Griffin Jr., Willie Z. Mitchell Sr., Jimmy Mask, Clyde Gilmore Sr., Clifton Griffin, Robbie Griffin, James Malone and Jimmy Griffin.

Emanuel Funeral Homes