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Mr. James Osbin Ash, age 74 of Oakland, Ca. passed away on March 9, 2000 in Oakland. Mr. Ash was born July 8, 1925 in Lovelady to the late Raymond A. Ash, Sr and Theatrice Harrield Ash.

He attended Houston County Schools and was a graduate of Post Oak High School in the suburban Crockett community. He left for college in New York City shortly after graduating from high school and worked in New York until 1958, when just like the Brooklyn Dodgers, he headed for sunshine and

California.

He settled in Oakland where he completed his formal education obtaining a degree in office science. His life-long interests and hobbies included baking, sewing and clothing design. He was a devoted member of the Beth Eden Baptist Church in Oakland where Rev. Gillete O. James is pastor; and a Master Mason/Morgan Lodge #16 in San Francisco, Ca.

He goes on to glory to join his predeceased brother, Raymond A. Ash, Jr. while leaving to cherish his memories loving aunt, Bertha Nathaniel of Crockett; aunts Vaneave Gilmore of Crockett, Berneiva Chandler of Dallas; uncle Denison Harrield of Washington, D.C.; brothers Deb Ash of Trenton, NJ, Fred and Charles Ash of Houston; sisters Annie Mae Herbert of Trenton, NJ. And Joanne Ash of Dayton; sister-in-law Sadie R. Ash of Trenton who will never forget the kind assistance he provided to her and her children while Raymond A. Ash, Jr. was overseas during World War II.

In addition those who will cherish and miss his loving kindness and gentile manner are his devoted cousins Gladys Mass and Calvin and Jesse Williams of Houston and Phoebe Simon; nephews Paul and Edward Ash of Willingboro, NJ; nieces Renee Rollins of Houston and Beatriz Bailey of Connecticut.

Funeral services for Mr. Ash were held Monday, March 27 at 12 p.m. at Jessie Ganious Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Bolton officiating. Final resting place Jiels-Huntley Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were friends and family.

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