

Murphy

HCC 6/14/2001

### NEALY ARDS

Brother Nealy Ards was born on Dec. 11, 1902 to Arthur Ards and Melissa Orange Ards. He was the first of 12 children. At an early age he joined Mount Zion-Ash Baptist Church then later joined Pleasant Grove Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school and was a deacon for more than 70 years. On Dec. 25, 1924 he married Florida Lee Smith; their union was blessed with four daughters and five sons.

On Friday, June 1, 2001 his journey on this side came to an end. He was preceded in death by his parents, Florida, his beloved wife of almost 60 years, three brothers, Ezell, Fed, and T.J.; four sisters, Viola Davis, Nellie Ann Sneed, Lou L. Davis, and Mary Ann Allen; three sons, Melvin, N.A., and James; and by seven great-grandchildren.

Survivors are four daughters, Pearlie Fobbs, Gursie Claiborne, Cather M. Woods, and Ina M. McCoo; two sons, Skunnie and Donald; one brother, Rev. Joe L. Ards; three sisters, Mary Smith, Melissa Moore, and Eula Jackson; 23 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services for Brother Ards were held Monday, June 4 at noon, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Simon Springs community, Crockett, the pastor, the Rev. L.T. Merchant, officiated. Eternal resting place was in Murphy Cemetery.

Casketbearers were James Earl Ards, Luther Ards, Larry Ards, Reginald Ards, Nathaniel Ards, Floyd Fobbs, Calvin Fobbs, Marcus McCoo, Myron McCoo, and Michael Woods.

McClain-Clebourne  
Funeral Home