



JAMES L. SHEPHERD

Mr. James L. Shepherd, age 75 of Grapeland, passed away March 9, 2010. Mr. Shepherd was the first born child of ten to the parentage of R. L. and Jesse Bell Shepherd of Grapeland, Texas on September 4, 1934. He was reared in the Dailey Community of Grapeland and attended W. R. Banks High School. Mr. Shepherd later moved to Houston and since returned to Grapeland where he retired. He was a member of St. John Baptist Church, Head Deacon and a faithful worker, then joined Rising Star Baptist Church until demise.

Survivors include his wife (Ellen); two sons (Johnny Smith and James Cal Shepherd); eight daughters (Dorothy Witherspoon, Brenda Joseph, Carolyn Bush, Janice Abrams, Tangula and Ebony Shepherd); five brothers (A.J., Edward, Willie Fadell, Lee Terrell and Winfred Shepherd); two sisters (Barbara Franklin and Wanda Black); 28 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and a host of nephews, and nieces.

Preceded in death by his parents R. L. and Jesse Bell Shepherd; first wife (Helen Shepherd); one brother (Charles Shepherd); two daughters (Juanita Shepherd and Wanda Dugas); and one grandson (Durell Joseph).

Funeral Services for Mr. James L. Shepherd were held Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Rising Star Baptist Church and laid to rest at Golden Gate Cemetery in Grapeland.