



Elmo Sims

July 27, 1914 - July 15, 2005

Sims, Mr. Elmo Wesley Saginaw, Michigan. Memorial service will take place at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2005 at Truevine Missionary Baptist Church, 2930 Janes Street in Saginaw, Michigan. Rev. Paul E. Broaddus will officiate. Friends may call at the church on Wednesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2005 at United Missionary Baptist Church, 2705 Monroe Street in Toledo, Ohio. Rev. Jesse Spears will officiate with interment in Toledo Memorial Park and Mausoleum. Mr. Sims passed away on Friday, July 15, 2005 at the age of 90 years. He was born July 27, 1914 in Strawberry, Arkansas to the late Robert and Sarah Sims. He was the third of five children. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in Toledo, Ohio under Rev. Elijah Benton. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Elmire Holden on April 26, 1943. To this union, God blessed them with two very special children, Wesley E. Sims (deceased) and Mardell Sims-Nelson. Mr. Sims was a member of the United States Army and a World War II veteran. He was also a member of the Hyatt-Allen American Legion Post 538 in Toledo, Ohio. After completion of his military duties, he returned to Toledo, Ohio and united with the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, and later he became a member of the United Missionary Baptist Church. He served as a member of the Trustee Board at both Mt. Zion M.B. Church and United M.B. Church for 50 years. Mr. Sims was employed with the Erie Army Depot for 21 years before retiring as the first African-American Supervisor. He then became employed with the Toledo Board of

Education for 17 years. Mr. Sims leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of 62 years, Elmira Sims of Saginaw, Michigan; daughter, Mardell Sims-Nelson of Saginaw, Michigan; a sister, Ophelia Walton of Richmond, California; two very special granddaughters, Tempest Nelson and Alexandra Nelson of Saginaw, Michigan; sisters-in-law, Lillie Ruth Barnes and Gladys Combs, both of Brinkley, Arkansas; two brothers-in-law, William Holden (Mamie) of Flint, Michigan, and Lonzo Holden of Brinkley, Arkansas and a host of nieces and nephews. His memory will be cherished by four special girls, Patricia Scott-Mason of Saginaw, Michigan, Kathy Nails of Toledo, Ohio, Tonya Burns of Flushing, Michigan and Carol Woolfolk of Saginaw, Michigan. His mother, father, son and four siblings preceded him in death.